A Message from Our President

It was a cold winter's night, but that did not stop the hearty souls of the Beacon Sloop Club who turned out for the general meeting Friday evening. The food was plentiful and good. The meeting started with a couple of rousing songs.

This is a good time to relax and review the past and look toward the future. The last year was a good year. We renovated much of the building and it withstood the flood. (Kudos to the Building committee, Aaron Havens, and all those who contributed time.) We still need to repair the last remaining section of the old diner. This will be done as soon as the weather warms enough to work without freezing. Thanks to volunteers we have a plentiful supply of wood for the winter.

The Woody completed another year of providing over a thousand people with the experience of sailing on the Hudson in an old wooden sloop. Our winter series of talks was well attended and we did well with all our festivals. The board has made the decision to hold all of our 2013 festivals in Riverside Park. We have more room to expand and grow. But this also means we need to make more food to sell as well sold all the pies, chili and soup at the Pumpkin Festival in 2 1/2 hours.

This year our major goal will be to raise money to repair the Woody Guthrie. We need between $150,0000 and $175,000. We still need to raise between $80,000 and $100,000. We will be actively looking for some matching grants as well as sponsoring smaller monthly events, concerts, dances, wine or beer tasting’s, etc. We raised $800 at the holiday Fundraiser. I want to thank Chris Ruhe and the Howlin’ Wolves and Judith Tullock and her band. If you have an idea for a fundraiser let us know.

We kept the same officers for the new year except for Secretary. James Malchow is our new secretary. Vane Lashua is now membership committee chairman, a vitally important position. We will be working on plans to increase and retain membership over the coming year.

I wish to thank all those who volunteered this last year. You are the Heart and Soul of this Club. We celebrate you.

Sincerely,
David Eberle

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Holiday Sing collects donations for the food pantry, block party announced, fracking deadline is coming up, and much more....
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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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes, January 4, 2013

The meeting began at 7:30 with musicians singing John Lennon’s “Imagine” and “This Little Light of Mine.” President David Eberle welcomed newcomers to the club from Israel, Taiwan, and Argentina.

Treasury: Sarah Elisabeth reported that the club’s closing balance for 2012 was $71,446.00, with $1,900 spent in October. David added that the club will need another $80,000 for the Woody restoration.

David Eberle reported that there is a new matching grant for the Woody restoration.

Membership: David announced that this was the time of year when most people need to renew their membership.

Woody Maintenance: It was reported that the Block Party will be held sometime in February and that more details will be announced.

Woody Dinner: Alan Thomas (for Tom LaBarr) announced that the Woody Dinner will be held on February 23rd, though the location is not yet certain. The cost will be $50 per person. There will be lots of door prizes, last year it was roughly one door prize for each two people in attendance.

Building Committee: Saul Rozinsky reported that the wall behind the wood stove will be rebuilt entirely. It is the last remaining wall from the old ferry diner but is rotted on the bottom. Work will begin when the weather is less frigid.

Environmental Lectures: Alan Thomas announced that the first lecture in the club’s annual lecture series will be held on January 18th, 2013 and will be on the subject of “Alternative Energy Solutions”. There will be three speakers, Christina Bagen, Saul Rozinsky, and Vane Lashua, speaking on “Solar 101,” “Simple Solar,” and “Deep Geothermal.” The lectures are free for the public and held at the Sloop Club. They are held every 3rd Friday from January through May.

Announcements:
- Dan Einbender announced that on January 21 the Rivertown Kids will hold their sixth annual Martin Luther King Social Justice Concert at the Howland Center. The event will be a benefit for the Howland Center and will feature Jacob Bernz, Travis Jeffrey, Melissa Ortquist, Sarah Underhill, Betty and the Baby Boomers, and others.
- David Bernz announced that Phil Ciganer is trying to bring the Town Crier Cafe to Beacon. There will be a Planning Board meeting on January 8th that Phil would appreciate people attending to show support.
- Jacob Bernz announced that there will be a Something to Say Cafe event on February 9th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Howland Center. The featured performers will be the band Thomas Wesley Stern and Jacob Bernz will open for them.
- Dan Searles brought a table to the club made from wood pulled from the river that he and a friend built. He said that tables and benches from river wood can be ordered.

- Manna Jo Greene announced that on Wednesday, January 16 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Marist Boat House there will be a forum about PCBs in the Hudson River. The event is supported by the EPA, DEC, and Natural Resources Damage Trustees. It is free to the public. Many people know little about PCBs and the status of the dredging process. Please preregister at www.surveymonkey.com/s/HR_PCB_Forum
- Manna Jo Greene also reported that the period for commenting to the N.Y. Department of Environmental Conservation on fracking in New York ends on January 11th. She also reported that on January 9th, Governor Cuomo will deliver his State of the State Address and New Yorkers Against Fracking will be holding a demonstration at the State House that day from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Josh Fox, Natalie Merchant and others will be in attendance. Buses will be taking people to Albany that day from New Paltz, Kingston, and Saugerties.
- Mary Poppins read a thank you card to the club and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
James Malchow, Secretary

Hudson River Watershed Alliance (HRWA)
Mid-Hudson Watershed Breakfast Omelet Series

Thursday January 10, 2013: 8:00 - 9:30 am

Topic: Hudson River Estuary Program - a vision for 2013, and beyond

Featured Speaker: Fran Dunwell, Hudson River Estuary Program Director

At our January 10 HRWA breakfast, Fran will present the program’s current priorities.

Please RSVP to Russell Urban-Mead, rum@chazencompanies.com, There is a $4 minimum food/beverage purchase. Location: Plaza Diner (Stop & Shop Plaza), New Paltz.
Summary of Clearwater’s Environmental Justice Contention Testimony at Indian Point Relicensing Hearings in front of the Atomic Safety Licensing Board October 23, 2012. – Manna Jo Greene

Clearwater’s Contention: Clearwater asserted that neither Entergy’s Environmental Report (ER) nor the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) prepared by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Staff analyze the disproportionate impact that a nuclear release at Indian Point would have on environmental justice populations (low income, minority, disabled, infirmed) and do not adequately discuss any mitigation that that would limit exposure.

At hearing before the Atomic Safety Licensing Board (ASLB) panel of judges, the NRC Staff acknowledged they did not take into account potential disparate impact on elderly, disabled, mobility impaired and prison populations in the event of a radiological release in their environmental impact statement. Also, in considering the Environmental Justice (EJ) impacts if there is a relicensing, NRC did not do an analysis of disproportionate impacts of a severe accident, because they viewed the risk of accident as small and they viewed it as outside the scope of their guidance.

Clearwater Witnesses: Armed with four volumes of pre-filed testimony, nine witnesses presented Clearwater’s case: Dr. Michael Edelstein, an Environmental Psychologist and professor at Ramapo College, Anthony Papa, a former inmate, who, under the Rockefeller drug laws, served twelve years of a 15-to-life sentence in Sing Sing prison, Dr. Erik A. Larsen, Director of Emergency Medicine at White Plains Hospital, Dr. Andrew Kanter, Dolores Guardado, a Peekskill resident and native Spanish speaker, Aaron Mair, an expert on Environmental Justice, John Simms, a resident of an assisted living community in Cortlandt, Stephen Filler, an attorney and Clearwater Board member, and Manna Jo Greene, Clearwater Environmental Director.

A full report on the hearing is available on Clearwater’s website at:

The annual **Woody Block Party** will be held **Sunday, Feb. 17, 10 am, at 54 Hillside Road, Beacon, NY.**

Tony Aquisto and his wife Mary have graciously lent us the use of a garage on their property for this activity. Work begins at 10. Pot luck ongoing and gets real serious around noon.

This annual gathering is intended to service all the blocks (nautical pulleys) in use on our flagship, The Ferry Sloop Woody Guthrie.

Yearly, each block is dismantled as needed, inspected and repaired, and lightly sanded and refinished. All blocks on the Woody are, indeed, made from wood with metal sheaves. The sheave is the wheel through which the lines run.

The party also serves as a winter gathering of crew, would be crew, and just plain interested and supporting folks. Thus, a pot luck.

As maintenance coordinator I and certain of the Captains with Captain Ben in the lead will have the tools available. As the lazy varlets we are, we prefer to show you how to do it, so come and renew your skills or learn some new ones. Trust me, if I can do it anyone can. Of course some old hands will arrive with repair kits and skills intact.

Please bring a dish for the pot luck. Feel free to call me if you are not sure what to bring. I intend to have tea, coffee, and some mild grog available for you. It is winter, so soups, stews, casseroles, salads, breads and rolls, and pies are always welcome. I will have plenty of cups, plates, and utensils on hand.

Please come directly to the garage when you arrive. I look forward to seeing you at Mary and Tony's on Feb. 17.

John McLaughlin
Maintenance Coordinator
Ferry Sloop Woody Guthrie
845-542-0721 (johnrmcl@aol.com)

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**Holyday Sing Collects Much Needed Donations for the Beacon Food Pantry**

Thank you to Michael Scolnick for organizing this year’s event, to benefit the food pantry. Dozens of volunteer musicians led the standing-room-only crowd in a variety of holiday favorites. The selections ranged through multiple faiths and cultures, something for everyone.

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**Something to Say Café Returns**

**Saturday, February 9, 2013**  
7:00-8:30pm

**The Howland Cultural Center**  
477 Main St.  
Beacon, NY

Featuring: Thomas Wesley Stern

with
Jacob Bernz

[https://soundcloud.com/thomaswesleystern](https://soundcloud.com/thomaswesleystern)

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**The Woody Report**

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Comment Period ending on Revised New York State High-Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Regulations on January 11.

Submitting Comments

The Department of Environmental Conservation is accepting comments on its revised proposal to amend 6 NYCRR Parts 52, 190, 550-556 and Subpart 750-1, and to add Part 560 and Subpart 750-3, to address high-volume hydraulic fracturing. You may submit comments on the substantial revisions using this online comment system or by postal mail to HVHF Revised Rulemaking Comments, NYS DEC, 625 Broadway, Albany NY 12233-6510. Please do not mail printed copies of comments submitted via the online comment system. To comment online:

http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/76838.html

This comment period and comment collection system will be open until 5:00 pm January 11, 2013.

To submit comments using this online form, click on the "Submit Comment" button. You will be taken to a comment screen and asked to provide your contact information. You are required to provide at least your first and last name to submit comments. If you are an official representative of any organization, you may provide the name of that organization.

Comments must be typed directly into the comment box or pasted from any standard word processing file (e.g., Word, Notepad). To assist with timely review and processing of comments, please use the drop-down menu under the comment box to indicate which substantial revisions your comments address. You will have the opportunity to comment on as many of the substantial revisions as you like.

After you have entered your comments and selected from the drop-down menu, click the "Continue" button to complete the session.

The Beacon Sloop Club urges its members and supporters to submit comments by the deadline and let their voices be heard. The more specific your comments are the better. Details of the revisions open for comment may be found on the DEC website.

http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/76838.html

EAGLE VIEWING SITES

Guests can enjoy additional eagle viewing locations and activities along the Hudson River at no additional charge.

Croton Boat Ramp at Croton-Harmon Train Station
Boscobel House and Gardens, Garrison
George’s Island Park, Montrose
Kathryn W. Davis RiverWalk Center, Sleepy Hollow
Riverfront Green Park, Peekskill
Steamboat River Park, Verplanck
Trailside Museums and Zoo, Bear Mountain
Van Cortlandt Manor, Croton

http://www.teatown.org/eaglefest/?utm_source=Holi-Daze%2C

BEACON SLOOP CLUB ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SERIES

Alternative Energy Solutions
Friday, January 18, 2013
7:00 pm
At the Beacon Sloop Club
(opposite the Beacon train station)

Solar 101 – Christina Bagen,
A one-kilowatt solar electric system:
• Prevents 150 lbs. of coal from being mined
• Prevents 300 lbs. of CO2 emissions
• Keeps 105 gallons of water from being consumed in hydroelectric plants
• Keeps NO and SO2 from being released into the environment

Join Christina to learn about available solar technologies and the economics of solar energy for residential and commercial applications.

Portable Solar – Saul Rozinsky
Saul will discuss the construction of simple low power systems that can provide emergency power for lighting and personal communications equipment. There will be an opportunity to sign-up for a hands-on workshop.

Deep Geothermal – Vane Lashua
Direct electricity generation or Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGSs):
• generate no greenhouse gases;
• use only the heat of the earth;
• use conventional turbine generation;
• feed the existing electrical grid;

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

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200 Congers Road, New City, NY
Sunday, January 13
2 pm

A master at his craft, his songs have the power to change the world. To quote Tom Paxton, “It’s his integrity. I always think of Bob as if Emerson & Thoreau had picked up acoustic guitars & gotten into songwriting. There’s touches of Mark Twain & Buddy Holly in there, too.”

For Reservations & Information Contact:
SOL ZELLER 845-354-4586
solz1@optonline.net

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.
Executive Committee meeting, Tues. Jan. 22nd 7:00pm., at David Eberle’s House, 35 Slocum Rd.

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting February 1st– 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

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

Mid-Hudson Watershed Breakfast Omelet Series-Fran Dunwell, Thur. Jan. 10, 8:00 - 9:30 am, Plaza Diner (Stop & Shop Plaza), New Paltz, Please RSVP to Russell Urban-Mead, rum@chazencompanies.com

Deadline for submitting comments on Revised NYS High-Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Regulations, Fri. Jan. 11, 5pm

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

Bob Franke- Borderline Folk Music Club, Sun. Jan. 13, 2 pm, New City Ambulance Corps., 200 Congers Road, New City, NY

Hudson River PCB Forum, Wed., Jan. 16, 3:00-6:00 pm, Marist College Boathouse, Poughkeepsie, NY

Woody maintenance – Contact a captain or John McLaughlin

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


6th Annual Martin Luther King Day-Celebration for social Justice, Mon. Jan. 21, 7:30pm, Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., beacon, NY

Teatown’s Hudson River Eagle Fest, Sat. Feb. 9, 9am-4pm, Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson, NY

Thomas-Wesley-Stern -Something to Say Café, Sat. Feb 9, 7:00-8:30pm, Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., beacon, NY

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

Woody Guthrie Block Party, Sun. Feb. 17, 10am, 54 Hillside Rd., Beacon 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