A Message from Our President:

Our March meeting began with a rousing rendition of Union Maid in honor of International Women’s Day on March 8th, ended with a hat pass for flowers around the clubhouse, and covered a lot of territory in between. Check out the minutes inside.

The snow around the Woody is melting and winter maintenance is underway. It’s a big task. Sailors can watch for postings on the Woody Sailors Yahoo Group and please give Gigi the needed support. Many thanks to Jim Finnegan for hosting the Woody Block Party.

Thanks to everyone who provided fundraising ideas to support the major Woody restoration work needed in the next couple of years. We’re starting work on turning some of them into actual plans. Keep the ideas coming and realize we’ll need volunteers. If there’s something you’d particularly like to be part of, let us know.

Over 70 sailors and friends of the Woody had fun while raising funds at the 5th Annual Sloop Woody Guthrie Fund Raising Dinner, with live music, door prizes, and a raffle. Hat’s off to Tom LaBarr.

Looking ahead, on March 18th, the BSC Environmental Committee is hosting a talk on: Before Beacon was Beacon, with Evan Pritchard. Come join us for an interesting and informative evening.

Chris Ruhe is organizing the annual Earth Day river sweep / clean-up, on Saturday, April 23rd, 10AM – 1PM. The cleanup starts at the clubhouse and fans out to include our festival sites. Your participation would be greatly appreciated.

Lastly, please be sure you’ve marked your calendar for Sunday, June 12th as our Strawberry Festival needs everyone.

Rosemary

Notice

If your membership renewal was due in January and you have not yet renewed this could be your last issue of the Broadside. Please clip the form on page 2 and mail in your renewal or visit the website to avoid missing an issue.

www.beaconsloopclub.org

Inside this issue:

Two parties, the bear, a lots of work for volunteers, upcoming events, and much, much, more……
Please Renew for 2011

BSC Membership Form- (all renewals are due in January)

Name ____________________________________________ Street Address ____________________________________________

City __________________ State ___ ZIP ______ Phone ______ Email ____________________________

Amount Enclosed $_____. ____ Renewal ____ New Member ____ How did you hear of us?_______________________________

Additional Members at this address____________________________________________________________ Email ____________________________

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Newsletter format(check one):  Printed  ☐  E-mail  ☐  Please include your e-mail address if you want your newsletter e-mailed to you.

Membership suggested donation $25.00. Minimum of $10.00. Please give more if you can afford it!
If you can't afford the minimum, the fee may be waived.

Mail to:  Beacon Sloop Club   P.O. Box 527   Beacon, NY  12508

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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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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes, March 4, 2011

Opening. Wisconsin called through the voices of Club members with a rousing rendition of “Union Maid” that introduced Club President, Rosemary Thomas. After welcoming a half-dozen visitors from all over the region, she called the meeting to order.

Treasurer, Sarah Elisabeth, reported a closing balance of $40,468.53. Sara presented a list of budget requests from the various committees with a few comments. A motion to approve the budget as called for was made by Bonnie Finkenaur. David Cohen seconded, a vote was called and passed unanimously.

Woody Guthrie, Gigi Fris. Sunday, March 6 begins the maintenance season and Gigi called all hands on deck for help with maintenance at Sunday work parties. (Contact Gigi for information.) Gigi and later, David Cohen, noted that the Woody as a traditional Ferry Sloop has a life expectancy of 25 years. The Woody is 33. We are going to need to raise some $150,000 to refit the Woody in 2012 if we want to sail the Hudson Festivals. Much will be determined about the current sailing year during the work parties. David also noted that two types of sailing classes are available this year. Open water sailing will be taught during in the summer by Chris Ancliffe on two J-24 boats loaned by West Point. Jim Birmingham will pull together Winter sailing classes for the Woody crews beginning in April, dates and times to be announced. YOU HAVE TO BE A MEMBER to be on a Woody crew, but otherwise all you have to do is show up on one particular weekday evening. The Woody Block Party was held on February 13 at the home of Jim Finnegan again this year. Besides all the blocks’ being reconditioned, a good time was had by all. Tom LaBarr reviewed the Annual Woody Dinner, telling the Club that the dinner raised more than ever from the dinner tickets and raffles. Tom was tireless in promoting and recruiting Beacon Main Street merchandise for the raffles and for getting a full house. Your membership is due NOW, by paper form or on-line...

Environmental Committee, Sarah Elisabeth & Steve Van Der Merve. The BSC Environmental Series continued at the Club on February 18 with a lecture on Hydraulic Fracking. March 18, Evan Pritchard will be discussing the language of the region – names, locales, etc.

Building Committee, Claudine Craig. The Multrum lock is broken – we had to break in for the meeting. Dan Searles said he would buy a new lock and install it. To help with general maintenance the Club, contact Claudine.

Herring Count, Rachel Lowenthal. An Americorps Volunteer, is heading up the DEC herring count in the tributaries of the lower Hudson from the Sawmill in Yonkers up to Troy. Volunteers are needed for local sites. If you know skipper fishermen on the Hudson, Rachel also would asked that you get in touch with her.

Announcements. Jeff Lia presented an appeal for Sloop Club members to help promote the use of State land, especially on Fishkill Ridge, for siting of windmills for generation of electricity. Father John Nelson from Woodstock presented a slide show describing Live Peace International, August 6-7, a worldwide musical event. The presentation will be online at http://livepeaceinternational.org. John Dyer promoted 90.3 WDFH of Ossining as “your station”-- commercial free. Democracy Now, among others is broadcast. Remember the Circle of Song, 7pm, Fourth Fridays at the Club. Lindsey Harrison noted the Circle of Song at St. John’s Church on Christopher Street, NYC, Second Thursdays at 7pm.

** Jacob Bernz announced the next Something to Say Cafe, 7:30-9:00pm, Saturday, March 5. Jacob is hosting his first CD release party on March 27, 3-5pm at the Howland Center. 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. Eugene Hammond announced a NYS Labor chorus tour of Cuba. He requested donations of instruments for a trip April 17-24. Sara Elisabeth will be teaching an herbalist class starting on April 9 in Beacon.

Respectfully submitted, Vane Lashua, Secretary.

Congratulations to the Rivertown Kids, Pete Seeger, producers David Bernz and Dan Einbender (all BSC members) on winning the Grammy for Tomorrow’s Children.

Photo by Russ Cusick

To our musicians: The NYC Labor Chorus has a concert tour in Cuba April 17-24th. They are looking for musical instruments and supplies including:

Acoustic guitars, a percussion set, electric keyboard for a school, children’s drum set, double base, amplifiers, woofers, guitar microphones, cables and plugs, guitar strings, guitar cases, etc.

Contact Eugene Hammond if you have items to donate.
845-566-9420
845-542-0481

Hello Wappingers and Fishkill Creek river herring monitors! We are so thrilled that you all have volunteered this spring. At our first meeting we plan to briefly discuss the program, go over monitoring protocols, and distribute your monitoring materials.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 23rd, 2011 at 7 PM
WHERE: Grinnell Library, 2642 East Main Street
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

RSVP: r3hermon@gw.dec.state.ny.us

So that we can properly prepare monitoring materials, please RSVP and let us know you’re coming! If you cannot attend the training event, please let us know so we can get you your materials another way.

Thanks to all of you again for participating and we can’t wait to meet you all!

Rachel Lowenthal Robert Adams Kris McShane NYSDEC Hudson River Estuary Program/Hudson River Fisheries Unit, Email: r3hermon@gw.dec.state.ny.us
Phone: 845-256-3172
http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/41545.html
Some things to know about Wood Heat
By Ken Miller

Wood burning, without a doubt contributed to the physical evolution of mankind. Fossil evidence shows use of fire by hominids even before Homo-Sapiens. It is the original form of renewable energy.

In my home, (which is all “public” electric= EXPENSIVE), I use passive solar, solar hot water storage, and a wood stove to offset as much electric heat energy as possible. This January, I reduced my kilowatt usage by 1000kw less than 2010.

The “game” with wood heating is how to make it as efficient as possible. The center of your house is the best place for any type of wood heat. The most efficient appliance is called a “Masonry Heater” or (Russian Oven). It is a massive chimney located at the center most section of your home. The Glass door fronted fireplace located at the bottom feeds it’s smoke (and HEAT) through a zig-zag flue system. The “Mass” bricks or block, literally suck the heat up like a sponge, and store it.

After burning wood for about an hour, or two at the most. You then shovel out any remaining “hot coals” into a special metal buck with a lid. Put it outside onto a non-combustible surface, close the chimney top, cable controlled damper, and cap in all the stored heat, which slowly (six to ten hours), is released into your structure. On one “charge of wood!! The efficiency can exceed a modern gas furnace!!

Woodstoves are easier to install, but require a lot of wood and “feeding” to maintain steady heat. They average about 50% of the potential released energy of the wood. Some can do up to 70%. They can be improved if you can devise a way to feed them with air from outside your building.

Fireplaces are the least efficient, giving you about 5-15% net gain of the energy released by the wood. They also can be improved with a glass door front and outside air.

A cord of wood is (4’by 4’by 8’). Hickory has an energy potential of 30.9 MILLION BTU’s per cord. Poplar and pine about 14 Million/cord.

The amount of BTU’s that you can “catch and store” is the game, (solar or wood).

Every per cent of moisture contained in the wood reduces BTU POTENTIAL by an equal percentage. Wood heating is net Carbon Neutral, releasing back only the CO2 that the tree took out of the atmosphere. It is not preferred in dense city or “deep valley” environments where particulate matter cannot disperse.

2011 Intelligent Use of Water Film Competition Announces Call for Short Films That Highlight the Need for Responsible Water Use

Rain Bird’s Environmentally Focused Film Competition to Award Amateur and Experienced Filmmakers $15,000; Wildlife Expert Jack Hanna to Host Screening Finale in Los Angeles

Filmmakers who submit their short films via the competition website, www.IUOWFILM.com, will have their films reviewed by a judging panel made up of film and water experts.

Rain Bird is also awarding $50,000 for water conservation projects. Submit a project that uses water efficiently, promotes green spaces, and is a great example of sustainability. You could win the funding you need to make a difference! http://www.iuowawards.com/Default.aspx
It looks like we are off to a good start this season; a crowd of close to forty sailors, captains and BSC members attended the Block Party at Jim Finnegan’s home in New Hamburg on February 13th. Aside from one damaged halyard block, which Tom Baldino will replace, everything looked kosher. Thanks, Jim, for continuing to hold this fun annual event.

Speaking of annual fetes, Thom Labarr, also of Thursday crew, hosted the 5th annual Woody Dinner, which about 75 donors showed up for at the River Terrace Restaurant, across from DIA. Susan Berliner sold $350.00 worth of raffle tickets-which were worth the investment, as there were so many wonderful prizes. Although we don’t raise a ton of money, the dinner serves as a great moral booster for the BSC and reveals just how supportive local Beacon businesses are to our green cause.

On Sunday, March 6th, about six of us showed up to begin Winter Maintenance. Birmingham and Wally Cox made a list the supplies needed for replacing the Woody crossbeams-the beams that support the Woody’s sub deck. Birmingham has kindly and generously volunteered to head up this project; if your are good with a drill or saw, please come and prepare the spars and hull of the Woody every Sunday morning at White’s Marina, from 9am until 2pm.

See you at White’s Marina!

Gigi

**SATURDAY, 3/12 thru 10/2/2011**

**EXHIBITION** Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries

Gallery at 199 Main St. in Beacon will hold a free public reception for photographer Eric Lind on Sat, March 12, 5-7pm, the opening for his exhibit “Revealed: Hidden Lives of the River.” Lind, a Beacon resident and Director of Constitution Marsh Audubon Center & Sanctuary in Garrison, NY, developed his collection to bring to light some of our region’s lesser-known and inconspicuous wild residents. FREE. (845) 838-1600 x 16, www.bire.org/events.

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**Sound Bites by Gigi Fris**

The “Bear” of the BSC

David Alan Cohen, aka “Bear,” was not born and raised alongside honey pots in the woods; instead, our Bear was born in the Bronx, and spent time with his grandparents in Monticello, N.Y., as well. After graduating from high school, David enlisted in the Navy, and was trained as a coxswain. During the Viet Nam War, he served aboard swift boats, just like Senator John Kerry. David actually met Kerry, but later on in life, when they had returned from the battlefields to fight for the rights of veterans.

When his tour abroad ended in 1968, Bear was stationed in New London, Connecticut, at the Naval Oceanographic Research Laboratory located there. During his leisure time, David spent many days in nearby Mystic Seaport, sailing the newly launched Mystic Whaler. Once his Navy hitch was up, he headed to the University of Hawaii, where he majored in tropical horticulture and political science via the GI Bill.

In the decades since, Bear’s career has alternated between landscaping and political activism. He helped found the national organization Viet Nam Vets Against the War, after gathering information at a GI coffee house and organizing sanctuaries for GI’s who didn’t want to fight with local Quakers. He was also a member of an underground newspaper called "The Liberated."

1975 marked the next phase of Bear’s odyssey, when he became Captain of the GreenPeace anti-whaling ship Ohana Kai (translated: "Family of the Sea"). This job was followed by a season in Newfoundland protesting the slaughter of baby harp seals. Ironically, he and his group were arrested under The Seal Protection Act, as authorities claimed they were painting the living seals green, which ruined their pelts.

Back in NY during the early 1980’s, David became president of the Manhattan chapter of The Viet Nam Veterans of America, where he advocated on behalf of the Viet Nam vets. It was during this time period he met his wife, Susan. They subsequently married and moved to Seattle, Richmond, Va., and then finally to the Hudson Valley, where he intends to live out his years.

David has worn many hats since joining the BSC six years ago. He has served as Vice President of the club, and is now juggling three different positions: Director of Community Relations, Head of the Woody Sailors, and Mate on the Woody Guthrie’s Monday Night Crew. Bear is very committed to the BSC mission and creating a strong second generation of members to continue the environmental legacy of Pete Seeger.

PS-Don't call him "Dave"-he hates it!
Environmental Lecture Series March Event: Friday March 18 2011 at 7:00 PM
Before Beacon was Beacon — an exploration of local place names before 1609.
with Evan Pritchard

Evan Pritchard, a descendant of the Acadian Mi’kmaq of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, is Professor of Native American History and Culture at Pace University and Marist College and has lectured at the Museum of Natural History in New York City. He is the author of several books including Henry Hudson and the Algonquins of New York, Native New Yorkers, The Legacy of the Algonquin People of New York, and the widely praised No Word For Time, the Way of the Algonquin People.
We’ll explore what Beacon was called before it was called Matawan Landing, who were the Melzingah from Melzingah’s dam, and the origin of many other place names hidden in plain sight.


Cabot Parsons and Carol Flaitz will present a lively overview of the new generation of artists who are evolving Frederick Church’s Hudson Valley School of Art and bringing their own unique vision of the Hudson River. The illustrated presentation will feature local artists, including Sloop Club member Russel Cusick, and “river artists” from other parts of the world.
Friday April 15 2011, 7PM

Letter to the editor:
Dear Friends,

Recently, Jeanette Barth spoke with us, at our environmental monthly lecture, and it was eye opening for me. At that lecture, I realized how imminent the prospect of hydro-fracking is for us, and how important it is for us to let people representing us, realize what a catastrophe it will bring us. For that reason, I think it is important for us to organize around this issue now. We have only three months, at which time the moratorium is over, and our governor may decide to OK the hydro-fracking.

By going to the following web site you can sign a petition to Governor Cuomo and let him know how you feel: http://www.toxicstargeting.com/MarcellusShale
If you are concerned about this, like me, and would like to join others, please contact me at 845-765-0495 or jameskrivo@yahoo.com.
Below is an abstract of an article from Foodandwater.org about the subject.
Jim Krivo

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Because a single frack requires millions of gallons of water, fracking can draw down local water resources. Since the fluids contain toxic chemicals, they can damage human health and the environment if they make their way into local water supplies through leaks, spills or underground injection. After fracking, some water flows back up the well along with the gas. This wastewater is difficult to dispose of safely because it may contain toxic fracking chemicals, as well as dissolved solids it picks up underground, some of which may be radioactive. And, methane freed up because of the fracking can make its way through the ground into household wells, which can cause wells and houses to explode because it is highly flammable.

Although the industry argues that fracking is safe, there have been numerous documented cases of water contamination near drilling sites. This is a concern....
Every Sunday Farmers Market
at the Beacon Waterfront 10-4pm

Simply Valley
All Local Hudson Valley Products
Sprout Creek Farm Cheeses (Toussaint and Ouray Cheese)
Fresh made Lamb, Mushroom Spring Rolls
Fresh Made Pasta
Mario’s Brick Oven Bread
Mary Finger Organic Free Range Eggs
Special Large Quantity orders call 845-562-0192

Herbs De-Mystified
with local Herbalist Sarah Elisabeth
Learn how to supplement your health with an introduction to wild plants
Sample and learn the different preparations of these ancient friends
Use plants you can find in your own back yard!

Saturday, April 9, 2011
2 – 3:15 PM
$5.00 Community Class
Shambhala Yoga Center
4 S. Chestnut St.
Beacon, NY 12508
845-778-1855

Nature’s Pantry
142 Route 17 K
Newburgh, N.Y. 12550
(845) 567-3355

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Beacon Sloop Club Treasury Report
Submitted by Sarah Elisabeth
February 22, 2011

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Executive Committee meeting, Tues. March 22nd
7:00 p.m., at the BSC clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting April 1st—potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse, Sat., Mar. 12th, 7:30 pm, Seamus Kennedy, 250 Bryant Avenue in White Plains


Winter Lecture Series: Before Beacon was Beacon w/ Evan Pritchard Fri., Mar. 18th, 7 PM Beacon Sloop Club

DEC Herring Monitor Training, Wed., Mar 23rd, 7 PM, Grinnell Library, 2642 East Main Street Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
RSVP: r3hermon@gw.dec.state.ny.us

Circle of Song, Fri, Mar. 25th, 7 pm, at the BSC clubhouse

Check the Woody group site or contact a captain or Gigi for maintenance schedules.

Herbs De-mystified, Sat., Apr. 9th, 2-3:15 pm, Shambhala Yoga Center, 4 S. Chestnut St., Beacon

Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse, Sat., Apr. 9th, 7:30 pm, Priscilla Herdman with guitarist Max Cohen Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen, 250 Bryant Avenue in White Plains

Winter Lecture Series: Art of the Hudson River – New Visions of the Hudson River, Fri. Apr. 15th, 7 PM, Beacon Sloop Club

Earth Day River Sweep, Sat., Apr. 23rd, 10am-1pm, at the Beacon Sloop Club

2011 Festival Dates
Strawberry June 12th,
Corn August 14th,
Pumpkin October 16

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