

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 39 Years

A Message from Our President

It's that time of year, to celebrate together after a year of hard work.

We have had a great year. We have had three great festivals and are ending the year with over \$70,000 in the bank. Thanks to everyone involved. We have done significant repairs on our club house and it did well in the flood. We still have to repair the last remaining section of wall that was part of the old diner which has significant damage from termites. This will be done after the first of the year.

The Woody Guthrie is in dry dock at White's Marina and winter maintenance will start soon, A block party will be scheduled in late January or early February. (For landlubbers block and tackle are pulleys and ropes). The Woody Guthrie Dinner is scheduled for late February.

But in December we will celebrate. The Beacon Sloop Club Holiday Party was Sunday December 9th (And if you didn't come you missed a great party, with great food, great conversation, and great music by The Judith Tulloch Band, Chris Ruhe and the Howling Wolves with a guest appearance of the Tioronda Kids. We raised \$800. Our next celebration is the Our Holiday Sing On Saturday December 15th at 7:30 PM. We will need some help in cleaning up and decorating the Club house. Also if you can bring some finger food.

It's time to renew your membership and remember that any renewal with a donation of \$100 will be matched by our raise the sail challenge grant.

In January our winter environmental talks will begin.

Happy Holidays and best wishes for the New Year.

David Eberle

Inside this issue:

Putting the woody to bed, holiday events, election results, and more....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Thursday, December 27th 7:00 p.m. –to be confirmed

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, January 4th 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

Name _____ Street Address _____

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

Additional Members at this address _____ Email _____

_____ Email _____

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.

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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

Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes, December 7, 2012

Announcements

Club President David Eberle welcomed first-time visitors – from Wappinger, Beacon, New Jersey and New York City.

Elections. The slate of officers from the November meeting -- **David Eberle** and **Steve Schwartz**, for president; **Saul Rosinsky**, for vice president; **Sarah Elisabeth** for treasurer; and **James Malchow** for secretary – was presented to the membership. A motion to close nominations was passed unanimously. A motion to select David Eberle as president was passed with a show of hands. The Secretary moved to accept the slate as proposed. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection. Congratulations to our new officers! **Editor's note:** A motion was passed to thank outgoing secretary Vane Lashua for his service to the club. Vane will continue as membership chairman and remain on the board.

Treasurer's Report. The full treasurer's report appears elsewhere in the *Broadside*.

Building & Patio. **Saul Rozinsky** praised Building Chair, **Claudine Craig**, for her tireless work over the last several years. Saul was appointed temporary Building Chair, but called for volunteers to fill the spot. Interior restoration work from flooding during Hurricane Sandy is again nearly complete. New walls, having been constructed of waterproof exterior plywood with no insulation, survived well. The new outlets though moved up were below the flood but also survived well. Cabinets and most shelving were untouched though a good day and a half of cleanup were required by volunteers. Many thanks go to the tireless efforts of Saul, David, Ron Bell, Aaron Havens (our contractor cum volunteer), Alice, James Krivo, Alan, Rosemary, Robert, and many others.

Holiday Sing and Holiday Party. **Michael Scolnick** is heading up the Holiday Sing this year. Set up begins about 4:30 on **Saturday, Dec. 15** and the Sing starts at 7:30. ** David and Lynn Eberle hosted a well-attended holiday party on Dec. 9. The food was great, and the music and company were extraordinary. Money donated will go toward the Woody.

Woody Report. **Tom LaBarr** announced that the annual block party is coming up (no date set yet) when we gather to oil and maintain the Woody's rigging, including its blocks (or "pulleys"). Check the web site, Facebook page or come to the January meeting. ** Tom also called for donations for raffle and door prizes for the annual Woody dinner, coming up on February 23rd. As it turned out, last year's donations – including those from merchants and vendors – practically made a winner out of everyone who came.

Circle of Song. The circle of song this month started with a very special rendition of "Turn, Turn, Turn" by its author, Pete Seeger. Pete related that Toshi had made new verses for the children at their house over time, and he shared some of them with us along with the original.

James Malchow (Tues. crew and our new Secretary!) remains enthusiastic about creating a digital archive of materials from **Mel & Vinny**. Mel Healy has at least two file cabinets full and has volunteered to add others from members. ** **Rich Carlson**, 3 Bowdoin Lane, New Hamburg, NY needs financial assistance to help pay medical bills ** On Friday, Dec. 14 at 7:30, The Beacon Theatre (NYC) is hosting BRING LEONARD PELTIER HOME IN 2012, a concert with Pete Seeger, Harry Belafonte, Jackson Browne and many others. ** If you're in NYC on a 2nd Friday, visit St. John's Church on Christopher Str. Friends of the Sloop Club are there every month. ** **Don Raskopf** has been appointed Fracking Coordinator for Clearwater.

Keep Sailing!

Respectfully submitted, Vane Lashua, Retiring Secretary

BRING LEONARD PELTIER HOME IN 2012

AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND LEARNING

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PETE SEEGER

PERFORMANCES BY
JACKSON BROWNE
RUBIN "HURRICANE" CARTER
BRUCE COCKBURN
COMMON
DANNY GLOVER
PETE SEEGER
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BILL MILLER

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GINA BUENROSTRO | MARGO THUNDERBIRD

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Bruce & Connie Taylor
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Eleanor & Eli Kleiner, Jessica Carroll,
Tahl BenYehuda, R. J. Storm & Old School,
Fred Gillen, Kurt Hauck, Michael Scolnick

And other friends
 At

The Beacon Sloop Club

(By the river near the Beacon Train Station)

Saturday, December 15th, 2012, 7:30 pm

Free Admission - Please feel free to bring a desert item or finger food to share

Canned or Boxed Food will be collected for the
 Beacon Food Pantry

The Beacon Sloop Club Winter Lecture Series Begins
Friday, Jan. 18, 7:00pm at the Clubhouse

Alternate Energy Solutions

Don't be Left in the Dark. "Solar 101"
Christina Bagen, Hudson Solar

economic and environmental benefits of solar
 incentives available to home and business owners.

The Beacon Sloop Club Solar Trailer
Saul Rozinsky

Off the grid options for events and Emergencies

Deep Geothermal
Vane Lashua

An overview of an untapped resource
 Local initiatives



Sarah received the following from Paul Gourhan who's eighth grade daughter Glynnis is making a documentary on Clearwater as a turning point in history for the National History Day contest. We are publishing to our membership with permission.

Sarah,

Please forgive my delay in writing my thanks to you. It has been very busy here and I am finally able to grab a moment to write. I wanted to thank you so much for first inviting us to the meeting last Friday, and second for introducing us around. Glynnis had a wonderful evening and the meeting worked out much better than we had ever hoped. We have phone calls to make for two of the members to get interviews with for her documentary which will be invaluable. Most importantly we got to meet Pete. When we told him of Glynnis project he said "What can I tell you about?" and launched into the story of the beginning of the Clearwater project. I was quick thinking enough to turn on our Flip recorder and Glynnis now has the centerpiece of her documentary. He was so gracious. Then to be able to listen to him later in the evening playing Turn, Turn, Turn was a memory I will always cherish. Being able to hand down my love for folk music to my daughter (who plays classical violin) is something I cannot even begin to express. Also to show her what grassroots activism can achieve is something I hope she will carry with her. I know she will. She currently volunteers at a soup kitchen in Jersey City and a day care center in Paterson and also visits monthly with the elderly with a church group.

I wanted to sincerely thank you for helping me bring this to my daughter. You have a wonderful group there and I hope to return again in the spring with Glynnis.

Thanks,
 Paul

Editor's note: We know they are not local but we hope that Paul and Glynnis will visit us again and maybe join us on the Woody sometime.

Thank You to Lynne Eberle

An anonymous group of guests of the Holiday Fundraiser at the home of Lynne and David Eberle would like to thank Lynne for the superb job she did as hostess.

The Woody Report

The Woody is now safely tucked away under a tarp at White's Marina and ready for winter maintenance to begin after the holidays. Captains and crews spent two busy weekends in November derigging her and getting ready for Donny White to pull the mast. Thank you to all who came and helped. There will be lots to do



before Cornwall so rest up and be ready to join us as we prepare for our 35th sailing season.

The block party will be scheduled soon. It's usually on or around Superbowl Sunday. The Woody dinner is set for Feb. 23rd so put that on your calendars.

We finished the year having provided 1376 guests a free opportunity to experience the beautiful Hudson River, while logging 1807 hours of volunteer time for our captains and crews. What an extraordinary effort!



Hat's Off to the Harbor Team

Mooring field manager, Kip Touraine and the harbor team finished securing the harbor for the winter, removing docks and moorings, pulling the dingy fleet, the Ed Teach, removing the ramp, etc, etc.

We would like to thank our good friends Riverpool and Vane Lashua for arranging the use of their secure area in Riverfront park for winter storage of the mooring tender.

The harbor team is always looking for help so contact Kip if you are interested in helping out next year.



Hudson Valley Science Café December 19, 2012 at 7:00 PM

A tropical parasitic disease common in Latin America

Topic: Chagas, the disease that killed Darwin

Presenter: John McLaughlin, Ph.D. Research Entomologist, Agricultural Research Service, USDA (retired).

The essence of a Science Cafe is informality, with groups seated around tables with food and drink to encourage conversation.

Website:

http://www.cafescientifique.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=196:HUDSON-VALLEY&catid=78:cafe-pages

Meeting site: Diana's, 1015 Little Britain Road (Route 207), New Windsor (just east of Stewart Newburgh Airport, on the opposite side of the road from the airport entrance). The \$4.00 admission fee includes coffee or tea. If you arrive at 6 PM, you can order from the Early Bird menu. No orders are taken during the Presentation (7:00-7:30)

University of Texas Withdraws Fracking Study

The University of Texas was forced to withdraw a report, "Fact-Based Regulation for Environmental Protection in the Shale Gas Development" by its Energy Institute for 'numerous errors and flaws' and the failure to disclose conflicts of interests by the study's authors. The principal author has retired and the head of the institute resigned.

For more info:

<http://stateimpact.npr.org/texas/2012/12/06/review-of-ut-fracking-study-finds-failure-to-disclose-conflict-of-interest/>

Fishkill Ridge Caretaker Statement



Cajun Dance Save Our Sloop Fundraiser

Thank you to Joyce Hanson for organizing our first Cajun dance fundraiser (yes, that does imply we would like to do another; Joyce can you take a hint?) at St. Luke's parish house. Over one hundred attendees stepped out to the Hudson Valley's own Krewe de la Rue who were just fantastic. Their energy and enthusiasm was contagious. There were lots of seasoned dancers as well as many newbies who came early for the dance lessons.

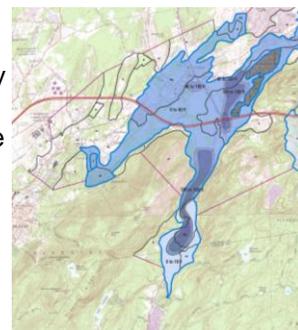
Many of folks helped out with food, set-up, clean-up, decorating, and all the little things that made the event a success. We thank you all! A special mention goes to John Allen and his gumbo. What would a Cajun dance be without gumbo?

Congratulations to Nancy Farren who won the dinner for two at the Culinary Institute in Hyde Park. Thank you to Andra for arranging this.

This was another great example of fun through fundraising so keep those ideas coming. We are getting near the half way point to our goal for the Woody restoration but still have a long way to go.



The most important public water supply in Southern Dutchess County comes from wells owned by the Village of Fishkill located near Route 9 in the Town of Fishkill. The wells tap the highly productive Clove Creek aquifer.



A powerful local family, the Montforts, own several parcels of land along Route 9 from near Clove Road in Fishkill to the Putnam County line. For many years, they have engaged in or proposed activities at these parcels that would/did have a negative environmental impact, possibly damage water quality, or both. Their plans have been routinely approved by the Town of Fishkill only to be turned down or severely modified later by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

Montfort's "Sour Mountain" proposal would have blasted rock from the side of Fishkill Ridge for 150 years: denied by the DEC. It's Southern Dutchess Sand and Gravel Mine (SDS&G) removed soil to within 5 feet of the top of the aquifer by permit, then obtained a new 3-year permit to mine below the waterline. Exposing the aquifer to air would accelerate water quality degradation. Since the mine is located one mile upgradient from the public water supply, the Fishkill Ridge Caretakers (FRC) a citizen group formed at a Beacon Sloop Club meeting, argued for restrictions that were included in the DEC permit: no mining has taken place. The FRC is made up of BSC members and mostly local residents

Montfort's Highland Valley proposal was a 210 unit manufactured home development on the SDS&G mine site. These dwellings have socio-economic value, but not when located 5 feet above an irreplaceable public water supply. The DEC's many environmental questions went unanswered; the application was withdrawn.

Better land use decisions are better arrived at when planners have a complete understanding of the project at hand. To approve one activity without knowing how that activity will be used in a future, unnamed project, is called segmentation. Segmentation has a negative impact on informed planning. Montfort's new twist is to subdivide a 203.87 acre parcel into 2 lots near Clove Road. The smaller 17.85 acre portion will be transferred to the Village of Fishkill for a future water facility. The twist: this is not a gift. In return Montfort is now guaranteed to buy 60,500 gallons of treated Village aquifer water per day; it may be used for use at any parcels of land Montfort owns along Route 9. The lesson here is to keep informed and take action on proposals brought up at planning and other board meetings.

Peter Rostenberg, Ed Bushek
Fishkill Ridge Caretakers

Further Info:
http://pubs.usgs.gov/sim/3136/pdf/reynolds_SIM3136_Sheet_4of4.pdf

<http://www.fishkill-ny.gov/planning-board-minutes-and-agendas>

Beacon Sloop Club Treasury Report

Submitted by Sarah Elisabeth

November 27, 2012

BSC General Fund	Amount	Membership	Paypal	Woody & Small Boats	Festival & Event	Newsletter	Harbor	Clubhouse
Donation	196.87			196.87				
	310.00				310.00			
Membership	501.98	395.00	106.98					
Save Our Sloop	2,277.00				2,277.00			
City of Beacon Fire Department	(50.00)							
Broadside	(125.45)					(125.45)		
Building	(750.65)							-750.65
Riverlife	(42.16)				(42.16)			
Central Hudson	(116.61)							-116.61
Pumpkin Festival	(454.94)				(454.94)			
US Sailing	(175.00)							
Total Monthly Income and Expense	1,571.04	395.00	106.98	196.87	2,089.90	(125.45)		-867.26
OPENING BALANCE	71792.06							
CLOSING BALANCE	73,363.10							



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Admission:
 \$20, members \$15
 + dessert to share
 with 4 people

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The Borderline is a non-profit 501(c) (3) group devoted to presenting all types of American folk music.

The Borderline is not affiliated with New City Volunteer Ambulance Corps but they graciously allow us to use their space for our venue.

Current Calendar

Executive Committee meeting, Thurs. Dec. 27th
7:00pm., at BSC Clubhouse – To be confirmed

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting January 4th– potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-3 p.m.,
At the Red Barn, Long Dock, Beacon , NY

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

Exhibit: Linda Hubbard | "As the Crow Flies", Sat. Dec. 8- Mar. 2, Beacon Institute Gallery, 199 Main St. , Beacon

Concert to Free Leonard Peltier, Fri. Dec. 14, 7:30 PM, the Beacon Theater, Broadway at 74th St., NYC

Beacon Sloop Club Holiday Sing, Sat. Dec. 15, 7:30 PM, at the BSC Clubhouse, - Set-up help needed earlier!

"Flooding Disasters from Ice Age to Hurricane Irene" by Robert Titus, PhD. , Tues., Dec. 18, 6:30pm, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, 232 Plaza Rd., Kingston, NY

SCENIC HUDSON'S NATURALIST LECTURE SERIES – LAURA HEADY: BIODIVERSITY IN THE HUDSON VALLEY, Tues., Jan. 8; 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Scenic Hudson's River Center, Long Dock, Beacon



Woody maintenance – Contact a captain or John McLaughlin

The Kennedys - Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse, Sat. Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m., Memorial United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Avenue, White Plains, NY

Beacon Sloop Club Winter Lecture – Alternative Energy, Fri. Jan. 18, 7:00 PM, at the BSC Clubhouse

Garnet Rogers - Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse, Sat. Feb. 9 7:30 p.m., Memorial United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Avenue, White Plains, NY

Annual Woody Guthrie Fundraising Dinner, Sat. Feb. 23, Time and Location to be announced - Hold the date!

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