A Message from Our President:

“If you want to build a ship, don’t drum up people together to collect wood and don’t assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea.” - Antoine de Saint-Exupery

It is the end of the first month of our 2 year plan to restore our reproduction Hudson River wooden sloop, the Woody Guthrie, to its youthful glory. But it is not just about repairing the boat; it is about providing an opportunity for others to see the Hudson River from a different perspective and learn to value nature not just for how it can be used, but rather for itself as it is. Our ability to achieve this goal depends upon the efforts of all our members and volunteers. Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has. Volunteers are those people who show us what is the best of humanity, their love, compassion, selflessness and service. Being good is a virtue but it is only through action that it achieves its highest value.

Frequently we see the results of people’s efforts, but the actual work they do is not so visible. Behind the scenes, many volunteers have been quite busy. Claudine, Saul, Ron, Rene Vivo, myself, and several others have been working to improve our physical facilities. The new fence looks beautiful and indestructible. A gate will be added soon. We will also be working to improve the multrum, the roof, and the electrical problems.

Steve van der Merwe, Sarah, Alan, Joyce, Jim Schumm, Steve Feyl, and Gigi Fris have created and arranged the lecture series, made the posters, and are doing the publicity. The Club is getting a lot of attention because of the quality of our lectures. My hat is off to them.

If you want to know what you can do; we have the challenge grant which needs to be matched. We can also think about some small events to raise money, such as a chili cook-off. Although there is no “I” in team, there is a “u” in volunteer.

Sincerely,
David Eberle

In addition Ms DuLong showed us that interacting intimately with nature gives us an experience that cannot be gained from being connected to a virtual social world. Maybe we can reverse the trend toward greater rationalization (secularization and routinizat), greater connectivity but with less intimacy, and greater individualism, which leads separation, isolation, and anomie.

The Living River Regatta Committee, (John McLaughlin, Rosemary and Alan Thomas, Phyllis Newman, Susan Berliner, Gigi Fris, and Kevin Haydon, and myself) have been very busy. We are out soliciting sponsors, planning the dinner, creating the website and planning publicity.

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Inside this issue:
Tales of tugboats and lost skills, Indian Point in the news, winter lectures, renewal time, much more....
Please Renew for 2012

BSC Membership Form

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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

Link to Online Renewal: http://beaconsloop.org/Join.html

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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, February 3, 2012

Welcome. After Pete Seeger led the Club with opening music and a rendition of We Shall Overcome, Club President David Eberle welcomed first-time visitors – from Beacon, Cold Spring, and New Brunswick, NJ.

Treasurer's Report: Sarah Elisabeth reported expenses and income for the month. The opening balance was $39,379 and the closing balance, $42,197. The full treasurer’s report appears elsewhere in the Broadside.

Building & Patio: Claudine Craig heaved heavy and deserved praise for the crew who finished off the patio fence behind the Clubhouse that faces the water. All that's left is to create a five foot wide gate to provide access to the boat dock. Saul Rozinsky, David Eberle, “Eddie”, “Dave”, Ron Steele, Rene Vivo were some of the volunteers who made it a work of craft and art. Ken Miller has volunteered to create a vent and install a fan in the multrum. We also need Multrum volunteers for several unfilled monthly duty positions.

Environmental Committee: Alan Thomas, reporting for Steve van der Merwe, noted that the winter lecture kick-off, January 20, with Jessica Dulong, author of My River Chronicles and captain of a tugboat, was well attended and very well received. It's the third Friday of the month through May. A schedule appears elsewhere in the Broadside. The Poughkeepsie Journal has offered the Club an opportunity to provide additional content in its environmental pages. Contact Alan for details.

Woody Report. Jim Birmingham. The Woody continues under tarp at White's Marina, as usual in the winter. Jim reminded those present that volunteer work opportunities are listed on the BSC website and Facebook pages. The annual Block Party will be scheduled soon. It's the annual, pre-season work party to fix, renovate, oil and polish the above-deck blocks and other moving parts for the Woody. It's a popular gathering, so it's always a good time to mix with the crews & captains. The Harbor Management pontoon boat is waiting on some modifications to a trailer before it moves to the River Pool enclosure in Riverfront Park for the rest of the winter.

Membership. Tom LaBarr reminded the Club that membership payments are overdue now if you haven't re-upped. An application and fee schedule appears on page 2 of the Broadside, at http://beaconsloop.org/join.html and on the Facebook group page, Beacon Sloop Club. Anyone who is unable to afford the membership fee may speak with Tom to make alternate arrangements.

Fundraising. Rosemary Thomas unveiled a fundraising chart, designed by son, Robert Thomas, based on a large picture of the Woody. Its sail unfurls up the mast to indicate amounts donated. As mentioned last month, David Eberle will match donations of $100 or more up to $1500. donated to the renovation of the Woody!

The Club will also be the sole beneficiary of proceeds from this year's Hudson River Yacht Racing Association sanctioned charity regatta (8/25/2012). The woody Guthrie Cup – Living River Regatta will be organized and run by the Sloop Club and Chelsea Yacht Club and sanctioned by HRYRA. The Regatta Committee is meeting regularly to organize on-shore and on-water activities. There are many opportunities available for members to join sub-committees. This will be a big event and all hands will be needed to make it a success.

Announcements: It was noted that a suit against Entergy/Indian Point regarding a lack of automated fire safety equipment has been upheld. This requires Entergy to install and test the configuration before it may proceed with relicensing. ** Many activities are planned for the anniversary of the Fukushima disaster, at Indian Point, March 4-12. Jun San, the Buddhist nun from the Grafton Peace Pagoda is planning a walk to connect the reactor communities of Oyster Creek, Indian Point and Vermont Yankee. She also wants to walk more in New Jersey than she has in the past. You are invited to participate in a rally and human chain in front of Indian Point on March 11. ** Connie Hogarth invites the Club to Manhattanville College, February 16 at 7 pm, to hear a round table discussion of Occupy Wall Street and its implications. Richard Brodsky is one of the featured speakers. Contact the Connie Hogarth Center at M'ville for further information on this and other programs in the coming weeks. ** A visitor from River Lovers at Croton and Clearwater Sloop Clearwater are hosting the annual eagle fest (unfortunately after the publication of this issue of the Broadside. ** Gloria Waslyn and Mighty Xee are planning a benefit on March 25 in Woodstock. Save the date and see next month's newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,
Vane Lashua, Secretary

David wore the trousers of a pin-stripe suit to the meeting this evening – the suit in which he called on local banks to be sponsors of the regatta. Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, M&T and Citizens Bank all promised to help. David thanked Kevin Haydon, Rosemary Thomas, Susan Berliner, and others who helped prepare the presentation materials. Anyone with suggestions of other potential sponsors please contact David.

Tom LaBarr announced that the Annual Woody Dinner is scheduled for March 3rd at the River Terrace, located across the street from Dia Beacon. The dinner donation is $50 and includes your choice of entrée and (soft) drink. There is an open bar and raffle prizes galore. Tom invites the donation of potential raffle prizes, and is cruising the streets of Beacon to solicit prizes from merchants. He and asked for volunteers to help with promotion. Please reserve early so we can get an accurate count.

**For more info call Mike at 914-474-0163 or email: osax123@yahoo.com **

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**Chelsea Yacht Club Presents 4th Annual Raining Regatta & Corned Beef/Cabbage Dinner Saturday, March 24th, 2012 from 3pm-7(dinner at 5pm) Supporting the CYC Youth Sailing Program For more info call Mike at 914-474-0163 or email: osax123@yahoo.com**
Some Updates from Common Ground Farm, Our Neighbor to the North

Last summer Common Ground Farm suffered terrible soil loss due to Irene, but received a grant from the Dyson Foundation to help replenish the soil with a layer of compost. That compost was applied and additional plans - including additional soil amendments and new fencing - are underway for a bountiful 2012 season!

The Common Ground high tunnel was seeded with winter greens and they are growing quite nicely. If you join the CSA and pay a $100 deposit before February 29 you can receive three weeks of winter greens between March 3rd and April 7th (shareholders will receive winter greens every other week during this period, and there is a limited amount so join early if you can). The farm plans to extend the growing season by adding additional greenhouses in the coming years, and will keep everyone updated as this initiative develops.

Joining the CSA in 2012 also gives shareholders access to “CSA Extras,” the opportunity to purchase meat, dairy, grains and more from local and regional farms and conveniently distributed at Stony Kill.

Educational programming at Common Ground is in full swing. Join at the $25 general member level (or join the CSA) and receive a 10% discount on all education programs. The Pioneer Living Series for children ages 5-12 begins February 9th. Sessions are inspired by Laura Ingalls Wilder and include: Life in a One-Room House, Sugar Snow, Memoirs, and Ma's Prairie Garden. Upcoming workshops for adults include: Crop Planning for the Home Gardener on February 25 and Seed Starting and Season Extension for the Home Gardener on March 24.

To learn more about the mission of Common Ground Farm, the CSA, and the Educational programs, visit the website http://www.commongroundfarm.org. If you have any questions, please contact the Farm at membership@commongroundfarm.org or (845) 231-4424.

Atlantic sturgeon placed on the endangered species list

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service, the lead federal agency responsible for the stewardship of the nation's offshore living marine resources and their habitat, listed the New York Bight, Chesapeake Bay, Carolina and South Atlantic populations as endangered, and the Gulf of Maine populations of Atlantic sturgeon as threatened. This places them under the protection of the Endangered Species Act and opens the possibility of protection for their habitat. The Endangered Species Act requires species listed as endangered to receive the full protection under the Act to prevent extinction, including a prohibition against “take,” which includes harassing, harming, pursuing, wounding, killing, trapping, capturing, or collecting. These protections may also be established for threatened species to prevent them from becoming endangered. The move could lead to new protections for the fish’s habitat along the East Coast.

Once plentiful, the Atlantic sturgeon is the largest fish found in the Hudson River. They can reach six to eight feet in length and weigh over 200lbs. Individual fish weighing as much as 800 lbs. and over 14 feet in length have been reported. Their life-span can be more than 60 years and depend on the estuarine environment to spawn. By the early 1990’s it was clear that the population had dropped dramatically. New York State implemented a harvest moratorium in 1996 and in 1998; the possession of Atlantic sturgeon was banned in all US Atlantic coastal states.

A formal status review completed in 2007 indicated populations of Atlantic sturgeon remain far below historical levels. Even with the ban on fishing the population remains threatened by habitat disturbance and bycatch in commercial fishing operations. NOAA is tasked to further reduce bycatch of Atlantic sturgeon in federal and state waters without unduly hampering fishing activities.

For Further information:

http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/stories/2012/01/31_atlantic_sturgeon.html

Indian Point in the news

Indian Point & New York State Agree on Domes

Entergy and New York State officials now agree that the concrete containment domes housing two working nuclear reactors at Indian Point are safe and can be properly maintained should the plant receive a 20-year license extension.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said the plant owner has addressed the state’s concerns about the integrity of the structures.

There are 23 remaining contentions in the relicensing process, which is expected to reach the public hearing stage later this year.

NRC Rejects Indian Point Fire Safety Plan

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission rejected some of the Indian Point facilities procedures for assuring fire safety. They cited the lack equipment that is routinely used to comply with regulations.

The commission found that Entergy relies on manual operation of safety equipment if the cables to the control room are severed. The commission said that such reliance on manual intervention was not sufficient.

The agency said it did not “have an immediate safety concern”, but cited many problems. Indian Point is the only nuclear facility in the United States to rely on these substitute methods to assure fire safety.


Studies Clash on the Impact of Closing Indian Point

The link below takes you to an article discussing the findings of different studies of the impact of closing the Indian Point facility, funded by various interested parties.


Here is an article on a study funded by New York City and Mayor Bloomberg.

Dirtier Air and Higher Costs Possible if Indian Point Closes, Report Says


Assembly Committees’ Preliminary Findings Show Indian Point Can Be Shut Down

In a Feb. 1st press release the New York State Assembly Committee on Energy and the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions released preliminary findings of their hearing on plans for the potential closure of the Indian Point Energy Center. The Chairs concluded that coordinated investments in the existing transmission system, energy efficiency and the completion of projects already in the planning process will provide more than enough resources to allow the nuclear facility to close without overburdening ratepayers or threatening reliability standards.

“The information we gathered clearly demonstrates that Indian Point can be shut down without unduly burdening New York’s ratepayers or the electric system,” said Assembly member Kevin Cahill, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Energy. “We have the framework and the resources for a future without Indian Point. It all comes down to the State developing a plan and putting it in motion.”

“The experts testified that New York has the resources to replace these nuclear plants; now the decision makers need the will to make it happen,” said Assembly member James Brennan, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions.

The Committees based their preliminary assessment on testimony submitted at the January 12th hearing in New York City. The evidence demonstrated that there are a number of scenarios that, with proper planning, could offset the electricity produced by the Indian Point Energy Center. Generation and transmission projects proposed to be operational by 2015 – 2016 represent more than 5,000 megawatts of new electricity. Modernization of New York’s transmission infrastructure could free up another 1,500 megawatts from existing power plants. Aggressive efforts by the City of New York to reduce consumption, increase participation in demand response programs, and develop renewable and combined heat and power technologies could also play a role in addressing electric reliability needs.

“The future of Indian Point cannot be decided in a vacuum,” said Assembly member Cahill. “Entergy failed to provide even the most basic information associated with the plant’s operation. Maybe they thought we would simply walk away. Instead, Entergy’s lack of cooperation will require us to revisit the issue in the very near future.”

For more info:

http://assembly.state.ny.us/comm/?sec=post&id=014&story=46159
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., Feb. 17th 7pm 2011 Impacts to the Waters of the Hudson River Valley, and What We Can Do To Improve It. A lecture by Andrew Meyer and Emily Vail from the DEC. Find out about how water quality is measured and how the events of 2011 have impacted the Hudson and its watershed.

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 Hammond-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.

The Winter lecture series kicked off the 2012 season with author, Coast Guard licensed, engineer, and tugboat captain, Jessica DuLong speaking on “Rediscovering the Work that Built America.” She entertained a full house with the story of her transformation from a dot.com worker to a hands-on mechanic and engineer. It was quite a tale of discovery, love for a historic boat, and breaking barriers. Along the way she became interested in the Hudson River and its historic role in the development of the United States.

The Hudson Valley was once home to hundreds of industries, brickyards, boatyards, icehouses, and foundries that fueled the country’s growth. The river was a highway for transporting people and goods. Those enterprises required skilled mechanics, artisans, and laborers who possessed skills that are rapidly being lost in our screen centric world.

Thank you again to Jessica for a great and thought provoking talk. We may have kept you way too late with all of our questions and discussion. It was refreshing to meet a kindred spirit.

Clearwater
Great Hudson River Revival 2012!
Call for Festival Volunteers
For more information, contact
Linda Richards
Volunteer Coordinator
845-265-8080 x 7105 Volcoord@Clearwater.org

Beacon Sloop Club Environmental Education Series

2011 Impacts to the Waters of the Hudson River Valley, and What We Can Do To Improve It.
An Evening with the DEC’s Emily Vail & Andrew Meyer
A Free Event!
Friday, February 17, 2012
7:00pm
at the Beacon Sloop Club
(opposite the Beacon Train station)

2011 was notable for the variety and intensity of impacts to the Hudson River. From the massive sewage spill in Harlem to the epic runoff from the storm waters of Irene and Lee to the ongoing problems with municipal wastewater treatment — join us in finding out how water quality is measured in the Hudson and how the events of 2011 have impacted the Hudson and its watershed.

Join Emily Vail and Andrew Meyer from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation’s Hudson River Estuary Program to discuss ways to manage polluted runoff from urban areas using “green infrastructure,” such as rain gardens or rain barrels.

Green infrastructure practices maintain or restore stormwater’s natural flow pattern by allowing water to slowly permeate the ground and be used by plants, instead of flowing directly into our streams or water treatment plants.

In addition, we’ll discuss what local municipalities can do to promote clean water.

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Beacon Sloop Club’s
6th Annual
Sloop Woody Guthrie Benefit Dinner
&
34th Anniversary Party

Saturday, March 3rd

At the River Terrace Restaurant,
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At the corner of Beekman Street & Route 9 D

Proceeds for the Woody’s Restoration!

Cocktail Hour 6:00 – 7:00
Cash Bar

Live Music  Raffle  Door Prizes

Dinner Includes:
Soda
Penne A La Vodka

Choose Entree:

Egyptian Turban
Fresh grilled & baked eggplant, peppers, tomato, onion, fennel & a mix of ricotta, parmesan cheese

Salmon ala King
Seasoned salmon fillet wrapped in a puff-pastry, topped with sweet tomato garlic wine sauce

Dia Chicken
Chicken with artichoke hearts, shiitake mushrooms, sun-dried tomato & red wine reduction

Desert, Coffee & Tea

Donation: $50.00 per person

Reservations required. Deadline is February 27th
However, space is limited, so we suggest you reserve now!

For information, call or email Tom LaBarr: 845-831-4267
labarrt@engr.newpaltz.edu

To register online:
http://www.beaconsloopcluboffice.org/civicrm/event/register?reset=1&id=7&cid=0

To reserve by mail cut here & return to Beacon Sloop Club

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November    Volunteer Needed
December    Volunteer Needed

To signup contact Claudine Craig 895-8758
craig2222@yahoo.com
Executive Committee meeting. Tues February 21st 7:00 p.m., at David Eberle’s House

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting March 2nd– 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.

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

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’s the Water?, Thurs, Feb. 16, 7 p.m. Riverkeeper’s water-quality testing program in the non-tidal portions of the Wallkill River and Rondout Creek, Town of Esopus Library, 128 Canal Street, Port Ewen. Contact Dan Shapley at 914-478-4501 x226 or dshapley@riverkeeper.org

Impacts to the Waters of the Hudson River Valley, and What We Can Do To Improve It. A lecture by Andrew Meyer and Emily Vail from the DEC, Friday, Feb. 17th 7pm, at the BSC Clubhouse, Beacon NY

Coming Soon: Winter Maintenance, stay in touch through the Woody Sailor’s group and your captain

CLEARWATER'S FAMILY OPEN BOAT DAYS. Sat., Feb. 18, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. also Sat., March 24, 5:00 – 9:00 PM, at Lynch's Marina, 2 Ferry St., Saugerties. a $10 donation is suggested. RSVPs are appreciated. Please contact Linda Richards at Linda@Clearwater.org, or 845-265-8080, ext.7105.

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

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“OF TIME AND THE RIVER: SONGS OF THE HISTORIC HUDSON”, w/ Linda Russell, Fri., March 16th, 7pm, at the BSC Clubhouse, Beacon 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 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