A Message from Our President:

I hope everyone had a good Fourth of July and enjoyed the fireworks and picnics. The meeting was opened with a round of thanks to the many people who helped make the Strawberry Festival a success. We made between $11,000-12,000. We acknowledge Steve Schwartz’s role in making the Woody Sails a success at the Clearwater Revival. More than 200 people sailed on the Woody.

Aaron Havens was recognized for the repairs he did to make our building beautiful again. Everyone loves the new wood paneling. And we recognized those of the volunteers who have helped work on the building with T-shirts making them members of the “Over the Hill Gang” as they are all over fifty and most of them are over 65. Where are the younger guys?

We now have over $75,000 in the bank. We are just $375 short of raising $4000 in our Raise the Sail challenge grant. And we did it in less than six months. And we are also raising money in the Save Our Sloop campaign. Keep up the good work.

The boom on the Woody went bust. Luckily we had the old boom from the Sojourner Truth. But we will need to repair the Woody’s boom. We will be finishing up on the building. We need to cover some openings on the north side to prevent animals from entering. And we need to put up some gutters to prevent water from running down the side of the building. We will also be cleaning out the cabinets and the storeroom, getting rid of what we don’t use and making the place more presentable.

Coming up in July is a Woody Guthrie Revival concert staring our own David Bernz and organized by Joyce. It is scheduled for 7 PM Tuesday July 12th. Suggested donation is $10. Let’s have a good turnout. The River Pool Swim is on the 21st. The Two Row Wampum canoes will be making a trial run down the Hudson the end of July.

August will be a busy month with a beer tasting event at Hudson Beach Glass, the Corn Festival, a Concert, and the Living River Regatta so rest up. Robby is co-chair of the corn festival. Our thanks to a wonderful young man. James has agreed to be co-chair for the Pumpkin Festival. Thanks James.

Sincerely,

David Eberle

Inside this issue:
Our Biggest Festival Ever?, a record setting revival, Happy Birthday to Toshi, a boom transplant, many summer events, and much, much more….

Next Exec. Com. Meeting is Tuesday, July 24th 7:00 p.m.
Next Membership Meeting is Friday, August 3rd 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.
Welcome. Club President David Eberle welcomed first-time visitors – from White Plains, Pennsylvania, Hawaii, Aaron Havens (Contractor for improvements to the Clubhouse).

Toshi Seeger’s Birthday. The meeting marked the Toshi’s 90th birthday with a rousing Happy Birthday, songs by Spook Handy, cake and much admiration.


Building & Patio. Claudine Craig reported that Aaron Havens who won the contract to begin building repairs had finished the wall- and roof improvements. We applaud him for the careful work AND his invoice. David also thanked the Building Committee including Claudine, Saul, David, Ron Bell, Mark McCarroll, Mike Bosso for their effort to replace the walls and tree surround. ** The multrum will have a regular maintenance contractor, arranged by Claudine.

Woody Report. Tom LaBarr. The Woody served the Clearwater Revival, but on the return to Beacon from Croton, the boom broke. The boom from the Sojourner Truth is serving as a replacement till a repair is made. This year more than ever, it is necessary to make reservations. The Woody is sailing every weekend at 6pm. Monday night sail needs crew and volunteers are needed. ** Susan Berliner announced a fundraiser, Sunday, August 4th at Hudson Beach Glass. Sloop Beer is serving the beer for a tasting party. Food donations are very welcome. Rosemary Thomas and Sue Berliner are the coordinators. Call or email their numbers in the masthead for donations and food. ** Many thanks from James Malchow to Capt. Steve Schwarz for his work, including a boarding ramp from the beach, overnight at the festival and for making the Woody’s Revival sails a great success.

Strawberry Festival Recap, Rosemary Thomas: 6:30 Tuesday, July 10. Anyone who contributed to the Strawberry Festival as volunteer is welcome. The meeting is at the ice cream store across from Bank Square Coffee House. David Eberle continues to match donations of $100 or more up to $1500.

Announcements:

Corn Festival, August 12. ** Mary Schmalz promotes the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Clean Water Act, Thursday, July 21, 7pm at Scenic Hudson, Beacon Waterfront. ** The Beacon Sloop Club Woody Guthrie Centennial Celebration Concert, Thursday, July 12 at 7pm. David Bernz, Spook Handy and many others will be performing. $10 donation is requested. ** Hope Altkin announced that $147 was raised last month for the Mission Wolf foundation. ** Vane Lashua: The Great Newburgh to Beacon Swim, July 21, http://riverpool.org.

** Gordon Soderburg was introduced by Hope Altkin. Gordon, works through Veterans for Peace and Veterans for Green Jobs. He gave a memorable “tee-shirt presentation” about the history and successes of both groups. At the beginning of his efforts, he learned how to create bio-diesel which eventually was used to run two buses that were used for peacemaking efforts, including taking Cindy Sheehan to Crawford, TX and to New Orleans to help with Hurricane Katrina cleanup. He established a bio-diesel plant in the 9th Ward of New Orleans that supplied fuel for the relief effort. Keep Sailing!

Respectfully submitted,
Vane Lashua, Secretary
Regatta News

The Living River Regatta is a new event for the Sloop Club this year. Registration is now open so if you are interested in racing or know someone who may be interested; don’t hesitate to join or get the word out. Don’t be afraid if you are not a hard core yachtsperson, we have a novice division too.

We need boaters to enter the race and sign on to help raise funds for the Woody, so Please help us to recruit. If you know anyone who races, has a boat at a local marina, or other connections let them know about this event and our cause.

The fundraising model is similar to that used by walks and rides where participants recruit friends and others to sponsor them. So, the sooner we get entries the sooner they can start fundraising at:
http://www.livingriverregatta.org

We are also looking for a few more event sponsors. If you know of a likely local business or think that your employer may be interested contact David Eberle. Sponsorship info may be found at:
http://www.woodyguthriecup.org/content/event-sponsorship-levels

Due to the slow pace of entries we are unable to make a commitment to a restaurant so are scaling back the dinner plans in favor of a barbeque on the Beacon side so we will be needing lots of help. Please let David Eberle or John McLaughlin know if are available.

This is an important event, both as a fundraiser and as an opportunity to raise awareness of our club and mission amongst the Hudson River Boating community. Check out this article in Boating on the Hudson.

http://www.boatingonthehudson.com/images/flipppingbook/2012/07_july/Articles/10LivingRiverRegatta.pdf

Strawberry Recap –Rosemary Thomas

Many people asked for the recipe so…….

Here’s the secret recipe for a wonderful Strawberry Festival.
Many, many dedicated volunteers – both old friends and new friends
1,368 pounds of strawberries - for shortcakes, smoothies, and chocolate covered treats
Biscuit mix for 2000 shortcakes
80-85 quarts of fresh heavy cream
Two large rolls of tickets
A prep party at the LaBarr’s on Saturday
Excellent musicians
Over 50 craft and food vendors (and a big shout out to DonnaJean for help!)
A generous donation by Commodore Chocolatier of Newburgh
A beloved wooden sloop for guest sails and ambience
An environmental exhibit area, a high school art exhibit, a non-profit area, a parking plan, tents, tables, chairs, electric power, water, a portable restaurant quality convention oven, a solar trailer, 3-4 trucks, a wheelbarrow, and much more

A great big Thank You to everyone involved !! You are the best !!
Woody Update – pieced together from multiple sources

A Little Bit of the SoJo Sails Again

As happens occasionally, we had a mishap and broke the boom while sailing under Storm King and Breakneck Mountains. No one was hurt, and the Crew jumped to the task of securing the boat and insuring that no further damage was done to Woody, nor any of us. It was very impressive to see how calmly, efficiently, and quickly this was done. We resumed our transit north, while the crew continued to work on getting the boom as ready for removal and repair as was possible while still under way.

A call was sent out to alert the Monday night Captains that all was not well for the expected evening sail…. Upon our arrival, Captain Kip approached, and after a few pleasantries, informed me that there was a spare boom from the Sojourner Truth nearby and it would soon be delivered. Captain Chris and a few other crew arrived soon after and also started to help. The broken boom was carried to into the club house, and the new boom was soon delivered there also. I was worried about how all this extra work and additional repairs would get done, and instead I arrived to find yet another wave of Sloopers was on the case, and work was already under way. This happens a lot.

Captain Steve

Yes, we took out a total of 230 Woody guests down in Croton, making it the biggest BSC tally for the Revival ever. If you didn't make it down to the festival, you missed an amazing sight: our tent, set up 14 feet from the bulkhead. Attached to the bulkhead was a ladder. Looking down, one saw a floating dock with a cut out in it to accommodate the ladder, moorings balls and a ramp that clamped onto the ladder. Basically, the guests had only to get a life preserver, go down 4 steps of a ladder, and -walk across a wooden ramp onto the Woody deck. The boat was packed with guests because it was pulling up right in front of them and loading and unloading.

It didn't hurt that the weather was just amazing—it was warm but not hot. Captain Birmingham and his crew took out 5 sails on Saturday, Captain Schwartz took the last two. Not sure about Sunday—I know Captain Patrick Gallagher (yes—he was there to sub for Tom Baldino—we were all quite excited to see him back to help for the day) took out at least 6 sails, and then Steve took out two more, for a total of 15 sails.

The best part was that people, both crew, captains and guests, had more time to enjoy themselves sailing, hanging out, and touring the festival musical menu. The burn out syndrome was little in evidence this year.

Gigi

Revival

Thank you to an incredibly large number of Woody Sailors and Beacon Sloop Clubbers for the awesome effort you put into this year's Great Hudson River Revival. I would like to thank each and every one of you and mention your name here, and especially those of you that really stepped up and put forth a great effort, but you all know how bad I am with names. You know who you are, and you don't need any mention to help you feel good about yourselves.

Special thanks go to Eric Friedman who after working a full weekend at the Revival, showed up at 6 AM Monday to help breakdown the boarding structure, then loaded it onto his truck, helped sail the Woody back home, got a ride back to Croton, drove the loaded truck to Beacon, unloaded the truck, and drove me home.

Captain Steve

Julian Davies of Urban Boat Works has agreed to strip down the old boom so that the quality of the wood can be assessed. Based on the findings the captains will decide on repair or replacement. They will also investigate the incident and recommend any changes in procedures or maintenance they feel are necessary to the executive committee.

Thanks to the quick work of our sailors and the generosity of our good friends at Ferry Sloops the Woody only missed one day of sailing and was back on the river taking out guests the next night!
Water Quality Monitors Needed

Riverkeeper needs volunteers for Rondout and Wallkill water quality studies. Riverkeeper works with citizen-led water quality sampling projects around the Hudson River Estuary to test sewage contamination levels and isolate areas with chronic high contamination levels. This data can help communities identify and eliminate sewage pollution sources in their community and improve the quality of the local water supply.

Volunteers must be available on a majority of the sampling days, which are July 28, Sept. 1, Sept. 29 and Oct. 27.

Contact Dan Shapley dshapley@riverkeeper.org for more information.

NYS Legislature Passes Sewage Pollution Right to Know Act

On the last day of its session the legislature passed the Sewage Pollution Right to Know Act. The new law requires public notification within four hours of a sewage discharge. Notification will happen via local news outlets and the website of the NY Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). It also requires the DEC to produce a statewide Sewage Discharge Report each year.


Scientific American Article Raises Concerns about Underground Disposal of Fracking Waste Water

In an article titled, “Are Fracking Wastewater Wells Poisoning the Ground beneath Our Feet?”, Abrahm Lustgarten and ProPublica highlight potential risks associated with the practice of storing fracking wastewater in underground injection wells and the lack of scientific study to validate the practice with trillions of gallons being generated by the fracking boom.

The article may be found online at:
http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=are-fracking-wastewater-wells-poisoning-ground-beneath-our-feet

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Every Sunday Farmers Market
at the Beacon Waterfront 10-4pm

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All Local Hudson Valley Products
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Fareground Café is a new non-profit organization developing an innovative community café in Beacon, NY. The mission is to nourish the community by providing “pay what you can” healthy and delicious meals, education and volunteer opportunities.
For more info:

http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/article/20120430/NEWS01/304300011/fareground-cafe-beacon-food?nclick_check=1

www.fareground.org
Executive Committee meeting, Tues July 24th
7:00pm., at BSC Clubhouse

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

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-4 p.m.,
Beacon harbor, Beacon , NY

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

Woody Guthrie Centennial Celebration, a benefit for the Woody with David and Jacob Bernz, Spook Handy, Amy Fradon, Fred Gillen Jr & Steve Kirkman of Hope Machine, Thurs., July 12, 7pm, at the Beacon Sloop Club, Beacon, NY $10 suggested donation.

RESTORATIVE ENVIRONMENTS, Sat., July 14, 10 am. BIRE,199 Dennings Avenue, Beacon, NY. FREE, mheintzman@bire.org. Register at www.bire.org/events.

Film Screening of The Greenhorns by Common Ground Farm’s Fair Food Committee, Sun., July 15th, 4-6PM , BEAHIVE, 291 Main Street, Beacon

Spirituality and the Environment w/ James Ranson, former Tribal Chief for the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, Thurs., July 19, 7 pm, BIRE,199 Dennings Avenue, Beacon, NY. FREE , mheintzman@bire.org. Register at www.bire.org/events.

Hudson River Day Sat., July 21, - Check back in the coming months for more information or email the Hudson River Estuary Program to get involved at: hrep@gw.dec.state.ny.us

9th Annual Great Newburgh to Beacon Hudson River Swim, Sat., July 21, Set up from 6:30am, Splash-off 9:35 am, Beacon-Newburgh waterfronts

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


Artisan Beer Tasting, Sat Aug. 4, 6-9pm, tickets required, Hudson Beach Glass, 162 Main St., Beacon, Tickets $50.


Corn Festival, Sun. Aug. 12, noon-5:00 pm, at the Waterfront, Beacon, NY

Michael Eck- Woody Guthrie Tribute Concert, Fri. Aug. 24, 7:00 pm. Beacon Sloop Club, Beacon NY

Living River Regatta, Sat. Aug. 25, 10:00 am, Beacon-Newburgh waterfronts

Details of calendar events may be found elsewhere in the newsletter.
For more info about the BSC: www.beaconsloop.org, or www.beaconsloopclub.org