A Message from Our President:

We enjoyed a wonderful Pumpkin Festival complete with sunshine, warm weather, good wind for sailing, stone soup, pumpkin pie, pumpkin soup, David Cohen’s famous meat chili, pumpkin painting, candle dipping, a excellent groundwater demonstration arranged by Betty, and lots more. Special thanks to David Eberle for a fine job of festival coordination. Read inside for more.

Another October highlight was the recognition of the Beacon Sloop Club by the Southern Dutchess NAACP as a Hudson Valley Environmental steward, along with our friends at BIRE, Clearwater, and the Green Teens. Imagine what we (SD NAACP, BSC, CW, BIRE, and GTs) could accomplish together!

Many thanks to Claudine and Mike for restacking the wood back inside the clubhouse.

And Thank You to the Harbor Crew for pulling the boats, dinks, moorings, and floating docks from the harbor. It was a big task.

The Woody is back at White’s for the winter. It was a great sail on the way up to White’s and Captain Jim was quite impressive making the sharp turn into White’s under strong winds and tide. Woody sailors - see Gigi or the Woody Sailor Site for work schedules.

Looking ahead, come vote in next month’s club elections.

Last but not least, we need to continue our efforts to ensure our newly elected representatives are focused on the environmental issues of importance to us, including fracking, Indian Point, PCBs in the Hudson, the restoration of the Hudson fishery, and local watershed and development issues. Often, this newsletter has updates on these topics, including contact information for your representatives, making it easier for those who wish to get involved.

Rosemary
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.

New member articles are due in January. 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

Please state your date of birth, how you heard of the Beacon Sloop Club, and your Beacontown zip code.

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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes, November 5, 2010

Opening, Pete Seeger. Pete reminded the Club of the recent death of Art Kamell, a friend and neighbor of Pete’s, a member of the Club, husband of Connie Hogarth and treasured friend to many. Pete led the club in a rendition of “So long, it’s been good to know you” with original verses by Sue Hope Altkin, Spook Handy, David Bernz, Rick Nesler and Pete composed especially for Art.

Call to Order, Rosemary Thomas. Rosemary noted the tremendous turnout for the meeting. The Clubhouse was packed. She welcomed new visitors from England, Woodstock, Albany, Brooklyn, Bedford, New Jersey, Boston, Pound Ridge, and New York City.

Treasurer, Sarah Elisabeth. With expenses and income for the Pumpkin Festival, pumping out the Multrum ($235) and insurance expenses ($11,650) among others, the closing balance was $55,708.31. The current Treasurer’s report is elsewhere in the Broadside.

Woody Guthrie, David Cohen. Newly appointed to Chair of the Woody Sailors, David reported that the Woody was pulled out of the water that day. The Woody, now 31 years old, will require some major repairs this winter. The entire cockpit and the combing will be replaced, under the direction of Gigi Fris and the counsel of Jimmy Kricker. David mentioned that this had been one of the most successful sailing seasons ever.

Building Committee: Claudine Craig. Claudine thanked Ken and Michael for loading up the wood for the winter and their work during the Pumpkin festival. Monday was declared a work day for the patio area to clean, chop, saw, stack and dig some post holes to upgrade the fence. Saul Rosinsky added that the lintel stone in the fireplace will be addressed next week as well. Claudine called for volunteers to cut & stack wood. (Contact Claudine via info in the masthead.)

Pumpkin Festival: David Eberle. The Festival, on a lovely day, drew a record crowd. Thanks were many for the Dutchess Junction Fire Company for allowing the Club’s use of their kitchen for preparation of the 72 pumpkin pies sold that day.

Environmental Committee: Edmund Fitzgerald. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 7 pm, there will be a meeting to find a replacement for Edmund as Chair of the committee and planning for the lecture series during the winter. There were many words of praise for Edmund’s work over the past several years and regrets for his leaving on a “new course direction” in his mid-life.

Elections: Rosemary Thomas. Rosemary Thomas and Steve Schwartz have been nominated for President; Claudine Craig for Vice President; Sarah Elisabeth for Treasurer; and Vane Lashua for Secretary. No other nominations were put forward. At the December meeting nominations will be accepted and the election will be held.

Announcements
Sue Altkin announced that the crock pot she had filled for this month was available for next month (Crock Soup). An anonymous volunteer took the pot and will fill it for December.

David Bernz (davidbernz1@gmail.com) announced that the Holiday Sing will be held at the Club on Saturday, December 18 at 6pm. Dan Einbinder is co-chair. Performers are welcome!

Beverly Dyckman, the “three sloop club member”, announced that River Lovers holds its usual third Friday potluck, 6pm, Nov. 19 at the Croton Point Park Nature Center. (see http://ferrysloops.org for this and other details.)

Eugene Hammond announced a meeting (past) with Ben Dangle of the blog “Upside Down World” about his new book.

An anonymous advocate for “Champlain Hudson Power Express” asked for comments on a project to bring a 1GW power cable down the Hudson.

Steve announced the weekend fundraiser for Clearwater and a number of groups promoting traditional ways.

Father John of the Live Peace International movement ask for support for the 2011 concert for peace through music and art. He also announced the launch of 90.7 “full powered FM”, people's radio, coming January 1.

David Cohen asked the Club to “thank a vet” on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Ron Steele asked for support for an end to the use of depleted uranium and for the care of returning vets and their families who are inevitably exposed.

Steve Kaplan announced that a group from South Africa had visited the area, rode the Woody and were still talking about it.

Spook Handy announced a concert, Nov. 20 in Rutherford, NJ. Flyers are posted in the Sloop Club.

New Jersey Friends of Clearwater has a meeting and circle of song every third Thursday in the Methodist Church (close to the Stone Pony) in Asbury Park. A separate concert will occur on Dec. 14 by the NJFOC singers.

Casey Baker (who has performed at Club meetings and is a member) will have a CD release party in Asbury Park, Jan. 15. She will be with Emily Grove, and Thomas Wesley Stern.

Respectfully submitted,
Vane Lashua

Decisions and motions recorded at 10/26 Exec Committee meeting:
1. Next exec meeting is moved 1 week to Tuesday, Nov 30th.
2. Voted to donate $50 to the Dutchess Junction Fire District as a tangible Thank You for making their kitchen available for pie baking.
3. If Woody repairs need to be authorized before the next exec meeting, a special exec meeting will be called upon request.

The executive committee met in special session on 11/3 and approved the repair plan for the Woody.
NEW YORK Cutting Environmental Programs

DEC Commissioner Grannis Fired

Pete Grannis, the commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) since 2007, was fired by Gov. David Paterson. A state source said it was due to “poor performance and insubordination,” however there is much speculation that the real cause was the unsigned memo warning of the consequences of the Governor’s plan to lay-off DEC staff. Commissioner Grannis has denied any involvement in the leaking of the memo.

For the full text of the memo, click here.

What the Cuts Mean

(source: Environmental Advocates of New York)

In 2007-08, the DEC had 3,775 staff. The target for the end of the year is 2,926 staff, a decrease of 849 staff or 22 percent. These are the lowest staff levels since the 1980’s, despite an increase in the agency’s responsibilities.

The agency is responsible for providing oversight for air and water quality, open space, forests, wetlands, gas and oil drilling, hazardous waste, hunting and fishing, invasive species eradication, dam safety, and many other programs.

With resources for these critical activities cut in half since the 2007-08 budget year, the agency can only afford to respond to 150 oil spills rather than the annual average of 350.

New York to Withdraw from Superfund Program

Governor David Paterson announced his plans to remove the state from the federal Superfund hazardous waste cleanup program. “These are the sacrifices we need to make. Our revenue stream is still soft.,” said the Governor in a radio interview. There are currently 114 superfund sites in New York State.

http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/query/queryhtm/nplfin.htm

Contact info:
Governor Paterson
Phone: 518-474-8390
Email: governor@chamber.state.ny.us

Andrew Cuomo
Phone: (212) 209-3314
Email: http://www.andrewcuomo.com/contact

Beacon Sloop Club Environmental Committee Meeting

Wednesday November 17th at 7pm at the BSC

Agenda
Election of Chair and sub-committees
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.

The Beacon Sloop Club Honored by the Southern Dutchess NAACP

On October 24th the Beacon Sloop Club was honored, along with other local environmental organizations by the Southern Dutchess Chapter of the NAACP.

Chapter president Gwen Davis presented the club a copy of the NAACP’s 100th anniversary album and a citation thanking the club for its commitment to the environment and its work within the community to raise awareness of environmental issues.

In her acceptance remarks Rosemary Thomas thanked the NAACP for choosing the club and for their recognition of the importance of environmental issues. She appealed to all local organizations and members of the community to work together to address issues affecting the Hudson River and to strive for a greener, more sustainable future on a local level.

Other honorees included Clearwater, Green Teens, and the Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries.

Hydrofracting update

The DRBC has postponed the release of their draft regulations

The DRBC did not release their draft regulations on drilling for natural gas using fracking in October as they had previously scheduled. They now plan that release in November or December 2010.

DEC Considering Fracking in Our State Forests

DEC’s draft plan for State Forest Management contains the following, “Natural gas development has the potential to be a significant and growing source of development on State Forest and private lands due to new technologies that enable industry to effectively extract natural gas from the Marcellus shale play……. DEC is inclined to consider natural gas development on State Forests due in part to the fact it is a cleaner burning energy alternative to other fossil fuels such as coal and oil…….read the story by Julia Reischel in the Watershed Post.

The Full report can be found at:
Sound Bites by Gigi Fris

Happy autumn, dearest Sloop Club members. This month I have the pleasure of sharing a mini-bio with you on Wally Cox, a member of BOTH Monday and Tuesday crews.

Wally grew up in Huntington, Long Island, and a born harbor rat who was always hanging out near water. In fifth grade, his good friend’s father purchased an Ensign Keel boat. Wally learned to sail the boat, in exchange for working on it, and spent many hours tacking and jibing the Long Island Sound and Huntington Bay during the daylight hours.

At age 14, Wally bought a Penguin 11 and a half foot catboat, as did his friend, and continued his sailing adventures. He recalls spending literally every day of his eighth grade summer on a Sailfish, but at sixteen, he sold the boat for a car.

Many moons later, while drinking on the deck of Gully’s in Newburgh and watching the river, Wally noticed an aqua hulled sloop with red sails gliding by. A friend from his singles club recognized it as the Woody Guthrie, and booked a singles group sail with Susan Berliner. Wally managed to go out on the Woody in September of 2009, but the other two group sails scheduled for his club were cancelled due to gale force winds and rain.

Oddly enough, during the one Woody guest sail he did manage to complete, Wally overheard the captain, Kip Touraine, discussing his numerous and futile attempts to reach a certain Wally Cox, the winner of the Woody Raffle Dinner Sail. "That's me!" Wally responded. Apparently, the phone he had been given was working-well-everything but the ringer.

Afterwards, Wally attended a BSC meeting and signed on to be a Woody Sailor. Frankly, we are all in awe of him. He is a kind, intelligent, and highly skilled sailor. Whenever he does a task during Winter Maintenance, I never have to check it for flaws; whatever Wally does, it is completed with expertise and integrity. In fact, if you are reading this, Wally, I need you to (please) install the brass light fixture for the Woody cabin next spring so we don't have to fish around for flashlights every time the sun sets.

Wally also has an ETAP 20 on a trailer at home right now, which he will get a mooring for in the Beacon Harbor next summer. The boat was made in Belgium but abandoned in Cornwall-Wally found it on Craig's List.

Anyway, thanks to Wally for his practical, can-do attitude and hilarious observations. He is truly a joy to sail and work with!
It was another year of ravenous lines awaiting the "Soup is Ready" pronunciation at our Stone soup section of the Pumpkin Festival. In addition to our stone we used Toshi Seeger's secret formula to create a hearty potage, pounds of vegetables donated from local stores and farm stands were boiled down into NINE gallons of concentrated broth. We then added 11 gallons of spring water. When we added the vegetables, herbs and pasta, we had about 22 gallons of the stuff.

Caitlin did a superb job of retelling the Stone Soup story to hundreds of festival goers. As an actress with considerable dramatic range, she built up a large throng of hungry fans. Although many locals were familiar with this tale, visitors from India, Japan, Eastern Europe and other locations were fascinated with it. As usual, people could not get over the fact that it was FREE.

BSC members Kevin Haydon and Christina Kanlong also assisted in keeping the wood fire under the kettle going, as well as stirring the brew with our secret paddle. It was all a bit witchy, especially the picture of the steaming pot on the cover of the Beacon Free Press the following week.

It is difficult to fathom, but we went through over 300 bowls of soup in 58 minutes! Festival goers wanted to scoop up the last drops from the base of our deep vessel. Many came back to ask for the recipe, but we told them there really wasn't a strict one (I think Toshi deserves a patent, don't you?).

Next year we need to solicit more ingredients from the Beacon Community so they feel more connected with their steaming bowls.

**Pumpkin Festival Report**

The Beacon Sloop Club had a very successful pumpkin festival. We made pies on Saturday before the festival on Sunday at the Dutchess Junction Fire Department. What a wonderful kitchen. We thanked them for their generosity with a donation. Thanks to everyone who showed up to make pies. If you weren't there you missed lots of fun. We delivered a special pumpkin pie to Pete and Toshi decorated with a banjo.

We had great publicity on the front page of the newspaper. It was a beautiful fall day and the size of the crowd showed it. It was also nice to see our wonderful pumpkin hawker in the newspaper the following Wednesday. As usual there were more people who wanted to go sailing than there were spaces. Everyone worked hard to make the festival a success. We turned away some vendors. We also sold out of pies, chili, pumpkins and cider. Thanks to everyone who volunteered.

Special thanks to Rosemary Thomas who did a wonderful job with the vendors. Nothing like a hands on president.

The set up crew did a great job, and the display at the environmental tent got a lot of interest. Many thanks to the Beacon Police and also to the City Parks and Recreation Department Thanks to everyone who volunteered and worked hard to make the festival a success. We made a profit of approximately $4500. The only problem we had was with trash sorting so that we could recycle. Many thanks to all,

Festival Director
David Eberle

*Photos by Jay Beaumont, Wally Cox, Alan Thomas*
### Remembering Art Kamell

Our Dear friend and long-time member Art Kamell passed away peacefully on Nov. 4th after a long struggle.

Please join us in offering our condolences and support to his wife, Connie Hogarth, and his family. Art and Connie have been a fixture at the club for so many years.

We will remember Art for his devotion to social causes and his steadfast support of our organization. He will be missed by all who knew him. His passion for justice is a legacy he has left for all of us to build on.

For more information on Art’s life:


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### Shorewalkers

**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.

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**Now on 106.5 in Beacon!**
Executive Committee meeting, Tues. November 30th 7:00 p.m., at the BSC clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting December 3rd– 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.

The Hudson Valley and Catskills Explorer's Guide - Hudson River Valley Farms: The People and the Pride Behind the Produce- Joanne Michaels 
Sun, November 14, 4:00pm – 5:30pm, BIRE, 199 Main Street, Beacon, NY

SUSTAINABLE RESTORATION OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS Tues., Nov. 16, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Howland Cultural Center, Beacon.

Hudson River Estuary Management Advisory Committee (HREMAC) meeting, Wed. Nov.17, Norrie Point Environmental Center, Staatsburg, for more information, contact; hrep@gw.dec.state.ny.us, include HREMAC in the subject line.

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

OUR FIGHT AGAINST GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE: Dr. Sacha Spector, Scenic Hudson’s director of Conservation Science, Thurs., Nov. 18, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Starr Library, Rhinebeck. Contact Anthony Coneski, 845 473 4440 Ext. 273,

River Lovers Third Friday potluck, 6pm, Nov. 19 at the Croton Point Park Nature Center.

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