A Message from Our President

We had a cadre of intrepid members who managed to get gas and come to the Sloop Club meeting. We could have used a few of them earlier in the day as we cleaned up the sloop club from the flooding.

Thanks to Aaron Havens, and all the volunteers including those from IBM who helped to get the sloop club in shape before the storm. The wood and marine varnish did the trick. After the water went down the walls looked just fine. We only had to pick up a few things that had migrated and to clean the floor. Sawdust did the trick soaking up both water and mud. By meeting time you could hardly tell the building had been flooded. Thanks to Aaron Havens, Saul Rozinsky, Hope Altkin, David Bernz, Jacob Bernz, and Dan Messina for helping with the cleanup. Guess what? Our new fence didn’t budge an inch. We have learned our lessons well. We were prepared even if New York City was not. Our hearts go out to those who have lost loved-ones, homes, gas, and electric.

The harbor and Woody crews worked hard to clear the moorings and move the Woody to the floating ferry dock. It weathered the storm just fine.

Tom La Barr is the new head of the Woody sailors. Congratulations Tom.

At the Pumpkin Festival we sold 100 Pies, all the pumpkins, all the chili and all the soup. It was a great festival thanks to all our volunteers. Thanks to James Malchow for co-chairing the festival. We have another Raise the Sail challenge grant that will match every donation of $100 or more up to a total of $1500. So when you renew your membership consider the matching grant.

Kudos to the building committee for all the work they have done and to all the volunteers who helped. We still have a little left to do. Also in the future we will need to decide what to do in the old play area, or storage area; we will need to replace the north roofing shingles and we need to redo the Multrum. We are no longer using sawdust in the Multrum. It was clogging thinks up.

I would like to recognize Joyce Hanson for the work she has been doing putting on concerts to raise money for the Woody restoration. The next event is the Cajun Dance this Saturday. Please come and support the club.

Dr. Peter Rostenberg a life-long environmentalist and founder of the Fishkill Ridge Caretakers brought to our attention that the Montfort Corporation is trying to get Fishkill to give them rights to a significant amount of water to feed the subdivision that they want to build on Route 9. Thank you Peter for keeping us well informed. Fishkill Residents should attend the planning meeting and speak to Tom La Barr who is on the Fishkill Environmental Committee.

Sincerely

David Eberle

Inside this issue:
A new high water mark, smashing pumpkin records, remembering Woody, upcoming events, and more…. 
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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.

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Please submit articles for the Beacon Sloop Club Broadside by the 1st Monday after the Friday general meeting to acthoma@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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Pete and Kurt started the meeting off with Michael Row Your Boat Ashore, a good flood tune. Pete introduced President David Eberle who called the meeting to order and welcomed new visitors to the club who braved the gas shortage to come. David thanked the people who came early to get the clubhouse in order for the meeting. They did an amazing job considering that the building had 5 feet of water in it a few days before. David also thanked the building committee, Aaron Havens, Saul Rozinsky, and all the volunteers who helped to make the building more flood resistant after Irene last year. He also thanked Tom LaBarr and the captains, and Kip and the harbor team for being well prepared. All in all the damage from Sandy was minimal.

The treasurer was not present. David indicated that the funds balance was approximately $71,000 after paying the insurance. Rosemary Thomas reported that the income from the Pumpkin Festival was around $5500 and all the bills are not in yet.

Woody Report- Tom LaBarr: The Woody is still on the ferry dock where it road out Sandy in good shape. It was secured there with extra lines and was monitored by Chris Ancliffe during the storm. The boat will be taken up to Whites as soon as they are ready for us. There is a Woody sailor’s meeting Saturday Nov. 3rd at 9:30. All sailors or folks wishing to become sailors should plan to attend.

Membership – Tom LaBarr: You must be a member to vote in next month’s election of officers for 2013. Memberships paid in November or December are active through January of 2014. Alan Thomas took memberships as the treasurer and membership chairman were not present.

Fundraising – David Eberle announced that there will be a new Raise the Sail challenge grant for 2013. Any donation of $100 or more will be matched up to $1500 total. Joyce Hanson thanked everyone who came out for or helped with the Michael Eck concert and tribute to Woody Guthrie. In spite of the impending storm we raised ~$750. There will be a Cajun Dance fundraiser on Nov. 10th, 6pm at St. Luke’s Parrish Hall. Advanced ticket holders will be eligible to win a dinner for two at the CIA. David Eberle announce a Holiday party and fundraiser at his house on Dec. 9th.

Elections – Elections for 2013 club officers will be held at next month’s membership meeting. The floor was opened for nominations. The following people were nominated:

- President – David Eberle, Steve Schwartz
- Vice-President – Saul Rozinsky
- Treasurer – Sarah Elisabeth
- Secretary – James Malchow

Nominations remain open at the December meeting prior to voting. All members in good standing present at the December meeting are eligible to vote.

Announcements

Hope Altkin offered a stuffed polar bear rocking (horse?) rescued from Sandy clean-up to anyone who would give it a good home. David Eberle took it for his grandchildren.

Peter Rostenberg spoke about the Blue Hill Bay, LLC Subdivision and its potential to cause damage to the only clean aquifer in the town of Fishkill. He urges people to become educated about the proposal and attend the public hearings. He warned to be vigilant for efforts at the practice of segmentation of the project that makes it difficult to see the whole story.

John Dull announced a concert at the William Carlos Williams Center for the Performing Arts on Nov. 30th to raise money for wetlands preservation. Many club members are on the bill including Pete Seeger, Spook Handy, and RJ Storm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Thomas for Vane Lashua - Secretary

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Tall Ship Bounty Sinks off NC Coast

Our hearts go out to the crew of the HMS Bounty replica and their families. The Bounty was lost in hurricane Sandy. Fourteen crew members were dramatically rescued by the Coast Guard, one crew member died, and Captain Robin Walbridge is missing and presumed dead. I met several members of the crew when the Bounty visited Newburgh in May and several of us saw her in New London just last Thursday so am personally stunned at the news.

For more info:

Donations are being taken for the crew and families at:
http://www.tallshipbounty.org/online-store/

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Rockland County Legislature calls for desalination plant hearings

NEW CITY – The Rockland County Legislature voted to request the State Department of Environmental Conservation to schedule an issues conference and adjudicatory hearing on United Water’s proposed desalination plant and reopen proceedings requiring United Water to develop water supply source plans.

A Shipwright’s Tour _ Alan Thomas

A big thank you to James Malchow for arranging for members of Clearwater and the Beacon Sloop Club to visit the behind-the-scenes workshops at Mystic Seaport, the International Yacht Restoration School, and the Charlestown Navy Yard.

We saw many boats on many scales where the most common discussion was around the ability to obtain ship quality wood. Whether it’s live oak for its exceptional strength and ability to have a grain that follows the shapes needed for braces and other shaped elements, or longleaf yellow pine valued for its high resin content, the old growth trees are rarely available. Much of the wood used on tall ships is available as the result of collecting logs in the aftermath of hurricanes or are laminates made up of smaller pieces.

The older ships have gone through many repairs with much of the structure having been replaced multiple times; typically 10-15% is original construction, all below the water line. The USS Constitution’s original frames are solid live oak in futtock sections, while planks and beams have been replaced with laminated white oak. A typical plank is 5-7” thick and 25 ft. long (see above).

A typical maintenance cycle is 10-20 years. The USS Constitution is dry-docked every 15-20 years. They routinely do full surveys of the boat and have used x-ray and ultrasound scans to non-destructively evaluate the condition of wood and fastenings.

I could go on and on…maybe more next month.

Pumpkin Festival a Smashing Success

With all the recent drama it’s hard to believe that the pumpkin festival was just two weeks ago. Of course the festival had a little drama of its own when we found out at the last minute that the firehouse kitchen was not available. A few phone calls from Phyllis to the health department later we had a plan to make crusts ahead of time at the Eberle’s (Lynne is a saint) and bake on site.

The move to the bigger park looks like a very good decision as we are sure we had our largest crowd ever. We sold out 100 pies by 2:30 and went through over 20 gals of chili and pumpkin soup, in addition to the free stone soup.

The day started out blustery and cold and we had our moments of worry but by noon the sun was out, the musicians were playing, and the smell of baking pie filled the air. Our sailors report that it was the best day of the year out on the river.

All was made possible by our very special volunteers, as usual too many to name. Whether you helped prep the day before, set-up, during the festival, or cleanup, or all of the above, you are what makes the club such a great and vibrant organization.

The 7th Annual Hudson River Watershed Alliance Conference was held October 12th.

The focus of this year’s conference was sedimentation, a very timely topic in the wake to three major weather events hitting the area in the last two years. Topics ranged from the impact of Irene which input 1500 tons of sediment per sq. mile to the system, to monitoring, to modeling the rates of sedimentation relative to sea level rise (can our wetlands survive), to the effects and cost to New York harbor.
Make a Difference Day and Hurricane Prep

We partnered with IBM and the Poughkeepsie Journal for a Make a Difference Day project on Oct. 27th. The original plan to complete the post Irene repairs, lay in our winter wood supply, and cleanup the waterfront was transformed into a get ready for Sandy project. Six volunteers from IBM, along with 25 club members, varnished the new exterior grade interior walls, painted, secured the Woody and the harbor, took wood to David Eberle’s, and moved everything we could out of harm’s way. All this amazing effort was captured and applied to a matching grant application.

A special thank you goes to Kip Touraine, Tom LaBarr, David Eberle, and Aaron Havens for leading the teams, and of course to all who came out, both members and the IBM folks. You were so efficient that it was hard to find tasks for a few late arrivals.

The fact that the Woody came through unscathed, no boats or docks were lost, and we had our regular Friday meeting on time in a beautiful clean clubhouse speaks volumes. A little bit of luck and a lot of hard work and planning goes a long way. Thank You again!

Woody Sailor’s Meeting Held Nov. 3rd

Hi All Sailors,

Here are the results from the Woody Sailors Meeting that was held today 11/3/12. The new Chairperson of the Woody Sailors Committee is Tom LaBarr. The new Winter Maintenance Coordinator is John McLaughlin and the new Secretary of the Woody Sailors Committee is Steve Feyl. Congratulations to all.

Ben Mazer, outgoing Secretary

Other items discussed were the options for a new boom, winter maintenance, getting sailors more involved in the harbor, and improvements to the charging dock.

Our logs have been certified as volunteer records which can aid in applying for government grants and listing on networks for potential granting entities. Through that process we had 13 sailors who qualified for 2011 Presidential Volunteer Service Awards. Congratulations to: Alice Vaughn, Ben Mazer, Dennis Robie, Gigi Fris, James Malchow, Jim Birmingham, Jim Finnigan, Rich Holzman, Robert Thomas, Steve Schwartz, Steve Van der Merwe, Tom Baldino, and Wally Cox. This is based solely on the hours recorded in the sailing and maintenance logs. Many, many, other people support the Woody and the club in ways that do not appear in the logs so they deserve equal recognition. Being able to document the club’s whole volunteer effort would strengthen our case for grants considerably as well. Please bring your ideas to Alan Thomas or the executive committee.

From New Maintenance Coordinator

John McLaughlin

Hello Sailors! Good to be in touch with you. First -- my very deep thanks to Gigi who has held down the Maintenance Coordinator spot through some very trying times. I will do my best to continue her progress with our sloop.

Quick background for new sailors who do not know me: I joined BSC in 2005 because I saw the Woody on the river and inquired. I crew Friday nights with Captain Ben. I own a C&C29 Mark II that I keep at the Chelsea Yacht Club. I have been MC for the sloop in the past and assisted Captains Tom B. and Kip that year in getting the new deck beams and deck installed by Scarano’s up in the port of Albany.

Already working with Tom to get us up to Whites and he will likely bring you up to date on that before the day is over. My style is to work through the Captains as a coordinator. They are the straw bosses and they will be recruiting you folks and directing the work to accomplish the needed tasks. Make sure your Captain has the information needed to contact you and be sure your Captain is aware of your interests, skills, and availability to work on our sloop.

Fair Winds:

John
Michael Eck - Bound for Glory

Singer, songwriter, freelance writer Michael Eck came to the Beacon Institute Gallery to perform his tribute to Woody Guthrie as a fundraiser for our boat which bears his name.

From Dylan to Steve Earle, ranging through songs that made Woody famous and some unpublished works Michael brought Woody Guthrie to life. One audience member said, “He brought tears to my eyes.” With the economy, the election rhetoric and the impending storms the words seemed as relevant today as they were when they were written.

Special thanks go to Stephen Clair for a wonderful introduction, Clarkson’s Beacon Institute for providing such a cozy venue, and to Joyce Hanson for organizing yet another successful fundraising event, and of course to Michael for a great performance.

Krewe de la Rue

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

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 restaurant at the Culinary Institute in Hyde Park, NY."
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St. Luke’s Parish House
850 Wolcott Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508
6-7pm lessons in basics of two-step and waltz
Admission: $15

Purchase Tickets at http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/285167
for drawing of 2 free dinner tickets to the Culinary Institute.

Food & Refreshments available for purchase including Gumbo.
Info: (914) 907-4928, www.beaconsloopclub.org
Executive Committee meeting, Tues Nov. 27th 7:00pm., at BSC Clubhouse

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

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-3 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.

Clearwater Honors David Amram with Power of Song Award Fri., Nov. 9, 8:30 p.m., Symphony Space, 2537 Broadway, NYC, Tickets available at SymphonySpace.org.

Second Saturday, November 10, Main St., Beacon

Cajun Dance Woody Sloop Fundraiser, with Krewe de la Rue Sat. Nov. 10, Dance Lessons 6-7pm, Dance 7-10pm at St. Luke’s, 850 Wolcott Ave, Beacon, NY, http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/285167

Martha Redbone Roots Project- Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse, Sat. Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m., Memorial United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Avenue, White Plains, NY

Jonathan Kruk-Legends and Lore of Sleepy Hollow and the Hudson River Valley Sun., Nov. 11, 4 p.m. Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries/Clarkson University, 199 Main St., Beacon. jmerchant@bire.org Register at www.bire.org/events

Robert Rodriguez -Landscape Photography, through Nov. 11, Hudson Beach Glass, 162 Main St., Beacon, NY

Woody derigging and maintenance—Contact a captain or John McLaughlin


Priscill Herdman, Sun. Nov. 18, 2 pm, at the Bordeline Folk Music Club, 7 Trailside Court, New City, NY

Pete Seeger and Friends, Fri. Nov. 30, 7:00pm, William Carlos Williams Center for the Performing Arts, Rutherford NJ

Brother Sun - Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse, Sat. Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m., Memorial United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Avenue, White Plains, NY

Exhibit opening: Linda Hubbard | "As the Crow Flies", Sat. Dec. 8, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Beacon Institute Gallery, 199 Main St., Beacon

Holiday Open House and Fundraiser, Sun. Dec. 9, 3-6 pm, 35 Slocum Ave., 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