From the Editor’s Desk

I’d like to welcome James Malchow to the helm. If I am not mistaken he is in the unique position of being the only president to also be on Clearwater’s board other than Pete.

The club is beginning the New Year with a new president and many opportunities for our members and volunteers.

Many of our committees are looking for new members and have projects in need of volunteers. In particular the building committee has some repairs planned for the coming year and we are looking to build new docks for the harbor. Please contact the committee chairs if you can help. It would be a great time to refresh and revitalize some of our teams.

Even though the chill winds are blowing festival planning will be starting soon. It’s a great way to meet new people and see what it takes to pull off a major event. Contact Rosemary Thomas if you would like to be involved.

The current owners of many of the individual tasks that keep the club going would welcome some help or a little backup. If there is something you would enjoy doing please consider it.

Finally I would like to personally thank Saul Rozinsky for his leadership last year. His experience and guidance are invaluable.

Inside this issue: Preparing for MLK Day, upcoming events, and much more……
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_________________________________

__________________________________ 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.

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 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 2, 2015

The meeting began with a song sung by Lydia Adam Davis, Ken Miller, Pat LaMona and Michael Scolnick. James Malchow was welcomed as new president. Saul Rosinsky was thanked for his years as president and for his willingness to stay on as Building Maintenance Coordinator.

New people introduced themselves and were welcomed.

Treasury Report
Sarah-Elizabeth was not at the meeting so the info is from the report she gave at the Executive meeting.
Opening statement - $200,000.00
Closing statement - $204,615.00

Woody Report
Jim Birmingham gave an update on the meeting with Rocking the Boat, a potential vendor who might repair the Woody Guthrie. They came to inspect the boat and see if repairing it would fit into their program. They are mulling it over and will be getting back to us. Jim, Steve Schwartz, Don Raskopf and James Malchow, who attended with Jim, discussed with them how it might go. One idea being to include a shipwright they knew. One thing Rock the Boat would bring to the table is finding funding assistance. However, they might not be available until 2016.

A Sailor’s meeting will be held 1/17 at 9AM in the Scenic Hudson red barn next to the BSC. You don’t have to be a sailor to attend this meeting. Topics to be discussed include:
1 Options for the Woody
2 What to do this summer without the Woody

Tom LaBarr gave a plug for the Woody Dinner, Sunday, March 1, 5PM at the Town Crier. Alissa Jones, fiddler extraordinaire, and her band will be performing. $75 gets you great food, raffles, music and good company, including some Woody sailors of days past. Last year had over 100 people & was the most successful year. We hope to do better this year. Use the form in the newsletter to sign up.

Martin Luther King March
Springfield Baptist Church has been organizing the MLK festivities for many years. Last year was special as Pete Seeger suggested a march, which was accomplished much to the efforts of Bonnie Champion. There were about 1000 people and this year it is hoped to be bigger. The next two Mondays, there will be song practice of the 8 songs for the march and the march itself is January 19. 9:30AM is line up time with the march at 10AM. Basic info will be in the newsletter.

Announcements
Wayne Kochler announced that there will be a gathering Jan 4 at 11AM at Fort Montgomery, NY to see and talk about the aging rail system that the crude oil trains are traveling on. It will be led by Joel Tyner and all are welcome.
Don Raskopf spoke on WBAI about work Wayne has been doing and of news of Clearwater and the fracking ban. There was going to be a protest at the NY State of State address in Albany but now the plan is a celebration with speakers and a party at the Hilton from 1 to 4PM. Don is bus captain for Newburgh. The date was Jan 7 but may change due to the death of Mario Cuomo. If there is a change, updated info will be in the newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07PM.
Linda Richards, of Clearwater, started the Circle of Song with song practice for the MLK March.

The Mountain Dulcimer
A Concert and Lecture with
David Massengill
Singer/Songwriter and Dulcimer Virtuoso
Thursday Feb. 12
7:00 PM
at the
Beacon Sloop Club (Beacon Harbor)

"...a respected cult figure whose songs are serious and idiosyncratic and whose writing is ambitiously allegorical." – NY Times

David Massengill is an American folk singer/songwriter, guitar and Appalachian player who was part of the Greenwich Village folk scene in the mid-70’s, walking the same streets and playing the same street coffee houses as Dylan and Van Ronk. He has released 6 albums and his songs have been covered and recorded by Joan Baez, The Roches, Lucy Kaplansky, Tom Russell, and Nanci Griffith. His friend and mentor, Dave Van Ronk, said David "took thenull out of dulcimer!"

Coming in March
Thurs. 3/12
Pharmaceuticals in the Watershed – Emma Rossi-Marshall
Sat. 3/21
Threats New and Old – a Forum and panel discussion
9th Annual
Sloop Woody Guthrie Benefit Dinner

Sunday, March 1st

At the Towne Crier Cafe,
379 Main Street, Beacon

Proceeds for the Woody’s Restoration!

Cocktail Hour 5:00 – 6:00
Cash Bar

Live Music by E’Lissa Jones Band

Raffle  Door Prizes

Buffet Dinner Includes:

Beverages:
Soft Drinks, Coffee & Decaf, Assortment of GH Ford Teas

Appetizers:
Vegetable Crudité & Dip, Assorted Cheeses & Crackers,
Squash and Apple Arancini, Baba Ghanouj, Hummus,
Mixed Organic Salad Greens and dressing

Entrees:
Sesame Crusted Tofu - Asian style with sautéed broccoli rabe, roasted red bliss
potatoes & sauce Mostradà.
Rigatoni with Broccoli Rabe and Sausage
Chicken (free range) Cutlet Francese
Grilled Scottish Salmon Fillet
...all served with an assortment of sautéed vegetables and roasted potatoes.

Dessert:
Belgian Chocolate Walnut Brownies
(served with chantilly whipped cream)

Donation: $75.00 per person

Reservations required. Deadline is February 24th
However, space is limited, so we suggest you reserve now!
For information, call or email
Tom LaBarr: 845-831-4267   labarrt@engr.newpaltz.edu
We have been connected with AmazonSmile. When folks shop at Amazon 0.5% of the sale will be donated to us. Below is the Link. http://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-3100801

The Beacon Sloop Club announces its 9th Annual Benefit Dinner for the Sloop Woody Guthrie Sunday, March 1st Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main Street, Beacon.

Cocktail hour and appetizers begin at 5 pm. A buffet dinner follows at 6, with raffle and door prizes. Live music is by the Elissa Jones Band, a kinetic band known for buoyantly blending elements of rock, jazz, blues, funk, country, folk and tango into a good time.

Proceeds are for the restoration of the Beacon Sloop Club’s environmental education sailing sloop, the Woody Guthrie, which needs a new hull this year. Donation: $75.

Reservations required; the deadline is February 24th. However, space is limited, so we suggest you reserve now! For dinner details and to print a reservation form: www.beaconsloopclub.org.

To reserve online: http://woodydinner.brownpapertickets.com.

For more information: See us on Facebook, Beacon Sloop Club; email Tom LaBarr, labarrt@engr.newpaltz.edu; or call 845–831–4267.

supporters 35
amount raised $672.27
Executive Committee meeting, Tues. January 27th
7:00 pm., at the Clubhouse

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

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

PLANET BLUE WITH CHRIS RUHE on radio station WVKR 91.3 FM, Every Mon., 5 to 6 p.m.

MLK Day Parade Rehearsals, Mon. Jan 12, 6:30 pm,
Springfield Baptist Church, Beacon

Bag It – screening w/ Sharon Rowe, Thurs. Jan. 8, 7:00 pm, at the BSC Clubhouse.

Woody Sailor’s Meeting, Sat. Jan. 17, 9:00 am,
Scenic Hudson’s River Center, Long Dock Park, Beacon

MLK Day Parade, Mon. Jan. 19, 9:30 am, Springfield Baptist Church, Beacon

Membership Reminder

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 and oil transport 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. Our strength is in our membership.

Contact: Vane Lashua, or Sarah Elisabeth

The Mountain Dulcimer – with David Massengill, Thurs. Feb. 12, 7:00 pm, at the BSC Clubhouse.

Riverkeeper Volunteer Training, Sat Feb 28, 9:30 am, Hudson Valley Seed, Main Street, Beacon

Pharmaceuticals in the Watershed – with Dr. Emma Rossi-Martin, Thurs. Mar. 12, 7:00 pm, at the BSC Clubhouse.

Forum on Environmental Threats, New and Old, Sat. Mar. 21, 2:00 pm, at the BSC Clubhouse

2015 festival Dates

Strawberry Festival Sun. June 14
Corn Festival Sun. August 9
Pumpkin Festival Sun. October 18

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