A Message from Our President:

The October meeting came to order with many new faces, a soft breeze blowing through the back door, good food on the table, Pete’s latest song being taught to everyone, and Toshi back. We covered a lot of ground at the meeting (see the minutes). The Circle of Song was going strong when I left.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in and enjoyed our September events, Spirit of Beacon Day and the Ramble. Mary did her usual great job organizing the Ramble sail and provided a wreath for our September 11th memorial. Many Woody sailors turned out and we had guests from as far away as California. Thanks to Aimee LaBarr for designing and working on our new banner, used for the first time at Spirit of Beacon Day.

Our next big event is the Pumpkin Festival on Oct 16th. Come join the pie baking on Saturday the 15th and the Festival on the 16th. We can use the help and you’ll have a fine time. Call David Eberle to volunteer or just show up.

Hats off to the Saul, David Eberle, Ron Bel, and others for getting the back patio in order and cleaning up the riverside in preparation for Pumpkin Festival. Irene left more debris than the City could commit to removing in time so we had to scramble a team of volunteers.

The schedule for public hearings on fracking is inside. Get involved, make your views known, call or write your representatives.

Remember that elections for 2012 club officers will be held in December and nominations open at our November meeting. Come and be part of the process.

Lastly, keep those fund raising ideas coming!!

See you at the river,

Rosemary

Inside this issue:
The Sloop Club shows its spirit, pumpkin volunteers needed, foul weather sewing, and much, more…. 
BSC Membership Form

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Membership suggested donation $25.00. Minimum of $10.00. Please give more if you can afford it!
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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.

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.

We're half way there!

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Welcome. Club President Rosemary Thomas welcomed first-time visitors (and members!)

Treasurer’s Report. Sarah Elisabeth reported the opening balance as $45,870 and the closing balance as $45,684.

Woody Sailors. Tom LaBarr reported that the Woody Guthrie motor controller has failed. It is required to dock and propel the boat when the wind is not adequate to get the Woody home on a schedule. Tom is ordering the controller, repairs will be made this week and the Woody should be sailing for the Pumpkin Festival (this weekend, Oct. 16). Tom also asked for volunteers to help with winter storage at White’s Marina in New Hamburg, probably occurring the week of Oct. 16 and following. Call Tom (number in the Masthead) to join the Woody winter dis-assembly and storage adventure.

Thank you, Mary Schmalz, active all over the Hudson Valley and perennial Ramble promoter, thanked the Woody sailors for their wonderful work at this year’s 10th annual Ramble (http://hudsonvalleyramble.com), “the best ever.” * Rosemary Thomas thanked the BSC volunteers who participated in the Spirit of Beacon Day parade and table (9/27). Rosemary showed a new banner, designed and created by Aimee LaBarr, that the marchers carried in the parade. Another banner also carried in the parade was created by Mary Milne as a gift to Pete Seeger and shared with the Club by Sue Altkin. It contains the words for “One Blue Sky Above Us”. Next Year: a float, singing marchers and more! Contact Rosemary or Sue Altkin to participate in planning!

Rosemary also showed off our new certificate of charter from Clearwater noting it will be hung in the Club.

Pumpkin Festival (Sunday, Oct. 16), David Eberle first thanked the five stalwart volunteers who showed up and restored the new fence behind the Club “relocated” during Hurricane Irene. David has once again opened up the Dutchess Junction Firehouse for pumpkin pie making & bakin’ on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 9am till done. (Bring your rolling pin!). The 80 pumpkin pies will be sold the next day (Sunday, Oct. 16) along with David Cohen and Caitlin O’Heaney’s chili and a plump pile of pumpkins. Volunteers, both for Saturday and Sunday gather at 8am to prepare, roll, bake, set up, serve, guide, and clean up.

Pete Seeger, Spook Handy, Michael Scolnick, David Bernz, Broadway’s Ken Anderson and singers & players from all over the country will be performing. Clearwater will dock all day and sail at 4pm. The Woody Guthrie will be sailing all day.

Environmental Committee, Alan Thomas reported on the kickoff meeting for the Winter Lecture Series. Last year’s program – open to the public – was well attended. This year there are five evenings but the committee has to pare down the list of ten potential presenters! Stay tuned for the final program announcement. Any one interested in organizing Earth Day events should contact Alan for more details and to volunteer.

Building Committee, Claudine Craig thanked Saul Rozinsky, Ron Bell, Mike Bozzo, and David Eberle for showing up to fix the fence. Saul outlined a plan for making the fence permanent and for improving the patio.

Elections, Rosemary Thomas reminded us that nominations for 2012 officers are made during the November meeting and remain open until the vote at the December meeting. Nominations at the November meeting are encouraged so that ballots may be prepared for the December meeting.

Announcements: Frances Cott passed the hat for donations to the large cat sanctuary (Tennessee) to help relieve an outbreak of salmonella poisoning. * Pete Seeger asked for a volunteer to help repair a ship model of the Clearwater that was broken during a display. James Malchow volunteered to do the work! * Phil Sauer announced a special celebration of World Water Day, Oct. 30, at the Yippy Museum in NYC. * Chris Ruhe announced that his program, Planet Blue on WVKR has moved to Fridays at 5pm. * Connie Hogarth (whose picture was in the Times, 10/7, pg. 30, at the Occupy Wall Street) asked us to support the movement by bringing food, demonstrating and joining democracy in action. * Sue Altkin reminded us that wolves from Mission Wolf will be visiting Mohonk Mt. House the weekend of Oct. 30.

Prior to this month’s meeting Pete handed out these lyrics by Charlie King, sung to the tune of “I’ve Been Workin’ on the Railroad”, and asked people to sing along. He submitted a copy to be included in the Broadside.

For Rae Abileah
I stood up to Netanyahu Join me in my song
I stood up to Netanyahu And I hollered he was wrong
Can’t you hear the people shouting Occupation No!
And regarding all the settlements They will have to go They will have to go They will have to go without delay
They will have to go They will have to go today
Someone’s in the gallery shouting Someone’s in the gallery who knows the score
Someone’s in the gallery shouting Not another dime for war! (She’s shouting)
“War crimes! Draw the line! Equal rights for Palestine”
You can stand up too. Not another dime for war!

The Beacon sloop Club is now registered at GoodSearch.com. Every time you search the Internet at GoodSearch.com, 50% percent of the revenue generated from the sponsored search advertisers is shared with your selected charity. The site is powered by Yahoo! Make sure you select the Sloop Club before searching the first time. If you use their shopping site a percentage of your purchase goes to the Sloop Club.

We had 10 people use it so far and generated $40.39 in 2 months, think what it could be with 60 or 100 members participating.

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Sound Bites
By Gigi

James Malchow (pronounced “Malko”), a dedicated BSC member since January, 2010, commutes to the club from Watchung, New Jersey, which is a 170 mile roundtrip! James, however, believes there is some synchronicity between the two locations. “Geologists think that before Long Island was separated from the Continent, the Hudson flowed into New Jersey and emptied into what is now Raritan Bay. If that really was the case, my town would have been on the banks of the Hudson River.”

James is a tall, mellow guy with a kind disposition. He is a member and active participant of a Quaker Meeting in Plainfield, New Jersey, formerly serving as their clerk on the Committee for Peace and Social Concerns. He is currently majoring in History at Rutgers University, and has requested that anybody reading this column consider him loaning copies of old Broadsides, Clearwater Navigators, newspaper clippings, films, etc. to help him with his research on the History of the Environmental Movement on the Hudson River, especially the Clearwater and BSC’s contributions. I am pretty sure Betty Harkins and Mary Schmalz have 90% of those records. BTW, James comes from a large family that includes 4 brothers and two golden retrievers.

Mr. Malchow’s first encountered the BSC in 2009, took note of the potluck date, and returned for the first meeting of June 2010. He says he was “immediately hooked. I loved the mix of sailing, music, and both local and broad-based activism. A frequent contributor to the monthly Circle of Song, James plays both guitar and ukulele, the latter created “from a cigar box, when the last one broke. Cigar box instruments used to be common, like in the Mississippi Delta, where lots of blues musicians played cigar box guitar.” This past June, he also took on sailing, as member of the Woody’s Tuesday night crew, under the colorful Captain Steve Schwartz.

His appraisal of the BSC after 20 months of membership? James thinks the Beacon Sloop Club is a pretty amazing place and is inspired by the “amount of work the BSC has accomplished and how long it has been around. If you do the math of how many guests the Woody takes out by how long it has been in the water, it comes to something like 40,000 people over the years. That’s no small deal.” He wishes he could do more activities with the club, but the distance from homebase is clearly prohibitive.

We forgive you, Mr. Machow, for not helping out more often with the club, but NOT for being a Red Sox Fan!
Fighting for Survival

As you all know, it has been a strange fall so far. We have thousands of Americans marching in anti-Wall Street rallies (some from the BSC), and leaves that still remain emerald despite the fact that it is Columbus Day Weekend, usually the peak for color during the autumn season. Are these auspicious signs or signs simply of nature responding in a predictable manner to chaos and torrential rains? The same could be said of our Sailor's Program. Will we ignore nature, or just plod on, avoiding the inevitable outcome?

Next weekend, we have two events that sailors and captains should be supporting: the Woody Sailors Meeting and the Pumpkin Festival. The Sailors will begin discussing and voting on pertinent issues at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 15th, while the Pumpkin Festival takes place the following day, Sunday, October 16th, from noon to five for the public. I do hope to see all hands on deck for every aspect of that festival, as well as active participation in the Sailor's Meeting, as we are approaching a critical turning point involving the Woody Guthrie.

Before I ask each of you about fundraising, think to yourself, "What is it like to sail the Woody? What have I learned? Who have I met? Who have I taught? Where have I sailed?" Finally, you may ask, "How is this program going to continue?" The responses to the first five questions may be subjective, but the response to the last one is not. This mission to bring new sailors and guests to the Hudson River is a precious one and is just finishing its 33rd year, having sailed thousands during that period, but now we are at a crossroads.

Yes, the Woody looks good on the outside. The inside frame, however, is another matter. We have about 52 of the original 60 frames to replace. They are, of course, made out of wood, and they are cracking and rotting at an alarming rate, mostly because they have been around since 1977. The Krickers shored up and replaced the worst ones this past winter and spring, but the lion's share remain vulnerable. The planks of the Woody are attached to these ribs, and if a rib is unstable, the plank will spring because it is insecure. We had one twelve foot plank literally hanging on by a thread last year. If not for Kip and Baldino tarring it temporarily back into place, we would have not found the Woody waiting for us at the charging dock, but at the bottom of the Hudson River.

Captain Labarr knows this and has leapt into action. He has personally been in charge of many fundraisers for our sloop, and I commend him for his love and dedication, but the time has come for ALL of us who care to take responsibility for coming up with the $180,000 needed to secure our vessel. Alan Thomas, Alice Vaughn, myself and others have scoured the Internet for funding sources, and have come up with a few donors, yet we have a long way to go.

Please show up at the meeting if you wish to contribute ideas or volunteer to assist in this effort. 2012 may be the LAST Woody sailing season if we do not get creative, resourceful, and work our butts off. I apologize if this message is didactic in tone, but we have gotten to the point where any other tone would be deceitful. Pitch in, sailor folk, and show the world, once again, that we have what it takes to be a role model for volunteers in our community.

See ya on the River!
Gigi Fris
Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) Meeting on gas drilling regulations Scheduled Oct. 21st

The DRBC is a federal/interstate government agency responsible for managing the water resources within the 13,539 square-mile Delaware River Basin. The five commission members are the governors of the basin states (Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania) and the commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ North Atlantic Division, who represents the federal government.

The DRBC has scheduled a special meeting on October 21, to consider adoption of gas drilling regulations. This meeting, open to the public, will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, 1 Memorial Drive, in Trenton, N.J.

The purpose of the proposed regulations is to protect the water resources of the Delaware River Basin during the development and operation of natural gas projects. The October 21 meeting will not include a public hearing.

Additional information can be found on the commission’s web site at www.drbc.net.

Comments on DEC Revised Draft SGEIS for Horizontal Drilling and High-Volume Hydraulic Fracturing in the Marcellus Shale will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. December 12, 2011. The document is available for public review at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/data/dmn/rsgeisfull0911.pdf

To help those interested in understanding the issues involving horizontal drilling and high-volume hydraulic fracturing, several fact sheets are also available, listed as supplementary documents here: http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/75370.html

The proposed regulations may be found here: http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/77353.html and are available for public comment. Comments may be submitted using the following link: http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/76838.html

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Riverkeeper reports Beacon Sewage Overflow

Riverkeeper recently issued a press release regarding raw sewage flowing into the Beacon Harbor from a pipe just south of Riverfront Park. Based on a tip from a member of the public to their office on September 17, Riverkeeper documented the discharge and called it into the DEC and to the City of Beacon.

Riverkeeper sampled in the area of the discharge again on September 23. That sample also indicated very high sewage levels.

The following is an excerpt from a statement issued by the Mayor Gold for the City of Beacon on September 28:

On September 19, 2011 a NYSDEC engineer conducted an inspection of the outfall accompanied by the City’s Water and Sewer Superintendent, Jamie McCollum. At that time, the NYSDEC representative and Mr. McCollum concurred that they observed no physical evidence showing that this location was conveying anything other than stormwater to the Hudson River and the site was consistent with what was depicted in the Riverkeeper photographs, taken prior to the 19th and provided to the NYSDEC. The NYSDEC engineer returned to the site on September 27 and, again accompanied by Mr. McCollum, reinspected the site. During that visit the DEC engineer made a request to the Dutchess County Health Department to sample the outfall for bacteria which would be indicative of sewage.

The City takes the matter seriously of sewage discharge caused by the last two storms and our aging infrastructure. I have directed its engineering consultants to review the physical aspects of the stormwater pipe and outfall as they relate to the representations made by Riverkeeper. The City will conduct its own sampling of the outfall on September 29th and submit the samples to a NY Certified Laboratory for testing. Once the test results are available, the City will meet with the NYSDEC to determine what further steps might be appropriate.

For the full statement: http://www.cityofbeacon.org/news

No test results or additional information has been posted as of press time.

The Beacon Sloop Club

Pumpkin Festival

Sunday October 16th
Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Rain or Shine

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BSC General Fund  | Amount  | Membership | Paypal  | Woody & Small Boats | Festival & Event | Newsletter | Harbor | Clubhouse
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Donation       | 320.00 |          |        |                   |                |            | 320.00 |
AED            | 337.25 |          |        |                   |                |            | 337.25 |
Membership     | 267.45 | 195.00   | 72.45  |                   |                |            |        |
Vendor         | 190.00 |          |        |                   |                |            | 190.00 |
Sloop Woody Dinner Raffle | 845.00 |          |        |                   |                |            | 845.00 |
Save Our Sloop | 283.00 |          |        |                   |                |            | 283.00 |
Clearwater Donation | (1,000.00) |          |        |                   |                |            |        |
Broadside      | (378.16) |          |        |                   |                |            | (378.16) |
Supplies (Patio) | (178.79) |          |        |                   |                |            | -178.79 |
Woodsy Maintenance | (51.51) |          |        |                   |                |            | (51.51) |
Lunch for Irene Clean-up | (60.00) |          |        |                   |                |            | -60.00 |
Legal Fees     | (400.00) |          |        |                   |                |            | -400.00 |
Herring Sanitation | (255.00) |          |        |                   |                |            | -255.00 |
Safeo Alarm Systems | (105.00) |          |        |                   |                |            | -105.00 |
Total Monthly Income and Expenses | (185.76) | 195.00   | 72.45  | 1,076.49          | 190.00          |            | (378.16) |
OPENING BALANCE | 45,870.26 |          |        |                   |                |            |        |
CLOSING BALANCE | 45,684.50 |          |        |                   |                |            |        |
Executive Committee meeting, Tues October 25th 7:00 p.m., at the BSC clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting November 4th– 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 Fri., 5 to 6 p.m.

Pumpkin Festival Pie Baking, Sat. Oct. 15, Set-up 8:00 am, Baking 9:00 am, at Dutchess Junction Volunteer Fire House, Rte 9D and Slocum Rd., Dutchess Junction

Woody Sailor’s Meeting, Sat. Oct. 15, 9:00 am, at the BSC Clubhouse.

Pumpkin Festival, Sun. Oct 16, set-up starting at 8:00 am, Festival noon-5:00 pm, clean-up 5:00pm, At the Beacon Waterfront.

Clearwater Pumpkin Sail – public sail, Sun Oct.16, 4:00 pm, from Beacon Harbor, reservations and fee required.

Clearwater Honors George Wein, founder of the Newport Folk and Jazz Festivals, Friday, October 21, 8pm at the Peter Jay Sharp Theatre at Symphony Space in NYC.

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

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY IN BEACON, Sat. Oct. 22, Municipal Center, Beacon, Contact info@zerotogo.org.

Sunday Author Series | Ted Spiegel: The Hudson's Seasons & Spans, Sunday October 23, 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM reception from 2-4pm followed by a discussion of his book "Hudson Valley Voyage: Through the Seasons, Through the Years," from 4-5pm. BIRE, 199 Main St., Beacon

Mission Wolf, Sat./Sun. October 29 - 3:00 pm, October 30 - 10:30 am, New Paltz, NY - Mohonk Mt House - 845-255-1000

Thomas Locker Hudson: The Story of a River, Sunday, Nov 13, 4 pm, BIRE The Gallery at 199 Main Street, Beacon, NY Wed. Oct. 19, 8 a.m. – 4:15 p.m., SOUTHEAST NY

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