A Message from Our President:

Come one, come all, to the Sloop Club’s Pumpkin Festival on Oct 17th. Music, stone soup over a wood fire, local pumpkins, fresh baked pumpkin pie, craft vendors, children’s area, environmental exhibits, and more!

We need lots of volunteers so if you haven’t already signed up, please call David Eberle, Pumpkin Festival Coordinator, at 845 838 9630, to volunteer.

We enjoyed a great September – Woody sails during the Ramble, Spirit of Beacon Day, Harvest Festival, and the final touches on painting the clubhouse.

Attendance at our monthly meetings is growing. We need to stay focused on clean-up afterwards and it would really help if 3 or 4 people could each take a bag of trash, recyclables, or compostables home. Can you help?

The sailing season is winding down so sign up soon if you want to get your sail in

Join Jacob Bernz and our younger members when the Something to Say Café returns to the sloop club on Oct 23rd at 7PM.

I hear that the dinner sail was great this year. Thanks again to Kip for organizing it, Mary Schmalz for selling all those tickets, and Mary Fris for preparing the food.

Please see the articles on hydrofracking, PCBs, and Indian point and those on line can use the web links to take action.

Rosemary

Inside this issue:
Pumpkin Prep, a new paint job, the BSC on the move, and much, much, more….
The Beacon Sloop Club Broadside is the official monthly newsletter of the Beacon Sloop Club, Inc. The Beacon Sloop Club, Inc. is a non-profit, volunteer environmental education/action and sailing organization dedicated to cleaning up the Hudson River and its environs. Our main focus is the Beacon, Fishkill and Newburgh area.

Members meet the first Friday of every month at the Sloop Club Building located just across from the Beacon train station. Look for the building with the Norway spruce tree growing out of the roof! A potluck dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.; bring a covered dish to share and your own place setting. The general meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and lasts about an hour or so. The meeting is followed by a sing-along.

The Beacon Sloop Club and newsletter are accessible from the web: www.beaconsloopclub.org.

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Please submit articles for the Beacon Sloop Club Broadside by the 1st Monday after the Friday general meeting each month (early submissions are much appreciated) to acthoma@yahoo.com

Input requiring scanning must be in 1 week in advance To: Alan Thomas PO Box 430, Hughsonville, NY 12537

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Call to Order, Rosemary Thomas. Rosemary welcomed new visitors from Beacon, Maui, England, and New York City.

Treasurer, Sarah Elisabeth. Besides income and expenses for the Corn Festival, Sarah reported a new grant from the Coyote Foundation for $5000. The Woody raffle brought in over $1000. Our closing balance was $62,662.86. The current Treasurer’s report is elsewhere in the Broadside.

Woody Guthrie, Jim Birmingham. Mary Schmalz thanked all the sailors and volunteers who helped make the Ramble a big success this year. Evening sails continue till late October after the Pumpkin Festival. Volunteer sailors are welcome for the event.

Building Committee, Claudine Craig. Gigi Fris and Alice Vaughan with help from other volunteers including Liz Nedwell and Mark McCarroll have finished cleaning and painting the interior of the Club. The wood rack is under construction. Work on the patio will proceed pending the blessing of the DEC. Saul Rozinsky and Ron Bell repaired the rot and trim and the multrum has been pumped out. Saul & company are looking into repair of the fireplace. Mark McCarroll reported meeting with the Dutchess County soil & water conservation district. They are willing to help with grants for repair of the sea wall behind the patio. Dan Searles suggested that members bring rocks of 8-12" thickness of virtually any size to the rear of the Club over the next few months. Caitlin O’Heaney, Multrum Queen, needs a volunteer to unclog the urinal. Someone broke into the Multrum supply cabinet and it will be repaired soon.

Pumpkin Festival (October 17), David Eberle. A repair kit has been ordered for the Strawberry Tent. It was put away wet and some rotten and water damage caused holes. David called for volunteer pie makers to help with making crust & filling and baking pies at the Dutchess Junction Fire Hall on Rt. 9D south of Beacon on Saturday, October 16. Again, volunteers are wanted for garbage and recycling. Betty Harkins will help with recycling of plastic containers.

On-line Donations. The on-line membership and donation system is very close to completion.

Elections. We will have election of officers at the December meeting. Rosemary called for volunteers for a nominating committee and for nominations from the floor. Tom LaBarr nominated Steve Schwartz for President. David Eberle nominated Rosemary Thomas. Claudine Craig was nominated for Vice President, Sarah Elisabeth for Treasurer and Vane Lashua for Secretary.

Executive Meeting. Rosemary listed items approved at the Executive Committee meeting on September 26: The Executive Committee accepted the Treasurer’s report; approved extending our current insurance policy for another year; approved proposing formalization of a long-term agreement and understanding with the City of Beacon; approved spending $300 for BSC reps to attend the Southern Dutchess NAACP event where the club, along with three other environmental organizations, is being honored; approved joining the Beacon Chamber of Commerce. Non-profit membership is free(!).

Announcements

Sarah Elisabeth announced a fundraiser for Natural & Traditional Knowledge (10/2) at the sloop club. Dutchess SPCA conducts annual Dog Carnival at Bowden Park (10/3).

Rockland County: Let’s Put the Heat on Congress!

10 October 2010 - 10:00am - 5:00pm

Nyack Street Fair, drop by any time or give a block of time to help us table, collect letters and get out information.

Let’s put the heat on Congress and state officials to take action now on climate issues! Join us at the Nyack Street Fair. We’ll be tabling on climate issues and getting people at the street fair to write letters to Congress & to local elected officials calling for action now on climate issues. Bring your kids too!

We’ll provide letter-writing supplies, templates, and even stamps to write to the legislators of your choice about the urgent need for comprehensive climate protection legislation. Children can get involved by writing or by drawing. We need strong climate change legislation from Congress. In New York State, we are just one step away from passing legislation that would reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050. Let’s put the pressure on!

Lots of information will be available about HOW TO GET INVOLVED LOCALLY. Learn more about local action on climate change, about why less meat=less heat, & about United Water’s proposal to desalinate the Hudson for drinking water. LOOK FOR THE BIG 350 SIGN!

How to Get Involved Planning the Event: For more: pkurtz9@gmail.com or call (845) 358-3386. Can you give a block of time that day? Email debohayonturner@brandeis.alumni.edu. Let us know!

Event Host: Rockland Sierra Club
**GE proposal spurs new debate on PCB Contamination in the Hudson River**

General Electric proposed to the EPA recently that it be allowed to extend the test phase of Hudson River dredging through next year to collect more data, instead of starting the far larger, second phase of the Superfund cleanup.

In a letter to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, GE argued that the review panel’s findings show that it makes more sense to complete the unfinished Phase 1 next year. GE vice president Ann Klee said, “This approach would provide both EPA and GE with the basis to make informed decisions on Phase 2." An EPA spokeswoman said the agency was reviewing the letter.

The independent review panel report called for changes to procedures and standards for the project. They raised the possibility that the project may take seven dredging seasons to complete rather than the five previously planned.

If GE declines to complete dredging, the EPA could continue and seek to recoup triple costs from GE.

Final report of the review panel: [http://www.epa.gov/hudson/pdf/hudsonriverphase1dredgingreport_final.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/hudson/pdf/hudsonriverphase1dredgingreport_final.pdf)


It’s unclear exactly what GE’s motivation is and what the response of the EPA will be. Clearwater is sponsoring an online petition to the EPA and GE to show public support for the continued cleanup.

**Click here to send a message to EPA Administrator Jackson.**

Disclaimer: After you complete the form and click “sign” to send Lisa Jackson a letter, your signature has been recorded and you can exit the website. I-Petition will ask you to make a donation - this is completely optional. Clearwater does not benefit from I-Petition contributions and none of the proceeds are shared with Clearwater.

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**Dear Sloop Club Friends,**

An updated and revised Indian Point Fact Sheet is now available. It is a fairly lengthy report but the headings should make it easy to locate the information you need without wading through the whole report. I made every effort to avoid technical jargon and to keep it readable. Let me know if I succeeded. It is posted on Ground Report for now. I do not know how long it will be available there, so if you are interested, I suggest that you download it soon.

I included the part on DEC recommendations and the description of different methods of closed cycle cooling in this email because Entergy, the owner of the plant, has done an excellent job of confusing this issue. They use the term cooling towers and closed cycle cooling interchangeably for their own nefarious purpose. They are not interchangeable. Closed cycle cooling includes several different technologies. Cooling towers are by far the most expensive and intrusive and therefore the easiest to make a case against. The company is pushing for wedge wire which does not reduce water usage or thermal pollution and was never designed for the volume of water a power plant uses.

I have to say that the DEC has been missing in action in informing the public of what is going on. I know several reporters who have given up trying to get information through the PR people at DEC. It has been next to impossible to get to people in the department for help and explanations. If anyone knows Pete Granis I hope you will share this information with him.

Read the Fact Sheet for further details.


**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Recommendations**

In the policy document *Best Technology Available for Cooling Water Intake Structures*, dated March 4, 2010, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation establishes cooling towers or “dry closed cycle cooling” as the best technology available for new construction. For retro fitting *existing* plants “wet closed cycle cooling” or mechanical draft is recommended.

Here’s the difference: dry closed cycle cooling uses air to cool the water which is why towers are essential to the design. It eliminates water use by 97% and fish kill by 95% which is why it is gold standard for new construction. Wet closed cycle cooling uses some water but only 2 to 7% as much as the current once through system. Fish kill is just as markedly reduced. Therefore, it still meets the criteria for best technology available. The wet closed cycle cooling or mechanical draft system operates much like a car radiator. It is standard in the industry, much cheaper than cooling towers and less obtrusive. The system is housed in large industrial type buildings. Vermont Yankee, another somewhat smaller plant which Entergy owns, has had this system in place for years.

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**Beacon Sloop Club Environmental Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday November 17th at 7pm at the BSC**

**Agenda**

Discuss and coordinate the BSC 2011 Winter Seminar Series

Current committee members, new volunteers, and anyone interested in assisting or who may know of a possible lecturer willing to donate their time please attend.

Last year’s series was very well attended. So, please help us put together another great line-up.

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Fair Winds,
Marilyn Elie
Woody Report

Well, we are down to the last few weeks of the 2010 sailing season, which went fairly well. Although our dear Captain Patrick resigned at the day before launching in May, one of the original Woody captains, Steve Schwartz, is back on the helm for Tuesday night’s crew. Steve brings with him decades of sailing experience, both on and off the Woody. He is a licensed captain (Chris Ancilffe is our other licensed captain) and has been a sailing instructor at Marist College. Welcome back, Steve, and we look forward to taking advantage of your teaching skills and thorough knowledge of sailing and the history of the Hudson Valley.

This was also another season with Jim Birmingham as our Head of the Woody Sailors, although he always referred to the position as “Chairperson of the Woody Sailors.” Jim has been an outstanding leader to us all. His personality is perfectly aligned to the job. He is calm, direct, and good at solving problems. He is an excellent sailor and has great diplomatic skills; he hates dramas and squashes them like flies.

Jim was a lot of fun on our Quadricentennial Parade last year. He was on the stage at one stop, representing our club in Haverstraw in June 2009, along with the captains of the Onrust, Clearwater, Half Moon and others. We have that trip forever memorialized in the painting by Russell Cusack over the BSC mantelpiece, as we were passing West Point on our way back to Beacon. Jim was the captain that day.

So now we are waiting to see who our intrepid leader will be for 2011! Editor’s note: Sailors, please come to the meeting Sunday October 24th at 1700 hours (that’s sailor talk) and help us choose. There are many repairs still to be made on the Woody during maintenance; we have a sprung plank and other projects ahead. The program needs somebody well acquainted with both the boat and captains to deal with all the scheduling, repair and personnel issues.

In any case, thank you kindly, Jim Birmingham, for all your hard work and sense of humor- we are deeply grateful for the last four years of service, and, of course, we’ll still see you captaining on Wednesday nights!

Gigi

The Woody Dinner Sail

This year’s dinner sail raffle winner was our own Susan Berliner. She and six guests were treated to a gourmet dinner prepared by Mary Fris.

The menu:

Smoked trout with Neufchatel on crostini, sprinkled with chopped chives, served with prosecco

Roasted apple and acorn squash soup with croutons

Italian braised beef and veggies on mashed potatoes

Fresh olive bread from Simone at the Farmer’s market

Glazed walnuts, hazelnut vinaigrette, goat cheese on mesclun

Chocolate mousse and Damson plum tarts

Red wine, white wine, coffee and spring water

Editor’s note:

Sound Bites by Gigi Fris

Caitlin O’Heany - Feast or Famine

In 1990, Caitlin was blacklisted in Hollywood, for having the temerity to stand up to a big producer on a movie set. Apparently, the lead in the movie she was being cast in had physically assaulted her, so she got a lawyer and sued. The producer/director said to her lawyers, "How dare a woman stand up to me; I’ll make sure she never works again!"

Suffice to say, it appears he did just that.

In 1991, Caitlin decided to get herself a job, hopefully to help the planet. For four months she sailed the North Sea on the Greenpeace ship Solo, working as an assistant cook and deckhand.

These days, Caitlin calls the Hudson Valley her home, and is ecstatic with her new friends at the Beacon Sloop Club. Right now she is working with Pete to republish the book that he, Woody Guthrie and Alan Lomax wrote, Hard Hitting Songs for Hard Hit People (Pete came up with the title), but this time on CD.

Caitlin is actively looking for an affordable cottage, surrounded by bucolic beauty. Once there, she can live in peace and tranquility with her sheep: Madeline, Madeline’s friend, Charlotte, and Charlotte’s baby, Hollyhock. Her ten kittens will also share her home.

Caitlin is currently re-launching her fragrance, Caitlin. This light, fruity floral began as a blend of essential oils she created for herself. She didn’t realize how special the scent was until she went on an audition at NBC and everybody she encountered there asked, “What are you wearing and where can I buy it?” A friend helped launch the line, which sold well at Bergdorf Goodman, Henri Bendel, Nordstrom and other high end shops nationwide, from 1998-2005.

Unfortunately, Caitlin became stricken with a bad case of Lyme’s Disease in 1994; she was incapable of running her business.

Caitlin graduated from the Julliard School, which she attended on a full scholarship. Among her many colorful adventures was a stint working with Katherine Hepburn during the Broadway production of A Matter of Gravity, Hepburn’s last play.

We at the BSC would like to extend our deep appreciation for Caitlin’s involvement with our club. She steadfastly looks after our multrum, and has been a wonderful addition to our Festival Committee! We look forward (well, the ladies of the club) to purchasing her perfume, which is cruelty free and has eco friendly packaging.
The Clubhouse Gets a Facelift

A big big thank you goes to Gigi for leading the effort (and doing the bulk of the work) to give the clubhouse a new fresh look. The building committee rallied the troops to finish off the painting but the tough work was in the prep. Removing, 10+ years of soot, patching holes of both human and rodent origin, taping and sanding, all had to be done before the painting crew could step in to help. In what has to be a first for the Sloop Club, Gigi says, “We used a shade reminiscent of butter” by Ralph Lauren for the walls.” All the paint was purchased Main Street in Beacon to support local businesses.

Hydrofracting Alert!

The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) is about to issue a broad range of regulations related to how gas drilling using hydrofracking will be conducted in the Delaware River Basin. These regulations are being issued in spite of calls from federal officials, federal agencies and environmental groups that the Commission wait for the results of the EPA Hydraulic Fracturing Study, which is now being conducted and a Cumulative Impact Study proposed by Rep. Maurice Hinchey whose funding is currently being approved by Congress.

Brig. Gen. Peter “Duke” Deluca, the Army Corps of Engineers federal representative on the Delaware River Basin Commission has said that the Commission will not wait for the results of these scientific studies because it does not want to delay the economic boost he says that drilling could bring.

In a strongly worded response, Rep. Hinchey reminded the General that the DRBC’s mission is the environment and not the economy and that under the DRBC Compact and other federal designations impacting the Delaware River Basin, such an interpretation of the federal role is inappropriate and has no basis in statute or regulation.

TO TAKE ACTION:
Please click here to send letters to Mark Klotz (the NY State representative on the DRBC) and Carol Collier, Executive Director of the DRBC.

Taking to the Streets and Other Events

Once again this year the Beacon Sloop Club took part in Spirit of Beacon Day. Main Street was packed with people. It seemed as if the whole City turned out for the parade, the food, the music (including Pete and Lorrie Wyatt), and the festive atmosphere. David Eberle covered our table on Main St., Robert Thomas ran our Beacon and Hudson River Trivia game, and a few of us marched in the parade, while others stopped by to chat. It was a great chance to show our support for the community and to network with other organizations.

Alan and Robert Thomas also did a shift as Clearwater volunteers at Kid’s Expo in Poughkeepsie that same weekend and distributed information on the club and the pumpkin festival.

The following weekend the club had a table at the DEC’s Stony Kill Harvest Festival. Saul and Bonnie powered the stage with our solar trailer, Robert made another appearance as trivia master, and Chris Rhue and Pete were part of the musical line-up. It was a beautiful fall day with our friends and we even signed up some new members.

Finally, the club participated in the Hudson Valley Ramble again this year, offering free sails on the Woody on the 19th. Thank you again to Mary Schmalz for organizing and promoting the event and for providing shore support for the captains and crew. People were queued up all day and we ended up taking out five full sails.

According to Solar World, actor Larry Hagman's California home is the largest residential producer of solar power in the United States.

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Common Ground Farm Benefit Auction  
Saturday, November 6, 7 p.m.  
St. Luke’s Episcopal Church Rectory,  
860 Wolcott Avenue (Route 9D), Beacon

Enjoy an evening of hors d’oeuvre, wine, and music to benefit the Common Ground Farm CSA and community outreach. Join us for a live and silent auction of fabulous Hudson Valley products and services, from UPAC tickets to private cooking lessons to lunch at the CIA and more. Tickets are $15 and are available at the Beacon Farmers Market, Artisan Wine Shop, www.commongroundfarm.org, and at the door. For more information, call 845-231-4424.

Last year’s auction was really fun and we think BSC members would enjoy it! Thanks very much, and please contact me if you have any questions.

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Shorewalkers  
Pete had previously mentioned that our membership might be interested in this organization. Then I met Cy Adler at Spirit of Beacon Day and he gave me some further information. They organize walks along the shoreline in the City and lower Hudson Valley. http://www.shorewalkers.org/  

Saturday, November 27, 2010  
Walk Off The Turkey (WOTT) Bring your friends and relatives and join the other Shore walkers for our annual post-Thanksgiving walk from Battery to the Little Red Lighthouse. MEET 10 AM at the Staten Island Ferry terminal, end about 12 miles and 5 hours later at the GW Bridge. Bring lunch and water, plan to join others for a mid-day snack at the end of the walk. Take N or R train to Whitehall Street or take #1 train to South Ferry. Leaders: Cy Adler and friends, Call HOTLINE for more info 212-330-7686.
Executive Committee meeting, Tues. October 26th 7:00 p.m., at the BSC clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting November 5th– potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-4 p.m., At the Ferry Dock, Beacon, NY

PLANET BLUE WITH CHRIS RUHE and Tonia Shou on radio station WVKR 91.3 FM, Every Mon., 5 to 6 p.m.

Walk & Talk Series-Birds & Botany with Pete Salmansohn & Anne Symmes, Saturday, October 9, 12-1:30pm, CEIE, 199 Dennings Ave., Beacon, NY Please pre-register at www.bire.org/events.

2nd Saturdays in Beacon, Saturday Oct. 9 6:00 pm – 9:00pm, Main St, Beacon

Gallery Opening - Russell Cusick: "Hudson River Reflections", Saturday October 9, 5-7 pm, BIRE Gallery at 199 Main Street, Beacon, NY

Sunday, October 17, 4-5:30pm

Ecofest, 10-10-10, 11am-6pm, the North Cove Marina in Battery Park City, (212) 496-2030.

Rockland County: Let’s Put the Heat on Congress!, Sunday Oct. 10, 10:00am - 5:00pm, at the Nyack Street Fair

Pumpkin Pie Baking and Festival prep Saturday Oct. 19, 9:00 am, Dutchess Junction Firehouse, Rt, 9D South of Beacon. Contact: David Eberle 845 838 9630

Beacon Sloop Club Pumpkin Festival, Sunday Oct. 17, noon-5:00 pm, at the Beacon Water Front

Fred. W. Koontz, Ph.D., Bioscapes - A Bioregional Approach to Sustainability, Thursday, October 21, 7-9pm, CEIE, 199 Dennings Ave., Beacon, NY Please pre-register at www.bire.org/events.

Free Sails on the Woody Guthrie, weeknights beginning in June, 6:00pm, at the clubhouse.

History & Dig Walk with Jim Heron & Dr. Lucy Johnson, Saturday, October 23, 12-2pm, CEIE, 199 Dennings Ave., Beacon, NY Please pre-register at www.bire.org/events.

Something to Say Cafe, Youth Coffeehouse, Saturday Oct. 23, 7-9:30 pm at the Club.

Judith Weis - Salt Marshes, Sunday, October 24, 4-5:30pm, BIRE Gallery, 199 Main Street, Beacon, NY

Common Ground Farm Benefit Auction, Saturday November 6, 7 p.m., St. Luke’s Episcopal Church Rectory, 860 Wolcott Avenue (Route 9D), Beacon

Beacon Sloop Club Environmental Committee Meeting, Wednesday November 17th at 7pm at the BSC Clubhouse

Shorewalkers: Walk Off The Turkey (WOTT), Saturday, November 27, 2010, 10 AM at the Staten Island Ferry terminal

Vigil for Peace every Saturday from 12-2 p.m. at the intersection of Rts. 9 and 9D opposite Staples and at the corner of the South Hills Mall.

Details of calendar events may be found elsewhere in the newsletter. For more info about the BSC: www.beaconsloop.org, or www.beaconsloopclub.org
The Beacon Sloop Club's Pumpkin Festival

Sunday October 17th
Noon to 5:00 p.m.
Rain or Shine

At the Beacon Waterfront
Metro-North to Beacon Station
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