A Message from Our President:

This is my last President’s message, at least for a while. I feel honored by all of you for trusting me with the duties and responsibilities of being president. I feel that I have really found a house full of friends. So I wish to take time to thank you all and particularly offer special thanks to those who helped in making the job easier.

I fully believe that we must act to carry on the missions of the Sloop Club, the Woody Guthrie sailing program, the environmental program, the festivals, the circle of song. I would love to see us do something with regard to social activism, perhaps an evening dedicated to groups and people who are trying to create a better world. We need to carry on the work of Pete Seeger and Connie Hogarth. We also need to attract some younger people to the club.

At the last board meeting I appointed a committee to obtain and review bids for restoring the Woody Guthrie. Jim Birmingham will chair the committee; other members are Tom LaBarr, John Mclaughlin, Tom Baldino, Gigi Fris, Saul Rozinski, Alan Thomas, and Jimmy Gorgeon. These individuals have extensive experience and knowledge about the Woody Guthrie.

I wish to congratulate the new officers, Saul Rozinski, J. C. Calderon, James Malchow and Sarah Elisabeth. I believe these people will make good leaders. I will be exchanging places with Saul and heading up the Building Committee (including responsibility for the Multrum). I am also interested in looking at acquiring a good high efficiency wood stove that would heat the building better.

I hosted the third Open House Holiday Celebration and it was a great success. I plan to continue this in future years. If you didn't attend you missed a good time. Someone left a pair of glasses, call me and I will return them.

I wish you all
Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
David Eberle

Inside this issue:
Celebrating the Weavers, putting the harbor to bed, holiday cheer, signs of hope from Russia, renewal time, and much, much more…….

Photo by Russ Cusick

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Monday, December 30th 7:00 p.m. – NOTE Change!
NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, January 3rd, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.
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](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](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org).

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

Please submit articles for the Beacon Sloop Club Broadside by the 1st Monday after the Friday general meeting to

由此生成的自然语言文本。
The meeting began at 7:35 p.m. with Michael Scolnick leading the club in the song “No Easy Walk To Freedom” in memory of Nelson Mandela. David Eberle welcomed first-time guests from Danbury, Pittsburgh, and Planet Earth and encouraged them to return. He said this is his last meeting as President and a lot has been accomplished in the last two years. He thanked the club for being good friends.

Sarah Elisabeth gave the Treasury Report. The opening balance was $126,400 and the closing balance was $146,840.

The meeting moved onto elections for 2014 officers. David Eberle opened the floor for last minute nominations. Rosemary Thomas said the Nominating Committee is thankful for those who agreed to run. Kevin Haydon accepted a nomination for Vice President. Dan Searles accepted a nomination for President. David then asked for each candidate to speak about their ideas and qualifications.

Saul Rozinsky said he believes the club is an amalgamation of lots of different interests and he would encourage them all to keep up the work they do.

Dan Searles said he has been in the club since before we had the diner and has worked for the club in many ways. He wants more efforts to bring people down to the river. He wants to have more work parties and to change the festival music to attract a diverse audience and membership. He also thinks that we shouldn’t spend so much on police at the festival.

Kevin Haydon said he has been in the club for about twenty years and sailed on the Woody. He has also been working for years on getting grants for the club. He says the club is getting older and he would like to get young people into the club. He would like to have rowing and sailing programs for local kids. He said that we have worked hard for the club’s money and need to be sure to use it wisely and to prepare ourselves to make new programs.

J.C. Calderon said that he moved to Beacon from Brooklyn not long ago and he and his family have loved being a part of the club. He is an architect and activist. His professional experience is an asset and he has worked to raise money and awareness for the club. He wants to bring more younger people into the club. He will be happy to continue working with the club regardless of whether he is elected or not.

Sarah Elisabeth encouraged club members to write in candidates for Treasurer. Gail Moran said she can take meeting minutes and would be happy to serve as Secretary. She has been a Woody sailor and club member on and off for fifteen years. James Malchow said he has enjoyed being the club secretary and would be happy to continue as secretary but that Gail would also do a fantastic job as secretary. Voting was held and the meeting continued while ballots were counted.

David Eberle said he has appointed a committee to review the bids for the Woody. He has also been in discussion with the city about parking for club members. Work has also been continuing on the stone wall behind the stove.

Tom LaBarr began the Woody Report. The boat is out of the water at White’s Marina We have had a survey and have received a bid from Jim Kricker. The boat survey says the boat is un-sailable and so it won’t be sailed until the work is complete. Gigi Fris said that the surveyor deemed the boat unsafe. A list has been compiled of specific jobs that are needed on the boats. In addition to the bid from Jim Kricker, a bid has also been received from Chris Brennan and one is still forthcoming from Gannon and Benjamin. Tom LaBarr said the Woody Dinner will be at the Towne Crier Cafe on February 27th. There will be a cash bar, buffet, and live music. The cocktail hour will begin at 5:00. Tickets will probably be $60.

Saul Rozinsky gave the building report. The work on the wall was done by volunteer John Benjamin, a stone mason. John was helped by David Eberle and Saul Rozinsky. It’s well built and should last a long time. New projects are coming on the children’s area and some rot spots on the exterior of the building.

Discussion moved to the topic of the club’s $1000 donation from Chevron. David asked both sides to speak before a vote was held. Tom LaBarr shared the background of the club’s participation in a lawsuit over a pollution site in Fishkill and his continuing work on the cleanup that resulted in the donation to the club. He said the donation was a thank you from Chevron to those who represented the community in the process. He said the money should be kept. Rosemary Thomas said that the money was about working in the community. She said that to send the money back would be divide people in the club rather than bring people together.

Gail Moran thanked the club and Tom for their work on the pollution site and said that she doesn’t want the debate to be seen as a personal issue. Ken Miller asked the club to consider the source of the funds and to be careful about who we take money from. Otherwise, Ken said, we might find ourselves taking money from Entergy and Indian Point. He asked where we draw the line and if we want to be linked ourselves taking money from Entergy and Indian Point. He said the money should be kept.

Don Raskopf asked if the check came with any statement from Chevron. Tom said it didn’t. Robert Peters said that it’s important for environmental organizations to remain true to their testimonies and to do our best to stay pure. He said the money from Chevron is blood money and we should publicly return it and that his friend Raff turns down endorsement deals for companies he disagrees with. Alan Thomas said it’s a misrepresentation of the donation to say that is the same as a celebrity being paid to endorse a product or to advertise for Chevron.

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Matt Bowen said he thinks we should send the money back in the form of a big check. Wayne Kocher said that he will give the club $1000 if we give the money back, that way we don’t identify with Chevron but the club isn’t hurt. Bob Johnson said that he works with a group called London Platform which has published criteria for accepting or declining donations like this. - Continued on Pg 5
There continues to be progress in the case of the thirty Greenpeace activists arrested on September 19th by armed Russian Coast Guard officers. All have been released on bail but cannot leave Russia and still face charges of “hooliganism” which carries a seven year sentence.

In the last few days there have been many conflicting rumors and statements from Russian officials regarding the possibility of amnesty. Mikhail Fedotov, chairman of the Presidential Council for Civil Society and Human Rights, said in a radio interview that the ‘Arctic 30’ would be pardoned under a constitutional anniversary amnesty. Peter Wicox today said: ‘Just came from a meeting / briefing. Guess what? We know nothing. It seems like the amnesty will NOT apply to us, but it might be changed so it does. We MIGHT learn a little more at the Thursday evening briefing. Tomorrow I will spend the day with my buddies at the Investigator’s office. But I doubt I will learn anything else there. It is what it is....”

This progress is in large part due to the public outcry and negative publicity generated by the ridiculousness of the original charge. Please take heart in small victories and continue to help by raising awareness, asking the U.S. State Department to press the Russians, writing the Russians directly, etc. Do not let up until Captain Peter Wilcox and the crew are safely home.

Join the facebook protest:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/FreeCaptainPeterWillcox/?hc_location=stream

Shell: Speak Out and Help Get My Dad Out of Jail!
Petition by Natasha Willcox,


30 Things you can do to help the Arctic 30:


Write letters:

His Excellency Sergey I. Kislyak
2650 Wisconsin Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20007

The Honorable John Kerry
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20520

For More on the Hooligans


http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-25137980

http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/dec/10/pussy-riot-greenpeace-arctic-30-hope-russian-amnesty-

Goddess Festival
Beacon Yoga Center
464 Main St.
Beacon, NY 12508
347-489-8406
beaconyogacenter.com
Saturday, December 21, 2013
Winter Solstice
12 -7
Drum Circle
8 -10
$10.00 suggested donation
(no one turned away)

Thank you
Sarah
Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes, December 6, 2013 continued..

Hope Altkin said suggested keeping the money and sending it to help clean up areas Chevron has devastated. Joyce Hanson said Connie Hogarth couldn’t be present but that Connie said the $1000 could be used by the club to do good. Joyce reiterated Connie’s point. R. J. Storm said he isn’t a big fan of Chevron but that we are polarizing between good and bad. He said we are cutting ourselves off from working positively with them. He suggested keeping the money and writing a letter to Chevron stating our principles. Eugene Hamond said either returning the money or sending it to those in the Amazon who are struggling against Chevron would bring light on an important matter. The vote was taken by paper ballot.

While the Chevron ballots were counted, Joyce Hanson announced the results of the club elections. The officers in 2014 will be Saul Rozinsky, J.C. Calderson, Sarah Elisabeth, and James Malchow.

Joyce thanked David Bernz and Phil Ciganer for the Towne Crier concert and said it raised nearly $5000. She thanked Bonnie Champion and J.C. Calderon for their help volunteering. Joyce said that she is auctioning off a piece of jewelry of the Woody at an upcoming party at David Eberle’s house on December 8th.

Aaron Verdile said that the Holiday Sing will be on December 13th and that he needs help from volunteers for various jobs. He handed out flyers.

Bonnie Champion reminded the club that there will be a parade on Martin Luther King Day in Beacon. She and Pete Seeger have been helping to plan the parade and need for the whole club to come out that day. The rehearsals are at the Springfield Baptist Church. The next rehearsal is December 16th at 6:00 p.m. Mary Poppins encouraged the club to attend and to bring friends.

Joyce Hanson reported that by a vote of thirty eight to eleven the club voted to keep the money from Chevron (recount showed 36-14),

Announcements

Wayne Kocher announced that he has made holiday cards that he designed and they are for sale with all proceeds going to the club. David Eberle asked for a round of applause for all that Wayne has done for the club.

Saul Rozinsky announced that Mike Sherker passed away on Tuesday and that the club will be sending a condolence card to Claudine Craig. Cards can be sent to Claudine care of the Beacon Sloop Club to Box 527, Beacon NY 12508.

Saul also announced that the next Executive Board meeting will be on December 30th at 7:00. If the weather is mild it will be at the Sloop Club, otherwise it will be held at David Eberle’s house.

Sarah Elisabeth announced that there will be a winter solstice celebration on December 21st. For more information, contact Sarah.

Nora Gallardo announced that she has milkweed seeds available for member to plant at their homes for butterflies to eat.

Eugene Hamond announced that on December 14th at the People’s Voice Cafe there will be a concert of the New York City Labor Chorus.

The meeting broke at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by James Malchow, Secretary

Thank you to John Benjamin and his band of helpers, Rene Vivo, Saul Roszinsky, and David Eberle for the new stone wall.
A Special Thank You to Phil Ciganer of The Town Crier Cafe and David Bernz for another magical evening of the Work of the Weavers on Nov. 17th. The concert celebrating the 65th anniversary of the founding of the Weavers featured special guests Tom Chapin and Pete Seeger. This was a memorable experience for everyone.

We offer special appreciation to Mr. Cignaner for his most generous donation to Benefit the Woody Restoration Fund, to David Bernz for organizing the show, and to artist Michael D’Antuono’s of Art & Response. A silent auction was held for the print he so generously donated. Much appreciation also to volunteers Bonnie Champion and J.C. Calderon for helping to make the evening work.

We wish to welcome Phil and the Town Crier to Beacon and look forward to a long lasting relationship.

Sharing Some Holiday Cheer

Thank you again to outgoing President David Eberle for opening his home for the annual holiday party and fundraiser. There was tons of good food, more Santas than anyone could count, three plus bands, and many, many good friends and supporters to create a truly festive atmosphere.

Leann Schroder of On The Bend was inspired when she saw the Woody at the Garrison Arts and Craft Show. After learning about the Woody Restoration Project she offered to make this beautiful pendant hand forged in copper and sterling silver for a silent auction fundraiser. A huge thank you to Leann Schroder for her generosity. This pendant raised $300 at the holiday party. For more of her jewelry please visit onthebend.com

Thank you to all who came out to support the Woody, brought a dish to share, played a tune, helped with set-up or clean-up, or otherwise made this a special event.

Clearwater Open Boat Volunteer Workshop: Arts, Literature, and Boat Craftsmanship
Saturday, January 18, 2:30-3:30PM
Home Port & Education Center, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston, NY

Join us for a Clearwater Winter Volunteer Training Session & Workshop focused on Arts, Literature, and Boat Skills! Come meet the crew and educators and learn about new and exciting additions to our education program. http://www.clearwater.org/events/open-boat-volunteer-workshop-arts-literature-boat-craftsmanship/
Clearwater Holiday Potluck Party
followed by “Holiday Sing” at the Beacon Sloop Club!

Friday, December 13th
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Join Clearwater for our annual Holiday Party!

Bring a dish (of food...) and a beverage (soda, cider, beer, wine, grog, etc.) to share!

Bring an instrument to play!

Bring some December delight!

We will be welcoming the winter season with a party full of good food, good music, good friends and good cheer at the Clearwater office in Beacon and then heading over to the Beacon Sloop Club for their Holiday Sing at 7 pm!

(724 Wolcott Avenue, then Red Flynn Drive for the Holiday Sing)

* We do not have any way to heat food, so please consider this when making your potluck choice for this event.
**Beacon Sloop Club Treasury Report**  
Submitted by Sarah Elisabeth  
November 26, 2013

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**Martin Luther King Day Event**  
January 20, 2014  
Dr. King Parade  
Springfield Baptist Church.  
Lineup, 9:30am.  
Parade at 10am  
Come sing with Pete Seeger on a short, 6-block march  
Featuring Songs from the Montgomery Marches

**Volunteers of all ages:**  
Come learn the songs!  
Come learn the history!  
Rehearsals at 6pm, Mondays 12/16, 1/6, 1/13  
Springfield Baptist Church,  
8 Mattie Cooper Square, Beacon.  
Call Bonnie Champion, 845-255-6436

…Until justice rolls down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream

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**Radio Woodstock**  
106.5 in Beacon

**Nature’s Pantry**  
142 Route 17 K  
Newburgh, N.Y. 12550  
(845) 567-3355  
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Executive Committee meeting, Mon. December 30th 7:00pm., at the Clubhouse

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

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-3 p.m.,
At the 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.

Ecosystem Functioning at the Crossroad Between Climate Change, Biogeography and Species Interactions. Thurs., Dec. 12, 11:00 AM. Cary Institute auditorium, 2801 Sharon Turnpike (Route 44), Millbrook, NY

STOP ALGONQUIN PIPELINE EXPANSION, Thurs., Dec 12, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Mahopac Library, 668 Route 6, Mahopac.
RSVP: www.eventbrite.com/event/9115748449
More info, visit: www.sape2016.org

Holiday Sing, Fri. Dec. 13, 7pm, at the BSC Clubhouse

Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse-Garnet Rogers, Sat., Dec. 14, 7:30 pm, , Memorial United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Ave, White Plains - Advance Tickets at www.walkaboutclearwater.org

Mountaintop Removal Coal Mining and Hydraulic Fracturing: Comparing Impacts on Water Resources. Thurs., Dec. 19, 11:00 AM, Cary Institute auditorium, 2801 Sharon Turnpike (Route 44), Millbrook

Winter Maintanence on the Woody Guthrie, contact a captain or John McLaughlin

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Beacon Sloop Club winter Lecture Series

Third Thursday Lecture series at 7 PM on:
Thursday, January 16, 2014
Thursday, February 20, 2014
Thursday, March 20, 2014
Thursday, April 17, 2014
Thursday, May 15, 2014

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

Membership

For most people membership renewals are due in January. This is a very critical year for the Beacon Sloop Club. With the planned work on the Woody, ongoing discussions over parking and festivals, and key environmental issues such as fracking coming to a head it’s important that you renew, participate, and be counted. As always it’s not about the money, arrangements can be made for financial hardship.
Contact: Vane Lashua, or Sarah Elisabeth