Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 39 Years

A Message from the Pumpkin Festival Committee

The pumpkin festival is one of the events that really defines the Beacon Sloop Club and Clearwater and has a long tradition in both organizations.

It began as the Clearwater’s annual pumpkin sail each fall when the boat would assume a traditional cargo role, transporting farm fresh pumpkins, and stopping at river front communities to raise awareness of the river with festivals and music. There are many of you with fond memories of loading and unloading pumpkins day after day. Beacon and the pumpkin festival was a major stop.

As the ferry sloop fleet was built the smaller boats joined in to make a pumpkin flotilla, sometimes making the whole journey without the aid of a motor.

It’s been a few years since there was a ‘real’ pumpkin sail but the festival has grown and grown to the point where we are moving to Riverfront Park this year. It is the number two fundraiser for the Woody and draws many people to the river for the first time so is very much part of our core mission.

Please come out and support the Sloop Club and the Woody. We need sailors and volunteers of all sorts.

Pumpkin Festival Volunteers Needed!

Sat. Oct. 13th: Pie Baking 9:00am at the Dutchess Junction Fire House, Slocum Rd.

Sun. Oct 14th: Set-up at 8:30am, Festival starts at Noon, clean-up at 5:00pm

Earth Care, Pie Sales, Cooking and Selling (Chili and Pumpkin Soup), unloading and selling Pumpkins, Stone Soup, Sailing and Shore support, Sound and Stage Support, Vendor Set-up, and many, many other jobs

Contact: James Malchow, jpmalchow@gmail.com
David Eberle, or Rosemary Thomas

Inside this issue:

Pumpkin prep, the Sloop Club Congress Meets, a new winter home for the Clearwater, and much more….

Pumpkin Fest 1975-photos by Faith Ward

1986 Poster

A Pumpkin festival at South Street Seaport where the entire Clearwater fleet was there. Courtesy of Stan Dickstein

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, October 23rd 7:00 p.m.
NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, November 2nd 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30
If you haven’t yet; Please Renew.

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.

Newsletter format(check one): Printed ☐ E-mail ☐ Please consider e-mail it saves money and paper.

Additional Members at this address_________________________________ Email________________________________

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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

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.

To our postal mail subscribers: As you renew please consider converting to an electronic subscription. It saves $$$s and paper.

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Please submit articles for the Beacon Sloop Club Broadside by the 1st Monday after the Friday general meeting to achtoma@yahoo.com. Input requiring scanning must be in 1 week in advance to:

Alan Thomas, PO Box 430, Hughsonville, NY 12537

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**Welcome, Saul Rozinsky**, Vice President, welcomed first-time visitors from New York City, White Plains, Carmel, New Paltz and Woodstock. (Club President David Eberle could not attend this month.)

**Treasurers Report, Sarah Elisabeth:** This month’s net expense was -$3900. Expected expenses for the Clubhouse and the Woody were included. Opening balance was $80,012; closing was $76,0081. [The full Report is presented elsewhere in The Broadside.]

**Sloop Woody Guthrie, Tom LaBarr** reports that The Woody is sailing till the third week in Oct. Winter maintenance starts soon. Recruiting maintenance volunteers; At the Captains’ meeting, captains discussed submitted restoration bids: next year will be last year before required major maintenance for which the Club will need to raise $150,000. Next Woody Sailors Meeting is Nov. 3 at 9:30 am w/refreshments & such.

**Steve Schwarz** is coordinating.

**Building Chair, Claudine Craig** thanked those who helped with the serious renovation of the Club since Hurricane Irene. We’re especially grateful to Aaron Havens, contractor for the improvements, but there were many member-volunteers over the months. Saul Rozinsky, Ron Steele, David Eberle, Curt Howe, Mike Bazzo, Hope Altkin, [Claudine, herself], Alan Thomas, Robert Thomas, Tom and Aimee LaBarr and ________ too many more to fill in the blank! Claudine also thanked Mike Sherker for updating the festival signs.

**Pumpkin Festival Coordinator, James Malchow** requested volunteers for the October festival: the 9:00am pie bake -- 100 Pies! -- at the Dutchess Junction Firehouse; chili; stone soup; recycling, trash; help Mel & Vinny at the children's stage.

**Fundraisers, Joyce Hansen** announced two: October 28, Hudson River Gallery 199 main, concert with Michael Eck of Saratoga Springs for the Sloop Woody Guthrie, $15; Nov. 10, St. Luke's Church, Beacon, will host Cajun Dance, with lessons from 6-7pm. Those who buy online will be eligible for dinner for 2 at the CIA. (see ad elsewhere in The Broadside. **Diversity**, Hope Altkin suggests getting people together through Freecycle web site. She is traveling to Findhorn [findhorn.org] in Scotland to explore. Listen to Joel Tyner, Fridays; Chris Ruhe on Planet Blue, Mondays on WV/KR 950am. Joel announced a fundraiser for Rich Carlson Friday, October 19th, 7:30pm at the Clubhouse.

**Joel Tyner**, County Legislator, asked picketers to show up Wed., Oct. 10th, 5:30pm at 22 Market St., Poughkeepsie to protest removal of item pricing in food stores in Dutchess. **Steve Miller**, **offered a freshly dug butterfly bush for sale (for sail) [we need more of this!]**

Respectfully submitted,

Vane Lashua, Secretary

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**Lost and Found**

Friends, I wonder if anyone (perhaps at the Ramble on Sunday?) saw or heard anything about a ukulele that I accidentally left resting against the Sloop Club building after the meeting last Friday night. After looking up the building I never picked it up. I'm quasi-confident that if it's not already in a club member's possession that it will turn up somewhere, as it has on the back a painted picture of the Clearwater, Woody and Sojourner Truth and was leaning against the building where the Woody sails happen. On the other hand, maybe someone thought it was a good find and kept it. I don't know. It wasn't until Saturday night that I realized I didn't have it.

If you know anything or have any idea where I should look, please email me at jpmalchow@gmail.com or use my cell, 908 405 1433.

Many thanks,

James Malchow

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**Make a Difference Day- Oct.27**

Make a Difference Day is a national day of service organized by USA Weekend magazine. This year locally IBM, the Poughkeepsie Journal, United Way of Dutchess/Orange, and the Dutchess County Chamber of Commerce have partnered to sponsor volunteer projects. The Sloop Club has sponsored two projects and asked for volunteers from the community to work with us. We need club members to come out and work with them.

The first is finishing the clubhouse renovation (painting, finish work) and winter prep. Starting at 10am. [http://daytabank.handsonnetwork.org/event/7860#8ff1a7ef61afdeae982baceb5c6d4367](http://daytabank.handsonnetwork.org/event/7860#8ff1a7ef61afdeae982baceb5c6d4367)

The second is a joint project with Clearwater cleaning up debris at the University settlement Camp at 9am. [http://daytabank.handsonnetwork.org/event/7865#c25adc157fd82441155663ff928d22364](http://daytabank.handsonnetwork.org/event/7865#c25adc157fd82441155663ff928d22364)

Please come out and help. It’s a great chance to work with other volunteers and these projects open up some potential funding opportunities.

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Which Has the Largest Greenhouse Gas Footprint: Coal, Oil, or Natural Gas?
By Manna Jo Greene

While the combustion of all fossil fuels adds to the greenhouse gasses, generally coal is dirtier than oil, which has more emissions than natural gas. Generating electricity from coal produces the largest greenhouse gas footprint, specifically in the form of carbon dioxide, of all the fossil fuel resources in our energy portfolio. In fact, coal-burning is one of the leading causes of global warming. Coal combustion also adds particulates, mercury, and other pollutants into the atmosphere. Acid rain, from sulfur emissions, is almost entirely due to coal burning.

Natural gas is considered to be the cleanest-burning fossil fuel, adding the least amount of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere during combustion. However, when natural gas is extracted by the process of hydraulic fracturing, or "hydrofracking", it introduces another variable: the release of methane – a highly potent greenhouse gas.

Hydrofracking involves the injection of large volumes of water containing sand and a proprietary chemical mixture – including known toxins and carcinogens – into wells at extremely high pressure to fracture shale formations and release and capture tiny bubbles natural gas trapped within. While the debate around hydrofracking has focused on its potential for groundwater contamination and the disposal of waste "fracking fluid", the loss of rogue methane gas is another serious concern. One molecule of methane is more than twenty times more effective at trapping heat in the atmosphere than a molecule of carbon dioxide. Since gas is difficult to contain under the best of circumstances, some methane emissions inevitably leak from the wells, causing a net increase in the overall greenhouse gas footprint from fracking.

A recent Cornell University study entitled, “Methane and the Greenhouse-Gas Footprint of Natural Gas from Shale Formations,” found that approximately 3.6 to 7.9% of the methane obtained from this highly-invasive process escapes into the atmosphere from venting and leakage. These rogue methane emissions are thirty percent greater than those caused by conventional natural gas wells, which are vertical and do not entail fracturing. Moreover, this peer-reviewed study affirms that over a twenty-year period, natural gas obtained through deep horizontal hydrofracking has a greenhouse gas footprint 43% greater than conventional natural gas, 50% greater than oil, and 20% greater than coal. Thus natural gas can pose an even greater problem for the maintenance of a stable climatic regime than any other fossil fuel resource when it is obtained through the process of hydrofracking.

Once the infrastructure is in place, fuel-free renewables such as solar, wind, hydroelectric and tidal, and energy conservation and efficiency will essentially produce no greenhouse gasses, which is clearly the wave of the future. Until recently our society has invested over 98% of its research, development, and infrastructure into fossil fuels and nuclear power with less than 2% going to energy efficiency and renewables. If we now reverse that formula and invest in clean, green energy, we can reduce our carbon footprint, create sustainable jobs, strengthen our economy and transform the energy landscape here in the Hudson Valley and beyond.
Sloop Club Congress at Annual Meeting 9/15/12

36 people signed the attendance sheet and stayed for most of the meeting. There was also a fair amount of folks stopping by and moving in and out since we were by the entrance and the food.

We started on time after an opening song by Linda Richards and ended a few minutes early with a closing song by Mel and Vinnie.

There was a short report from each chartered sloop club. The active clubs are North River Friends of Clearwater, Beacon Sloop Club, Riverlovers, New York City Friends of Clearwater, Brooklyn Sloop Club, New Jersey Friends of Clearwater and Walkabout Clearwater Sloop. Linda Richards, Festival volunteer Coordinator/ Events Coordinator/ Power of Song Coordinator is also the go to person for sloop clubs.

The captains, Nick Rogers and Beth Deal spoke. Bill Flank, at large member of the executive board spoke. Sloop clubs, crew, staff and board were well represented.

Manna’s gave a short environmental action update. A complete copy is in the files at the cwscc yahoo group.

**IP legal** – Going to hearing Mid-October and December, 2012; Waste Storage safety contention (SC-4) is on hold while NRC does EIS for on-site waste storage ~2 years. No relicenses can be issued until this is resolved, but legal work goes on. **We urgently NEED TO RAISE $25,000 in legal fees asap.**

**Hudson River PCBs** – We continue to monitor; dredging is going well this summer. There are still ~136 acres outside dredge area delineation that needs to be dredged – of which about half is in the channel, which NY State Canal Corp. is responsible for dredging. These area were not addressed in EPA’s 5-yr. review earlier this summer and the matter remains unresolved. Negotiations are still underway with Canal Corp and the Natural Resource Damage Trustees to find a solution. Our coalition may meet with GE to urge them to allow the Canal Corporation to do navigational dredging while the dewatering facility and related equipment and rail transportation is available – to prevent the additional costs and impacts of going back in after the environmental remediation has been completed.

**Energy:** The Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Plan Energy Working Group has created an ambitious, but entirely implementable, outline of a plan to transition to a Green Energy Economy; a second Energy event planned for mid-Nov. for elected officials.

Rockland Desalination Proposal: United Water’s proposed 10 million gpd energy intensive desal plant for Haverstraw Bay needs to be stopped. It will destroy the ecology of this uniquely productive aquatic habitat. **Hydrofracking** - See brief article on methane impacts of Hydrofracking on page 4.

**Future Proposals:**

- Seek Rockefeller funding for Energy work
- Have submitted a Sustainable Energy/Safety project ideas for MHRSP Cleaner, Greener Communities implementation funding proposal.

If you would like to volunteer, hold a house party for Environmental Action work, or otherwise get involved, please contact:

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Karla Raimundi, Environmental Justice Associate
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**Thank you for caring and for taking action!**

A shout out goes to Allan Goldhammer for his work as timekeeper and to everyone who kept the attendance clipboard circulating.

A meeting summary, thank you and invitation to join the cwscc yahoo group went out to all attendees who left an email.

Maryellen Healy

**WOODY GUTHRIE NIGHT**
Walkabout Coffeehouse
Memorial United Methodist Church
250 Bryant Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605
Saturday, October 13, 2012
7:30 p.m.

Join us for a special evening celebrating the life and work of Woody Guthrie as we commemorate the 100th anniversary of his birth. A highlight of the evening will be an interview with Pete Seeger sharing tales of his friend Woody and taped especially for Walkabout. Copies of Pete's new two-CD set "Pete Remembers Woody" will be available. Bob Sherman, host of WFUV's "Woody's Children," will also be on hand.

Performers taking part in this memorable evening of music include:

- Peter Siegel
- Lissa Shneckenberger
- David Bernz
- Carolann Solebello
- Hope Machine
- Rick Nestler
Cajun Dance Woody Sloop Fundraiser
Sat. Nov 10, 6-7pm dance lessons, 7-10pm dance
St. Luke’s 850 Wolcott Ave, Beacon, NY
Admission $15
Advance ticket holders are will have an opportunity to
enter a drawing for a complimentary three-course
dinner for two, non-alcoholic drinks included, in any

Krewe de la Rue is a Cajun band born out of the Hudson Valley fiddle and dance community. Even if you have never danced, you will want to once you hear this energized and engaging band. Buffy Lewis will give dance lessons in basics of two-step and waltz from 6-7pm. The dance will go from 7-10pm. Jambalaya, Gumbo and other refreshments available for purchase.

Tickets may be purchased online at:
http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/285167

History of the Beacon Sloop Club
A Tioronda Working Group Discussion with Rosemary Thomas
Friday October 26 , 2012, 7 PM
at Beacon Yoga 464 Main Street
Beacon, NY 12508

We will have a presentation on the history and significance of the Beacon Sloop Club followed by a discussion of current issues and things we can do now.

For information call 845-765-0495
Donations appreciated

Michael Eck
performing
“Bound for Glory: 100 Years of Woody Guthrie”
Sun, Oct 28, 4pm
Location: Beacon Institute Gallery
199 Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508
Tickets $15.00
To Purchase Tickets: http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/283858

The Beacon Sloop Club, Inc. is a non-profit, volunteer environmental education-action and sailing organization dedicated to cleaning up the Hudson River. The Woody Guthrie is a wooden sloop that provides free public sailings weekly on the Hudson.

Woody Guthrie was born on July 14th, 1912 in Okemah, Oklahoma. Perry Como, Lloyd, Scotty, and Wurlitzer, are among the hundreds of his songs.

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**Wallace Sloop Club Treasury Report**

Submitted by Sarah Elisabeth

September 25, 2012

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**106.5 IN BEACON**

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**Hudson Beach Glass**

Robert Rodriguez Jr
Landscape Photography
October 13 - November 11, 2012
Opening Reception Second Saturday
October 13, 6-9pm

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**Borderline Folk Music Club**

@ New City Volunteer Ambulance Corps
200 Congers Road, New City, NY

Sunday, October 14, 2pm

Linda McRae

An exceptional songwriter; she sings & plays accordion, guitar, banjo & bass with honest soul & humility, cutting through the fog with timeless clarity; and she's funny, too.

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**Hudson Beach Gallery**

is very pleased to present an exhibition of photographic images by Robert Rodriguez Jr. This is Rodriguez’s first solo show with the gallery, and runs from October 12 to November 11, 2012. Opening reception will be held on Second Saturday, October 13, from 6 to 9 pm. This show is sponsored in part by Canson Infinity, makers of Museum Quality Fine Art & Photo Inkjet Papers and Canvas.
The Beacon Sloop Club’s Pumpkin Festival

Sunday, October 14th
Noon – 5:00 pm
Riverfront Park, Beacon

Children’s Stage Featuring:
Bindlestick Bill, The Rivertown Kids,
Pete Seeger, Lydia Adams Davis,
Mel & Vinnie, Karen Brooks & Melissa Ortquist

Main Stage Music by:
Rick Nestler, Andy Revkin, Sharleen Leahey,
Cosby Gibson, April Mae & the June Bugs,
The Tres Amigos

www.beaconsloopclub.org
Executive Committee meeting, Tues Oct. 23rd 7:00pm., at BSC Clubhouse

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

Voter Registration Deadline for November Election Sat, Oct. 13


Sargent Downing-Raise the Fence Fundraiser, Sat. Oct. 13, 2-6pm, University Settlement Camp, Rte 9D Beacon

WOODY GUTHRIE NIGHT- Walkabout Coffeehouse, Sat. Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m., Memorial United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Avenue, White Plains, NY

Beacon Sloop Club Pumpkin Festival, Sun. Oct. 14, noon-5pm, set-up starts at 8:30, Riverfront Park, Beacon NY

SD NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Dinner, Sat. Oct. 20, 7pm, Chalet on the Hudson, Cold Spring NY.

Sunday Author Series | Judith Weis-Do Fish Sleep?, Sun. Oct. 21, 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM , Beacon Institute Gallery, 199 Main St., Beacon NY

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