A Message from Our President:

I thank you for the privilege of serving you as president of the Sloop Club. I will do my best to make sure we have a good year. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. As usual our celebrations were capped by a Great Holiday Sing organized by David Bernz. Thanks to Gigi and others for decorating the Club House.

We also had a wonderful open house at my home, with great food brought by all, music by Pete Seeger and Spook Handy, and lots of good cheer. We even introduced a few new people to the Beacon Sloop Club and raised $525 for our Save Our Sloop campaign. If you missed it, you missed a great party. Come next year, even if you can only donate a dollar or two.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our Past President Rosemary for a job well done. We now have a signed lease for our Club House. I also wish to thank all those who have worked to improve the club house and patio as well as those who have worked to make our festivals a success.

This year and next our focus will be on our beloved wooden sloop, the Woody Guthrie, and the repairs she needs. Considering the amount of money we need, it may seem like a daunting task. But as Edward Hopper the longshoreman philosopher said, “Extraordinary things can be accomplished by ordinary people working together.” Our main fundraising effort will be the Living River Regatta at Beacon-Newburg to be held in late August. The winner will receive the Woody Guthrie Cup. We have established a Regatta committee, co-chaired by John McLaughlin and myself. But we need volunteers for the committees. For it to be a success we will need the assistance of everyone. This is our time to shine and show everyone what we can do when we all work together.

I welcome everyone to bring a friend and come down to the Beacon Waterfront, where on the first Friday of every month, even on the coldest days, there in a building with a tree growing through its roof where one will find a roaring fire, music, food, and lots of good fellowship. Best of all its completely free!

Thanks for making the past year successful and best wishes for a wonderful new year

David Eberle

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Holiday cheer, too many Santas to count, winter lectures begin, renewal time, much, much more….
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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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Welcome - Newly elected Club President David Eberle welcomed first-time visitors – from Manhattan, Cold Spring and New Orleans – to the Club. David led the Club in kudos for the exceptional service of outgoing President Rosemary Thomas who served the previous two years.

Treasurer's Report - Sarah Elisabeth reported expenses and income for the month. The opening balance was $39,622 and the closing balance, $39,379. Tom LaBarr reminded the Club that membership renewals are due for most folks in January. An application and fee schedule appears on page 2 of the Broadside and at www.beaconsloopclub.org. Anyone who cannot afford the fee should see him to make alternate arrangements.

Woody Report. Tom LaBarr. The Woody is under tarp at White's Marina, as usual in the winter. Tom reminded those present that volunteer work opportunities are listed on the Woody Sailors Site and Facebook pages. Most work begins in March and working with the maintenance team is a wonderful way to celebrate the mission of the Club. Tom reported that the Harbor Master job is open. We are recruiting to fill this critical position. The Harbor team’s pontoon boat is out of the water but needs to move off the boat ramp. River Pool at Beacon has kindly agreed to store it over the winter in their enclosure in Riverfront Park.

Fundraising- David Eberle thanked those who attended the open house at his and Lynn’s home last month. It raised $550. An anonymous donor has offered to match each $100 raised or donated by individuals this spring up to $1500! The Club will be running a Hudson River Yacht Racing Association sanctioned regatta which is planned for August. We are very grateful to John McLaughlin, David Eberle, Gigi Fris, and Kevin Haydon for the cooperative arrangements. We will be seeking to fill key committee positions so please consider helping out.

Building Committee, Claudine Craig once again thanked Saul Rozinsky, Ron Bell, Mike Bazzo, David Eberle, Jim Krivo, Rosemary, Gigi and others for finishing the reinforcing of the fence behind the Club with cement. Further reinforcement was scheduled for Sunday. Contractors are submitting estimates for repairs to ceiling and upgrade for the opening in the roof for our “pet pine tree”.

Environmental Committee, Steve van der Merwe reviewed the schedule for the environmental series coming up the third Friday of every month January-May. On Friday, January 20, comes share an evening with one of the world's only female fireboat engineers, Jessica Dulong, author of My River Chronicles whose life includes working on, then buying a tugboat and helping with the aftermath of 9/11. And that's just the first program!

Holiday Sing - The Club owes a debt of gratitude to David Bernz and company for coordinating the 12th annual Holiday Sing, December 16. The house was packed from 6:30 till 10pm. The Rivertown Kids opened to a full house, and David Bernz, Pete Seeger, Dan Einbinder, Chris Ruhe, Jacob Bernz and many others passed on the joy of gathering for the holidays with song.

Announcements: Chris Ruhe announced his 1/8, Howland Wolves concert at the Howland Center. ** Gloria Waslyn remanded that comments on hydraulic fracturing in New York close on 1/11. ** Phil Sauers invited everyone to a special gathering at St. John's Church on Christopher Street, NYC, Friday, 1/13. The regular 2nd Thursday Friends of Clearwater meeting there is moved to Friday in order to celebrate his 75th birthday. ** Bob Walters invited us all to visit the Science Barge at the Yonkers waterfront beginning in March. He maintains 2 greenhouses and exhibits there for the public. ** Dan Einbender invited the Club to the 5th annual Martin Luther King Day celebration by the Rivertown Kids, January 16 at the Howland Center, Beacon. Proceeds go to support the Howland Cultural Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Vane Lashua, Secretary

We were surprised and thrilled to have Peter Yarrow at our December meeting. He arrived by train to join us for the circle of song. We hope that he had as much fun as the rest of us. I know that many of our regular participants were excited to play with one of folk’s legends.

Photos by Russ Cusick.
Music for the Season
We kept up a Sloop Club tradition with a very talented line-up for the holiday sing. As the room filled and the pile of food pantry donations grew in the corner the standing-room-only crowd forgot the cold outside and sang along with artist after artist.
And what a beautiful array of treats people brought. I especially liked Liz’s penguins, truly an endangered species; they almost disappeared before I could get my camera.

Santas, Santas, Everywhere….
David and Lynn Eberle hosted a wonderful holiday open house at their historic home which was exquisitely decorated for the holidays. David claims to have 400 Santas but I lost count.

It was a chance to wind down after a busy year, sharing great food and great music with our friends. A big Thank you to everyone who brought a dish to share, lent your voice to the sing along, or spread good cheer in other ways.

We had several surprise guests (at least to most of us). Mayor Gold came by with the clubhouse lease and held an impromptu signing ceremony in the living room. Pete and Spook Handy brought their instruments and graciously entertained us with holiday and sing-along favorites.

Thank you David and Lynn!
Sound Bite
by Gigi Fris
Lionel Lutley kindly contributed the following.

I was born and raised in Woking, Surrey UK which is about 30 miles south of London. I gained a Bachelor's Electrical Engineering degree at Southbank University, London. Since moving to the US I have obtained a New York Professional Engineer license. I work for a Consultant Engineering firm in Manhattan as a design engineer on transport infrastructure projects.

I am a member of the two BSC's in town, the second being the Beacon Soccer Club where I coach my son's intermediate level team aged 9-12. I also play at the weekends and follow UK soccer club Crystal Palace, who are a South London based team in the Championship League.

Whilst living in London I met my wife Sanne who is originally from NH. She was studying Chinese politics at the School of Oriental and African Studies. Her visa expired shortly after we met so she was forced to return to USA. But, we maintained a long distance relationship between the UK and NH and I'm sure that my telephone bills over that year helped British Telecom share prices to double. After a year we married in the UK where we lived for 6 years and raised our two children Aidan, 10 and Kirsten, 12 who now both attend Beacon City schools. Sanne also works as support staff for school district.

When we decided to move to America we searched the internet for a place to live within commuting distance of New York. Telecom share prices to double.

My introduction to BSC was the Christmas Sing-along of 2008. I dropped my daughter, Kirsten, off as she was performing with Dan Einbender and the Kids from Room 12. I stayed and watched the kids' performance like the other parents but when the other parents left, Kirsten and I stayed and watched the remainder of the evening's performances. I have enjoyed every Christmas Sing-along since.

My first sailing experience occurred at the age of 25 when I sailed as crew from South Hampton around the Isle of White, off the south coast of England; this is the same route as the famous America's Cup. I found my sea legs after the obligatory sea sickness at 2am half way out on the Solent. I would have paid good money to get off the boat there and then but I stuck it out. I guess this was where I truly became hooked on sailing but never got the opportunity to realize it until finding the Woody Wednesday crew in August 2010 when my kids and I took a guest sail. The Wednesday crew welcomed us aboard and took good care of us whilst we munched our snacks and watched the crew set to work. I was particularly reassured that my family was in good hands each time I heard Karen shout the location of the Beacon ferry as it passed.

The whole crew made a good impression because I asked to join them in the following weeks, I was hooked right there. Since then I have shucked corn, set up tents, hulled strawberries and hauled pumpkins to generally do my bit during the seasonal festivals.

Thanks guys, for always being generous to pass on your sailing knowledge and being patient when I take too long to get the blooming knots right! Last winter I attended the BSC sailing course, which was excellent. I still have a lot to learn about sailing but I am enjoying the experience of being part of the Woody crew.

I have also helped out with maintenance on the cold Sunday mornings at Whites Marina, and have seen the ageing state of the Woody's hull. I am trying to set up a charity auction within the Beacon artist community to raise money towards hull replacement. The idea is to bring together for auction, Beacon artists and the creative skills of BSC musicians, cooks and any other skills we can find. I am acutely aware of the need to find a way to auction art work so that it is financially beneficial to the artists and their career whilst helping raise money for the Sloop, which is a focal part of our community. In addition to artists work, the aim is also to auction creative skills, such as music lessons, cooking lessons, painting lessons or making dinner for a family at their home. If anyone would like to assist me in organizing this event, please feel free to contact me. I hope that this auction will not only raise money but also maintain the spirit of community working together for a worthy cause, which is what attracted me to this area five years ago.

Hinchey urges Governor Cuomo to withdraw DSGEIS on fracking

As the public comment period drew to a close this week Congressman Maurice Hinchey called on Governor Cuomo to withdraw the revised draft supplemental generic environmental impact statement on hydro-fracking in the Marcellus Shale and other areas in the state.

Writing to the governor Hinchey stated, “Despite the hard work and sincere efforts by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to update the DSGEIS, I believe this document falls far short of what is needed to protect local communities from the risks posed by shale gas drilling and does not fully mitigate potential threats, including those to public health, drinking water, air quality, and municipal infrastructure.”

NPS decision a major victory

The National Park Service (NPS) rejected the expansion of the Susquehanna-Roseland transmission line across the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and the Appalachian Trail. The Park Service will be holding hearings to get public input about this plan. To read more or to comment, visit: http://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfmparkID=220

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The Environmental Committee Proudly Presents:
The 2012 FREE Winter Lecture Series
Come join us for an informative evening

When: 3rd Friday of the Month, 7:00 PM
Where: The Beacon Sloop Club, Beacon Harbor, Beacon, NY (across from Metro North riverside)

Fri., Jan. 20th 7pm, REDISCOVERING THE WORK THAT BUILT AMERICA. Author Jessica DuLong "My River Chronicles" A Personal and Historical Journey from working a dot.com to owning and operating a tug boat on the Hudson.

Fri., Feb. 17th 7pm HOW CLEAN IS THE HUDSON RIGHT NOW AND WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP CLEAN IT? A lecture by Andrew Meyer and Emily Vail from the DEC. Find out about how water quality is measured and what's the river's current health status.

Fri., March 16th, 7pm “OF TIME AND THE RIVER: SONGS OF THE HISTORIC HUDSON” a lecture by former Sloop Singer Linda Russell which traces life along the Hudson as seen in folk ballads, Erie Canal ditties and dance tunes accompanied by guitar, pennywhistle & hammered & mountain dulcimers. “

Fri., April 20th, 7pm UNDERSTANDING PAST NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURES IN THE HUDSON VALLEY THROUGH ARCHAEOLOGY A lecture by Eugene J. Boesch. This presentation examines Native American cultures and adaptations in the southeastern New York region from the area's earliest occupation by humans, at least 13,000 years ago, to the period of initial European exploration

Fri., May 18th, 7pm “ORGANIC GARDENING IN CUBA” a presentation by Nora Hamond-Gallardo. This lecture includes a brief history of Cuba, and photos of the country and its people and shows how gardens are built, what is planted, and how the produce is sold.

For further information: 914-879-1082, 845 463-4660, or www.beaconsloopclub.org

All events are free and open to the public.
The March and April events are made possible through the support of the New York Council for the Humanities’ Speakers in the Humanities program., the National Endowment for the Humanities and the New York State Legislature, who we gratefully acknowledge.

Volunteers are welcomed for set-up, clean-up, supplying refreshments, and posting flyers.

Martin Luther King Day Celebration for Social Justice
A Benefit Concert for the Howland Cultural Center
Monday, January 16, 2012
7:30 PM (Doors open at 7:00 PM)
Howland Cultural Center
477 Main Street, Beacon, New York

Featuring
Alvin Bell*David Berns*Jacob Berns*Guy Davis
Dan Einbender*Raphael Figueroa*Goldie Greene
Jeff Haynes*Travis Jeffrey*Melissa Orquist

The Rivertown Kids*Chris Ruhe*Pete Seeger*Sarah Underhill

$10.00 Minimum Donation
Sponsored by the Howland Cultural Center and Rivertown Kids, Inc.
For information contact the Howland Cultural Center at (845) 881-4988 or info@rivertownkids.org

Rediscovering the Work that Built America
An Evening with Author Jessica DuLong

A Free Event!
Friday, January 20th, 2012
7:00pm
at the Beacon Sloop Club
(opposite the Beacon train station)

After journalist Jessica DuLong was laid off from her dot-com job, a volunteer day aboard fireboat John J. Harvey led to an engine-room apprenticeship. A decade later, she now serves as chief engineer.

Working with the fireboat’s finely crafted machinery on the waters of the storied Hudson, a birthplace of American industry, made her wonder what America is losing in our shift away from respect for hands-on work. Her questions crystallized after she and her crew served at Ground Zero, where fireboats provided the only water available to fight blazes. In her exploration of the changing meaning of work in America, DuLong interweaves highlights from four centuries of Hudson River history with important questions about our nation’s future.

Clearwater
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Linda Richards
Volunteer Coordinator
845-265-8080 x 7105 Volcoord@Clearwater.org
6th Annual Woody Guthrie Benefit Dinner & 34th Anniversary Party
Saturday, March 3rd
At the River Terrace Restaurant,
2 Beekman Street, Beacon
At the corner of Beekman Street & Route 9 D
Proceeds for the Woody’s Ribs!

Cocktail Hour 6:00 – 7:00
Cash Bar

Live Music

Door Prizes

Dinner Includes:
Soda
Penne A La Vodka

Choose Entree:
Vegan Option TBA
Salmon ala king
Dia Chicken

Italian Cheese Cake, Coffee & Tea

Donation: $50.00 per person

Reservations required. Deadline is February 21st
However, space is limited, so we suggest you reserve now!
For information, call Tom LaBarr: 845-831-4267

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Please Select your Entree

Vegan Option TBA
Salmon ala king
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October    Volunteer Needed
November   Alice Vaughan
December   Alan Thomas
January 2012 Denis Robie
February  Rob May
March      Stephanie Hirschman
April      Bonnie Rozinsky
May       Volunteer Needed
June       Daveid E. Eberle

To signup contact Claudine Craig 895-8758
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Executive Committee meeting, Tues January 24th 7:00 p.m., at David Eberle's House

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting February 3rd– potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

Farmers Market every Sunday, 11-3 p.m., Scenic Hudson's Long Dock Park, Beacon, NY

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

Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse- Cathie Ryan, Saturday, Jan. 14, 7:30 PM, 250 Bryant Ave, White Plains, NY, Advance Tickets at www.walkaboutclearwater.org

School's Out Winter Fun Day, Monday, Oct. 16, noon-4:00pm, Scenic Hudson's Long Dock Park, Beacon, NY, Contact: Anthony Coneski: aconeski@scenichudson.org, 845-473-4440 x273

Martin Luther King Day Celebration for Social Justice, Monday, Jan. 16, 7:30 pm, Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St. Beacon, NY

BSC Winter Lecture Series- Jessica DuLong, Rediscovering the Work that Built America, Friday, Jan. 20, 7:00 PM, at the BSC Clubhouse, Beacon, NY

Joe Crookston, Sun. Jan 22, 2:00 pm, Borderline Folk Music Club, New City ambulance Corps, 200 Congers Rd., New City, NY

The Beauty of Ice (Sculpting Competition), Saturday Feb. 11, noon-4:00pm, Scenic Hudson's Long Dock Park, Beacon, NY Contact: Anthony Coneski: aconeski@scenichudson.org, 845-473-4440 x273

Winter Maintenance, stay in touch through the Woody Sailor's group and your captain, regular work parties will start next year.

Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse- The Ebony Hillbillies, Saturday, Feb. 11, 7:30 PM, 250 Bryant Ave, White Plains, NY, Advance Tickets at www.walkaboutclearwater.org

HOW CLEAN IS THE HUDSON RIGHT NOW AND WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP CLEAN IT? A lecture by Andrew Meyer and Emily Vail from the DEC, Friday, Feb. 17th 7pm, at the BSC Clubhouse, Beacon NY

Scenic Hudson’s Naturalist Lecture Series: “Why Did the Salamander Cross the Road?”, Tuesday Feb. 28, 6:30-8:00pm, Scenic Hudson’s Long Dock Park, Beacon, NY Contact: Anthony Coneski: aconeski@scenichudson.org, 845-473-4440 x273

Ted Spiegel | The Hudson's Seasons & Spans, through March 4, 2012, Gallery at 199 Main Street | Gallery hours

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