A Message from Our President:

Many thanks to our wonderful members and volunteers for a fine Strawberry Festival enjoyed by all!! We brought back chocolate covered strawberries, introduced a new set of Earth Care Pods, used our ‘new’ convection oven, and had good weather, fine music, and lots of festival goers. It’s amazing what you can do with 100 volunteers!

Hats off to Captain Steve Schwatz for organizing the Woody’s participation in Clearwater’s Great Hudson River Revival, including bringing a small floating dock to aid our shore crew.

Speaking of our beloved sloop, what better way to enjoy summer in the Hudson Valley than a sunset sail on the Woody? Our sails are always free, although reservations are needed. Call Susan Berliner, our Woody Scheduler, for a reservation.

Another way to enjoy your summer, and support the Woody Restoration at the same time, is the August 6th fundraiser at Tom & Amy LaBarr’s home, with Amy’s delicious cooking and music by Spook Handy!! See inside for details.

Volunteers are needed for the Corn Festival on August 14th. Bonnie Champion and I are co-coordinating for a second year and looking for volunteers. Just call or email.

See you at the river,
Rosemary

Inside this issue:
Sailing season begins, sunshine, strawberries, music, many volunteers to thank, and much, much more….
BSC Membership Form

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 __________________________
(used back if needed)

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

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 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.

Notice
To our postal mail subscribers: please consider converting to an electronic subscription. It saves $$s
and paper. Our goal is to migrate 25 people this year which would save us
$300 annually.
If your dues were not paid and recorded by 6/30 this is your last issue.
You will have a red label and a request to renew. If you believe that this is an
error please contact membership chairman Tom LaBarr (831-4267),
labarrt@engr.newpaltz.edu.
Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes, July 1, 2011

Opening: On a beautiful evening, after the pot-luck dinner, Club President, Rosemary Thomas opened the July meeting and welcomed first-time visitors from Beacon, Brooklyn, New Jersey, New York City and Middletown. Since it was the birthday of Toshi Seeger, Michael Scollnick and a young dancing boy named Ben, cake and happy birthdays were served all around.

Treasurer, Sarah Elisabeth, reported a closing balance of $40,700. Woody maintenance cost $16,000 this month, with net income from the Strawberry Festival estimated at $10,000 or so. This points to the special fund-raising this year and next for the complete renovation required for the Sloop Woody Guthrie.

Membership, Tom LaBarr, reported that anyone who filled out membership card this evening received a free copy of the CD, Broad Old River, from Mel & Vinnie. Also, anyone who is a sailor, must be a member. Captains are following up on this requirement. In a review of membership list, Tom finds many who have not renewed. Please ... Re-member, mates. Also, if you are receiving the newsletter by mail, please consider email. We're trying to save money and effort. Latest edition is also at http://beaconsloopclub.org/Newsletter.html

Sloop Woody Guthrie, David Cohen, reports that structural work on the Woody is complete for the year. * Note: Several newspapers in the area and at least one Dutchess Tourism brochure mis-report that Woody sails require a fee. GUEST SAILING ON THE SLOOP WOODY GUTHRIE IS ALWAYS FREE! Evening sails, festivals. Always free. Please report and correct this misinformation if you see it! * The Woody Raffle: Gail Schankman of "Please Eat the Daisies", New Paltz, will prepare a meal for you and six guests If you win the raffle. See the website, or ask anyone on the masthead for tickets and details.

Captains' Meeting: There will be a captain's meeting on July 9 and a Sailors meeting 10am.

Next Fundraiser: Aimee LaBarr announced a BBQ for the Woody Guthrie at the LaBarr home on August 6. Spook Handy will perform. This is the same day as the Great Newburgh to Beacon Swim for River Pool at Beacon! Swim, eat, and listen! Please contact Aimee if you can help out!

If you would host a Woody Fundraiser, please contact Rosemary Thomas.

Building Committee, Claudine Craig: The hole in the roof for the tree growing through it doesn't need fixin’. David Eberle & crew replaced a fence post on the patio on the Harbor. We need Multrum volunteers! Please come on down once or twice a year, 15 or 20 minutes is all it takes!

Strawberry Festival, June 12. Rosemary thanked Susan Berliner and Phyllis Newham for their leadership and fine strawberry shortcake for the festival. Tom and Aimee LaBarr once again opened their house for a day-long prep party. The newly purchased oven (thanks, Saul Rozinsky & Ron Bel) worked beautifully and will save us thousands for future events. Beth Partridge and crew did a wonderful job of prep and service at the Festival. For the future, remember, "If you're a member of the Club, you're a volunteer!" You can join the fun anytime (even at the Multrum).

Mystery Person
If anyone knows who the person who graciously took our signs and returned then beautifully decorated was please contact Rosemary Thomas. (I think she has more work for you… just kidding)

Corn Festival (8/14), Bonnie Champion, is scouting for volunteers to serve up a thousand ears of corn at a buck-an-ear in addition to the tasty chili and music all afternoon. She led a powerful effort last year and looks forward to a fine day. Call Bonnie (~ it’s only a month away – to put yourself in the middle of something wonderful (and Corny). Bonnie is also making baskets for a raffle, baskets (full of gify things). She needs people to make baskets and provide raffle items.

Woody Top Sail Project, Matt Turk Matt has created a number of projects for the homeless shelter in White Plains, but his gift to the sloop is a Top Sail, painted in Istanbul by an artist who loves Pete and who paints sails for boats on the Bosporus.

Announcements:
The Club will buy or would like to possess a defib device for the Club. Any volunteers?

Spirit of Beacon Day, September 25. We'll be there. Help needed for participation. Make a float, sit at a table, or create a pirate presence.

Woody Sail on September 11. More to come.

The Solar Trailer was used at three events during June! It provided 50 hours of solar power for the month! It works.

Respectfully submitted,

Vane Lashua, Secretary.

Sloop Club History Contest:
Can you name the people in this photo from the 1981 Strawberry Festival?
List them from left to right and submit to Tom LaBarr before the August meeting.
Prizes will be awarded for correct answers.
A high resolution copy of this picture can be found at:

https://docs.google.com/leaf?id=0Bwn5TwM53287MJE1MzczZmYt
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Tie breakers: What were the gross receipts from the 1981 festival?... How many strawberries did we use (lbs)?
Strawberry Festival a Huge Success

This year’s Strawberry Festival took advantage of the good weather and many, many, volunteer hours to deliver a fun and educational time for all! We had over 100 Sloop Club volunteers and 36 IBM centennial volunteers spread over the two days so there are too many to call out individually. You know who you are so please accept a big thank you on behalf of the planning committee, the sloop club, and the local community. Every job big or small helped to contribute to our success. From setting up tents, hulling berries, music, making up biscuit mix, sailing, baking, serving, whipping, sound, parking, environmental education, vendors, trash duty, clean-up, tickets and merchandise, etc etc. you were amazing.

For those who like numbers here are a few more: our unofficial attendee count thanks to David Cohen was 5970. We served over 1400 shortcakes, 477 chocolate covered berries, and 201 smoothies.

Yes that’s right; Commodore Chocolates was back this year donating the chocolate and labor at the chocolate covered strawberry booth. Also returning this year was the butter for the biscuits.

New this year were our brightly painted Earth Pod stations as part of our drive to zero-waste. A special thanks to Jill and Susan for coordinating this. They were very effective at reducing our dumpster load. Also new was our very own new used oven in operation thanks to Saul, Ron, and David, new electric service thanks to the City of Beacon, and new smoothie makers thanks to Tom LaBarr.

Nancy delivered a superb music program again with the Rivertown Kids kicking off the line-up of great musicians. They have just gotten so good.

Betty’s parking team, and especially Vane who did yeoman’s duty in the hot sun, did a great job assisting the police in reducing the chaos and our bill for overtime.

Thank you again to all of you! A special thank you to the IBM volunteers who showed up at all the right times and whose volunteer hours helped us qualify for a matching grant. We hope that you will come back, come on the Woody, or stop by a meeting.
Woody Update

I feel like there should be a sign from Mount Olympus; was that a thunderclap of approval from Zeus? Maybe a dazzling green meteor shower from planet Krypton? Perhaps a quick superpower juice spritzing my hair so I can grow weird arms out of my head and gain the intelligence of Wedgie Woman? Oh, well, maybe next year.

Now that my mind is butterscotch pudding after an endless maintenance program, I can now report that Rondout Woodworks has finally passed the finish line, a full two months behind schedule, but **finito** nonetheless. The new cockpit is complete, and Jimmy Kricker, recently returned from his travels and museum installation in Poland, will be in Beacon tomorrow to inspect his crew's handiwork on the **Woody Guthrie**.

We have to thank our Saugerties friends for many things that had nothing to do with the actual building the cockpit, like tying the **Woody** down and casting her anchor starboard side in Beacon Harbor to protect it when the fierce 60 mph winds and waves hit during the crazy hail storm mid June. Also, deepest thanks to Wayne Ford for ripping up sheets and towels and soaking them with acetone to get the two quarts of paint I capsized off of our deck, in one 95 degree day's dazed and confused moment. I was so covered with Pettit shades of red and green (a regular traffic stopper) there was no way I could get back on the **Woody**, so Wayne and new crew member Dennis got the lion's share of the mess to clean up. And now you all know why the **Woody** foredeck has swirls of crimson and emerald embedded in the wood and the reason for the green sized 7 foot prints running down Long Dock.

Many thanks to **Clearwater** crew for their generous assistance this summer. Captain Nick and Second Mate Carlos Duran were diligent during the hail storm in helping Captain Baldino secure lines to the ferry dock and to the dinghy docks that had broken free and were otherwise heading straight for the awaiting boulders onshore.

This past Independence Day, two **Clearwater** women walked down from University Settlement to meet me at the BSC ramp gate. First mate Aletheia (her name is Greek for "truth") and ex-crew Aubrey (her parents, she admitted, named her after that early 1970's Bread hit) labored for over three hours in the July 4th swelter, installing **Woody** ratlins up the port side shrouds. These two angels were rewarded with **Woody** T-shirts and a lunch from Homespun, but nothing could be kinder than their efforts to make the **Woody** safer. Finally, thanks to Miaja and Jocelyn, the Clearwater Educators, for organizing this assistance.

The **Woody** has participated in two festivals so far this season. The Strawberry Festival sails went well; the Beacon Community always looks forward to a free sail on the Hudson to accompany their bowl of the best strawberry shortcake on the planet, and we did not disappoint this year. Thanks to all captains and crews who made June 12th such a success.

Captains Schwartz and Baldino concocted a floating dock for the Clearwater Festival, which brought the **Woody** 145 guests via nine sails. Captains Ben and Jim also came down to Croton to take out guests. Thanks to Marcia for helping with the shore support tent; sailors Vandermerwe, Wally, Tony, Cindy, Beth, Chrissie, Ken, Robbie, Alice, Brad, Gail M., Jim F., Rich Holzman, Jeff Kantor and Susan, I hope I remembered most of you here.

This coming weekend, July 9th, a Sailors and Captain's Meeting has been called. One item that is most important to discuss is crew safety. It just takes a few seconds for an injury occur; and I should know after watching Kevin's thumb get crushed and severed during the Pumpkin Festival many moons ago. He did not have insurance at the time, but because he was a BSC member and a Woody sailor, the club's insurance paid for his substantial medical bills. So don't take it personally when a crew membership list gets printed on the Yahoo Sailor's Site, it is just to make sure in case you either forgot to renew or didn't know you were supposed to be a member. The bottom line is the BSC pays THOUSANDS of dollars in insurance for you and the club to be protected. All Woody captains are responsible for enforcing this rule.

Have a great summer and see you at meetings, fundraisers (there is more in this newsletter about Labarr's August Woody fundraiser), sails and festivals. Don't forget to sell your Woody Dinner Sail Raffle tickets! See you on the river.

Sincerely,

Gigi Fris, Maintenance Coordinator.
The Beacon Sloop Club presents a “Save Our Sloop” Event

A Summer House Concert & Barbeque Dinner

with

Spook Handy

Saturday, August 6

At the home of Aimee & Tom LaBarr, Beacon

4:30 Doors Open – Appetizers
5:00-6:30 Barbeque Dinner
6:30 Concert w/ SPOOK HANDY
8:00 Circle of Song – Bring your instruments

“Spook Handy really understands how to write a good song that says something important.” - Pete Seeger
www.spookhandy.com

$20 Advance / $25 at the door - All proceeds to sloop Woody Guthrie restoration

R. S. V. P. one week ahead by Sunday, July 31: 845-831-4267
Please call for directions to the house – Handicapped parking on site

www.beaconsloopclub.org
Second Phase of Hudson River Cleanup Begins Amid New Concerns

On June 6th the EPA announced the resumption of dredging of PCB contaminated sediment in the Upper Hudson River.

On June 10th EPA Administrator for Region 2 Judith A. Enck was joined in Fort Edward, by Representative Maurice Hinchey, Representative Paul Tonko and New York State DEC Commissioner Joseph Martens to officially start the second and final phase of the Hudson River cleanup.

During this phase of dredging, General Electric will remove 2.4 million cubic yards of sediment from a forty-mile section of the Upper Hudson River between Fort Edward and Troy, NY.

Then on June 21st officials from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service advised GE that between 100 and 136 additional acres of polluted river bottom ought to be dredged. In a letter to project coordinator John Haggard, they warned that failing to expand the cleanup area would allow PCBs from untouched areas to spread into spots that had been cleaned up. So far the EPA has not indicated that they wish to reopen negotiations with GE.

In our own brand of eco-tourism (complete w/cheesy photo) Robert and I decided to visit the dredging site ourselves.

For further information:
http://www.epa.gov/hudson/


Fracking Issue Heats Up as Moratorium Ends

Last week Governor Cuomo indicated his intention to lift the moratorium on high-volume hydrofracking for natural gas production.

The New York State DEC is scheduled to release a new Environmental Impact Study (EIS) on natural Gas Development on July 8th. They have posted a 26 page executive summary which gives a high level view of their findings and recommendations.

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Key questions remain as to whether the distinctions between watersheds have any technical basis or are solely political.
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

Beacon Sloop Club Treasury Report
Submitted by Sarah Elisabeth
June 21, 2011

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Upcoming Events at the Beacon Institute
Sat, July 9, 10 a.m., BEACON INSTITUTE FOR RIVERS AND ESTUARIES: GEOLOGY WALK. Every rock has a story...Join hydrogeologist Bill Prehoda as he “tells all” about the geology at Denning’s Point. 199 Denning’s Ave, Beacon. mheintzman@bire.org Register at www.bire.org/events. FREE.

Thurs, July 21, 7 p.m., BEACON INSTITUTE FOR RIVERS AND ESTUARIES SPIRITUALITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT, PART 1: CHRISTIAN AND JEWISH PERSPECTIVE. Panel discussion with two respected theologians, exploring the similarities and differences between Christian and Jewish sacred texts as they relate to environmental challenges in context of today’s world. Center for Environmental Innovation and Education, 199 Denning’s Ave, Beacon. mheintzman@bire.org Register at www.bire.org/events. FREE.

Sat, July 30, 10 a.m., BEACON INSTITUTE FOR RIVERS AND ESTUARIES History Walk & Talk. Join Jim Heron, author of Denning’s Point: A Hudson River History, for an educational and enlightening tour of Denning’s Point. 199 Dennings Ave, Beacon. mheintzman@bire.org Register at www.bire.org/events. FREE.

Beacon Perspectives
A group photography show of 12 artists images of the city of Beacon and its environs will open on Second Saturday,

Opening Reception Saturday, July 9 from 3:00 - 5:00 PM at the Howland, and 5:00 -8:00 PM at RiverWinds Gallery 172 Main Street

Celebrating the 8th anniversary of RiverWinds Gallery on Main Street in Beacon Gallery Hrs: every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 1:00-5:00 PM
Executive Committee meeting, Tues July 26th 
7:00 p.m., at the BSC clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of
the month: next meeting August 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.

Woody Captain’s Meeting, Sat. July 9, 9:00 am,
at the clubhouse

Woody Sailor’s Meeting, Sat. July 9, 10:00 am,
at the clubhouse

BIRE: Geology Walk, w/ hydrogeologist Bill
Prehoda, Sat, July 9, 10 a.m., at Denning’s Point.
199 Denning’s Ave, Beacon Register
at www.bire.org/events.

Long Dock Park Celebration, Sat. July 9, 1:00-6:00pm,
Long Dock Park, Beacon,
http://www.scenichudson.org

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Howland, and 5:00 -8:00 PM at RiverWinds
Gallery 172 Main Street

Woody Sails, weeknights, 6:00 pm , Beacon
Harbor Call  845-297-7697 for Reservations –
Free!!

3 at the Beach, Hudson Beach Glass
Main Street in Beacon

BIRE: Spirituality and the Environment, Part 1
Christian and Jewish Perspective, Thurs, July
21, 7 p.m., Center for Environmental Innovation
and Education, 199 Denning’s Ave, Beacon.
Register at www.bire.org/events.

BIRE History Walk & Talk w/ Jim Heron, Sat,
July 30, 10 a.m., 199 Dennings Ave, Beacon.
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Save Our Sloop Housse Concert and Bareque,
Sat. Aug. 6 , 4:30pm, at Tom and Aimee LaBarr’s
House, Rt. 9D Beacon, RSVP by July 31
845-831-4267

Corn Festival, Sun. Aug 14th, noon-5pm, at the
Beacon waterfront.

Details of calendar events may be found elsewhere in the newsletter.
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