A Message from Our President:

October flew by. We enjoyed a wonderful Pumpkin Festival with good weather, great music, delicious pie, stone soup, chili, pumpkin soup, and more. Our volunteers are just terrific and we had excellent publicity both before and after the festival. It was quite an event. And a big Thank You to the Dutchess Junction Fire Dept for kindly allowing use of their kitchen again this year. We truly appreciate it. (See back page for upcoming DJFD fundraiser..wreath making on 12/3)

We’re not slowing down in November. The Woody is back at White’s and work parties are lined up for the Woody and the Harbor on Saturday. We have a special fundraiser coming -an Indian cooking demonstration, including a tasting and an opportunity to ask questions. This is being led by Mitesh Goyal and will held at Jim Finnegan’s home on the 19th.

Thank you to our friends at RiverPool for a generous donation to the repair and upkeep of the Woody. We greatly appreciate it.

Remember that elections will be held at the December meeting, so come, bring a potluck dish, enjoy the food and the people, vote, and stay for the music.

Twelve months from now we plan to begin the major restoration of the Woody’s frame. In order to pull this off we need to energize the entire club behind that project. Along those lines we came up with the idea of a grassroots effort that I dubbed the 50x 500 goal. More details can be found on page 4. A big thank you to Betty for being the first to step up.

See you at the river,
Rosemary

Inside this issue:
Pumpkins, pumpkins, nominations for officers, the end of the sailing season, and much, much more…. 
BSC Membership Form

Name __________________________________________ Street Address __________________________________________

City __________________________ State ____ ZIP ______ Phone ______-____-______ Email __________________________

Membership donation $ __________ Renewal ____ New Member ____ Save Our Sloop Fund donation $ __________

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.

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Would you like information on Clearwater Membership? ☐ How did you hear of us? ______________________

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 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 almost there!

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Welcome. Club President Rosemary Thomas welcomed first-time visitors to the Club.

Treasurer’s Report: Sarah Elisabeth reported the opening balance as $45,684 and the closing balance as $38,436. The full treasurer’s report appears elsewhere in the Broadside.

Woody Sailors: Tom LaBarr announced that the Woody was taken to White’s Marina during the last week by a hardy crew. The motor controller is in shipment and will be tested soon. Tom reminded us of the yahoo group and the Beacon Sloop Club facebook pages for work schedules and events over the winter.

Building Committee, Claudine Craig once again thanked Saul Rozinsky, Ron Bell, Mike Bozzo, and David Eberle for helping to reinforce the fence with cement and to spread stones over the patio area before the Pumpkin Festival, October 16. It is a fine improvement. Meanwhile, a fan will be installed in the multirum. Ken Miller will help with the work. * Suggestions for user instructions for the multirum to help keep it clean (including an interactive video!) and to keep the seat down. * The Committee will next address improvements to the areas afflicted with mold and a different method of conducting the tree through the roof to reduce moisture. * We are looking for grants to help support upkeep and improvements to the Club building.

Environmental Committee, Gigi Fris and Alan Thomas announced the environmental series coming up the third Friday of every month starting in January. This season there will be lectures and demonstrations involving history, archaeology, art of the Hudson and others. The schedule will be available in December.

Festivals, Rosemary Thomas thanked David Eberle who coordinated the Pumpkin Festival. She displayed articles in the Southern Dutchess News, Beacon Free Press and the Poughkeepsie Journal. The Clearwater had 845 people aboard during the festival, not including those who sailed. * Pete Seeger offered the decades-old recipes for shortcake and whipped cream served at the festival for fundraising. He called the strawberry shortcake from New York City “... un-American. The strawberries are warm and the shortcake is cold!” Club volunteers, of course, always serve the shortcake right out of the oven and keep the freshly hulled berries chilled in coolers. They serve up the cake & berries with fresh whipped cream on top throughout the day.

Elections, Rosemary Thomas called for nominations for 2012 Club officers: nominations made during the meeting were:
For President: David Eberle and Steve Schwarz; for Vice President: Saul Rozinsky; for Treasurer: Sarah Elisabeth; for Secretary: Vane Lashua. These nominees’ names will be printed on the ballots that will be distributed at the December meeting. Nominations for all officers can be made up to the time of voting. You must be a member and be present at the December meeting to vote or to nominate others. New or renewal memberships will be accepted prior to the start of the meeting.

Announcements:

Clearwater is having its annual holiday party on Friday, December 9 * Sue Altkin reminded us that wolves from The Mission Wolf visited Mohonk Mt. House the weekend of Oct. 30. * Seeds of Harmony will meet once again, Sunday, November 14. Twelve people were at last month’s meeting, and it is growing in popularity. * Chris Ruhe announced the upcoming “occupy Beacon” (this Saturday past) and the Nov. 12 occupy Poughkeepsie movement, some of whose members were on his radio program this week. * Dan Searles, who has been involved since its inception, asked for volunteers to support NYC Occupy Wall Street. They can always use coats, blankets and food. * Spook Handy and David Bernz visited OWS and explored asking for words for songs in the best of the folk tradition. * J.C. Calderon showed two drawings of Pete’s that he discovered in his mother’s basement. Pete had created them at her request for JC and his sibling. Pete signed them. * Michael Skolnik is opening for Louie Nyle at a club in Teaneck called Mexicali Blue on Nov. 19.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vane Lashua, Secretary

Betty Harkins is the first member to volunteer to raise $500 over the next year! * David Eberle will open his house for a cocktail party fundraiser on Sunday, December 11, 2pm - 6pm. * We hope many more join Betty and David. Committee Budgets are due NOW, for review at the December Executive meeting and approval at the December membership meeting.

For President:
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Fundraising, Rosemary Thomas: As an example of an upcoming fundraiser, Rosemary introduced Mitesh Goyal who has volunteered to teach Indian cooking at an event to be held at 4pm on Saturday, November 19 at the home of Jim Finnegan in New Hamburg. * A Regatta, jointly sponsored by the Chelsea Yacht Club, is in the planning stages. It would be held in the summer of 2012 and its proceeds would go toward the major renovation scheduled for the Sloop Woody Guthrie at the end of next year’s season.

Rosemary appealed for more grassroots fundraising, asking if anyone would pledge to raise $500 over the next year as an individual or with a friend or crewmate by whatever means they choose.

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We’ve had 14 people use it so far generating $51.68 in 3 months. Think what it could be with 60 or 100 members participating year round (or for the Holidays).

http://www.goodsearch.com/
Anthony Acquisto has been with the Woody Sailors since 2005. He first got curious when his Beacon neighbor, Curtis Harvey, regaled him with his adventures at the Sloop Club. Tony began by attending Sailing Classes with Gail Robinson of Monday crew, but ended up sailing on Friday with Captain Ben Mazer. Tony loves sailing the Woody. He says he "enjoys planting an environmental seed in all the guests we take out; they are coming out for fun, but when they get off of the boat they have a new awareness to bring home with them." Anthony is also grateful for all the training he has received from Captain Ben over the years. "When I started I knew nothing about sailing, but from the beginning he has been patient and encouraging, teaching me new skills. Every season Ben gives me more responsibilities, such as learning to rig the boat."

In his "real" life, Tony is a conductor on Metro North, but he is also a passionate and accomplished musician. He plays a wide range of music: rock, jazz, classical, with a guitar to match every genre. He is a huge fan of Chet Atkins, Jimmy Page, Wes Montgomery, Jeff Beck and at least 20 others. When I called to interrogate him tonight for this interview, he was busy practicing his new love, the bagpipes. His daughter, Sophia, is learning to play them as well.

Tony's biggest partner in crime is Captain Tom Baldino. They have been moonlighting as a jazz duo called Tn'T for about five years now, playing regular gigs, mostly in Beacon and Cold Spring. Lately, they've been appearing monthly at Chill, the wine bar on Main Street in Beacon (get on their mailing list if you want the dates and time). Frankly, it is not surprising they are entertaining there, as vino is another one of their mutual loves. Tony makes his own red wines, labeled "Vino dei Fratelli," and although Baldino is not part of the wine making fraternity, he is definitely around for the drinking part.

Volunteering has always come as second nature to Anthony. Every other weekend, he visits Elant, a local nursing home, to cheer up the residents with his tunes. He also wants to eventually do more for the Woody Sailors by becoming a captain. Tony realizes the program needs new captains and infusions of new leadership are important to continue the environmental cause. As Tony is highly regarded in the club and community for his tremendous work ethic and kind disposition, we hope his wish becomes a reality.

Finally, and I have to write something about my sister in this piece or she will kill me, Anthony is a wonderful husband and Dad. He has been married to my sister, Mary Fris, since 1989. I learned a lot about my future brother in law just before the wedding. You see, my sister was getting the classic pre-nuptial jitters and acting strange, SURPRISE. She talked to Tony about her nervousness and he was utterly mellow, not angry or threatened at all. "If you need more time, take it." he told her. Feeling like she wasn't going to get controlled or hemmed in by his gentle demeanor and attitude, she confidently went ahead with the ceremony, and they have been married happily for twenty two years. Anthony is truly one of the best people I have ever met, and we are lucky to have as a member of our club (and family).
The Woody eased its way back up the Hudson to White's Marina on Tuesday, November 1st. The capable Captains Schwartz, Ancliffe and Baldino, assisted by crew Rich Holzman and Mark Leckner, had a peaceful cruise back on an uncharacteristically warm, late autumn day. Derigging parties are underway every weekend until Thanksgiving, so call your captain or check on the Woody Sailors Yahoo Group for details.

We got some good news today. George Samalot, the President of the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association, has agreed to allow his organization assist the Woody Sailors Program with corporate sponsorship for the Regatta fundraiser we plan on holding in Newburgh Bay during the summer of 2012. We all owe this positive decision to the influence of former BSC President and current Friday crew member John McLaughlin. John runs the Chelsea Yacht Club's Youth Sailing Program, and made a very persuasive speech to the Board on our behalf. Thanks ever so much for your continued belief and support of the Woody's mission, John.

Other sailors and captains are also stepping up to the plate, in terms of fundraising. Captain Labarr will once again be throwing the annual Woody Fundraising Dinner in late February of 2012. Lionel Lutely, of Wednesday night crew, is a Beacon resident who is planning an Art Auction on behalf of the boat sometime next spring. I hooked him up with the lovely Carla Goldberg of BAU, the accomplished artist and wife of 1st mate Steve Van Der Merwe on Tuesday night crew. Hopefully, her sparkle will ignite the process of putting together a fantastic event.

Finally, gracias to all Woody crew and captains for their hard work this sailing season. Thanks for inspiring the rest of us with your good deeds and deep concern for the environment, our mission, and the community.

Once again our volunteers came through to make a great festival. We must have set some kind of record selling out of 93 pies, over 400 bowls of chili and soup (on top of the free stone soup), 50 vendors, 8 eels, Pumpkin Sail … …Wow! Thank you again to all who helped with pie baking, selling food and pumpkins, set-up and clean-up, music, publicity, environmental displays, and all the little things that made this happen. This was the sloop club at its best bringing the public to our great and beautiful river.
EPA issues statement on Hydro-fracking Study

On November 1st the EPA released the following, “Initial research results are expected by the end of 2012. A final report will be released in 2014. EPA is working to complete the study in a timely manner so that the results are available to the public. We have therefore initiated some activities that provide a foundation for the full study. Importantly, all of these activities were explicitly described in the draft study plan and supported by the SAB. EPA has been fully transparent about the goals of the initial work and the approaches being taken. As laid out in both the draft study plan and the final study plan, we have conducted an initial literature review, requested and received information from industry on chemicals and practices used in hydraulic fracturing, discussed initial plans for case studies with landowners and state, local and industry representatives, and conducted baseline sampling for retrospective case studies using scientifically sound approaches that have been shared with collaborators. This work will enable us to provide more results in the 2012 report.”

For additional information on the EPA role in the ‘Fracking’ debate:
http://water.epa.gov/type/groundwater/uic/class2/hydraulicfracturing/index.cfm

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/rdsg Eisfull0911.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

The following public hearings have been scheduled.

Indian Point

ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/comm/Energy/20111109

SUBJECT:
Potential Closure of Indian Point Energy Center (IPEC).

PURPOSE:
To Examine the Impact of the Potential Closure of IPEC on New York's Economy and Electrical System, and Identify Alternatives to Offset or Replace Power Provided by IPEC.

NEW YORK CITY
December 8, 2011
10:00 a.m.
Assembly Hearing Room
250 Broadway
Room 1923, 19th Floor

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Delaware River Basin Commission Vote on Draft Natural Gas Regulations
Monday, November 21, 2011 10 AM to Noon, Patriots Theater at the War Memorial 1 Memorial Drive, Trenton, N.J.

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 doors to this public meeting will open at 9:30 a.m. A presentation summarizing the proposed regulations issued on Nov. 7th will be provided prior to the vote by the commissioners. The meeting will not include a hearing to accept comments from the public prior to the anticipated vote. For further information contact: Clarke Rupert 609-883-9500 ext. 260 or clarke.rupert@drbc.state.nj.us

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

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting December 2nd– potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Harbor Work party, Sat. Nov. 12, 8:00 am, at the Clubhouse

Woody Work party, Sat. Nov. 12, mast to be pulled at noon, at White’s Marina, New Hamburg

Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse- Sharon Katz & The Peace Train with special guest Abigail Kubeka, Saturday, Nov. 12, 7:30 PM 250 Bryant Ave, White Plains, NY Advance Tickets at www.walkaboutclearwater.org

Thomas Locker Hudson: The Story of a River, Sunday, Nov 13, 4 pm, BIRE The Gallery at 199 Main Street, Beacon, NY

Revitalizing Hudson Riverfronts Workshop, Thursday, November 17, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Scenic Hudson River Center, Long Dock Park, Beacon

SOS Event: Exploring Indian Vegetarian Cooking- w/ Mitesh Goyal, Sat. Nov 19th, 4:00 pm at Jim Finnigan’s house, 9 Division St., New Hamburg, $20 suggested Donation, call 463-4660 for a reservation

Reminder of what happens if we don’t get the Woody under wraps in time

Woody derigging and winter prep at White’s Marina – contact your captain and watch the Woody Sailor’s group for times and dates.

Dutchess Junction Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary Fundraiser, Saturday, December 3rd, 1-3 pm At the Firehouse

Finding Opportunity in the Climate Crisis, Sat. December 10, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Catharine Street Community Center, 69 Catharine Street, Poughkeepsie, NY, (entrance at 152 Mansion St.)

SOS Event: Cocktail Party at the Home of David and Lynn Eberle, Sunday, December 11th, 2:00-6:00 pm, Slocum Rd, Beacon

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ON A SHOESTRING BUDGET - The Hudson River Watershed Alliance's annual conference, Thurs., Dec. 15. at the FDR Library in Hyde Park. For more information: Barbara Kendall, 914-474-2759, barbara@hudsonwatershed.org

Annual Holiday Sing, Friday, December 16th, 7:30pm at the Beacon Sloop Club Clubhouse. Bring a donation for the Dutchess Food Pantry

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