

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 42 Years

A Message From Our President

Thanks to everyone who came to the May meeting. Of primary concern was an update on our Vice President and long-time club leader, Saul Rozinsky, who is still in Westchester Medical Center. His presence has been sorely missed and we look forward to his return.

We are gearing up for a busy summer of events. The Strawberry Festival will be held on June 14th. As usual we need all the help we can get on both that Saturday and Sunday to make it a great event. We also anticipate needing added help in the event that Saul is not able to perform the various festival jobs for which we have come to rely on him over the years.

Work parties have started on the *Woody Guthrie* on Tuesday evenings and Sunday mornings to prepare the boat for its restoration. Sailors have been busy sanding down the hull, reefing the seams, and doing other jobs. Help with the work is welcome and appreciated.

There are a few other upcoming events that are important to note: On May 9th the club is participating in the Riverkeeper River Sweep. On May 14th we have our final lecture of the season at the clubhouse. On May 17th there will be a ladies' potluck and get-together at the clubhouse, organized by Rosemary Thomas and Cathy Berger.

It is also not too late to sign up to volunteer at this year's Great Hudson River Revival, which will be on Father's Day weekend. Information can be found at www.clearwaterfestival.org. The Sloop Club will have a table in the Sloop Clubs tent. It's an exciting time of year to be a Beacon Sloop Club volunteer.

See you soon,

James

Inside this issue:

Pete Seeger Day, a call for Strawberry Volunteers, members take action, the harbor team at work, and much, much more.....



Photo by anonymous

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, May 26th 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, June 5th 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!
If you can't afford the minimum, the fee may be waived.

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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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Input due to the editor by the Monday following the membership meeting, by email to acthoma@yahoo.com, or by mail to Alan Thomas, PO Box 430, Hughsonville, NY, Please allow one week for items requiring scanning or special handling.

Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, May 1, 2015

The Opening Song was "Poor Howard's Dead & Gone". There were no new people to welcome.

Treasury report by Sarah Elisabeth. The opening balance was \$213,434 and the closing was \$215,507.

Woody Report by Jim Birmingham. Last meeting we were working on the RFP for the Woody restoration. It has been completed, approved by the board, and went out to 3 bidders: Jim Kricker, Chris Brennen and Mystic Seaport. We are looking to start work before we have all the money.

Some work has begun on the Woody: scraping & reefing out seams. We will also do some deck work of sanding, salt washes and oiling. Work parties are on Sundays at 9 and Tuesday evenings at 6 at White's Marina. Everyone is welcome and needed.

The yearly sail class started 3 weeks ago with 8 students.

Strawberry Festival Report by Rosemary Thomas and Tom LaBarr. This our biggest event and everyone's help is needed – the heavy lifters and those who stop by for a bit and break up the work for others. Where help is needed:

Friday night – tables and chairs need to be moved from clubhouse to Tom LaBarr's/

The day before the festival is setup. Dave Eberle needs help at 8 AM. The solar trailer and oven need to be brought over. Set up electricity – Dan Searles volunteered

Set up water – Don Raskopf Volunteered

Staff is needed for the overnight shift.

The prep work party - to cut strawberries (~400lbs) and make shortcake – is at Tom LaBarr's. Work begins at 10 am.

Day of the festival:

Main Stage wiring will be handled by RJ

Mel and Vinnie and Susan Berliner are working together on the 2nd stage.

Please contact Dave Eberle, Rosemary Thomas or Tom LaBarr to volunteer.

Stuff needs to be collected from Saul Rosinsky's.

Winter Lecture Series report by Alan Thomas. It's been a good season with 40-50 people at each event. The last lecture of the season – History of the Aqueduct – is May 14.

Pete's birthday/ BSC Open House report by Ken Miller. The event is 12- 5, May 3. It will be pot luck with a photo gallery and music. It will be set up for people to comfortably stroll in and stroll out.

Announcements

River Sweep is May 9 at the BSC. Wear old clothing. For insurance reasons, Riverkeeper prefers you to register in advance.

Clearwater Revival is still looking for volunteers.

Volunteers are still needed to staff the BSC table at the Sloop Tent. Contact Gail Moran if interested.

There will be a Women's Spring Gathering and Potluck Lunch at the BSC, May 17.

Ken Miller announced his annual party Saturday, May 23 at 187 Strawtown Rd., Nyack. Lots of music. Fundraiser for the Woody.

Sarah Elisabeth announced that the Community Garden in Beacon got some funding. May 16, 10AM, she will be leading a Wild Weed Walk.

Wayne Kochler reminded us that lots of birds and wildlife with young are around now so please drive a little carefully and keep your eyes open. Also watch for turtles, frogs and salamanders crossing. If you pick them up, move them in the direction they were going.

Wayne also suggested that we pick a day not to drive or 1 day to carpool.

Dan Searles remembered Jerry McNair who passed away last month.

Roland said that Tery Udell, who was a BSC member and teacher with RiverTown Kids passed away recently. Also passed is Wanda Sramek, an original founding member of the BSC. There will be a spot to honor them at the Open House.

Meeting adjourned.

All Hands On Deck for Strawberry Festival!!



Volunteers of all kinds are needed on both Saturday and Sunday. You can volunteer for 20 minutes or two full days. Whatever is good for you. Bringing friends encouraged, especially for hulling. For more information, call Rosemary at 463-4660.

Saturday:
9AM Riverfront Park – set up Strawberry Tent, move folding tables, chairs, 10x10 tents, 10x20 tents, and other equipment under the tent. Possibly set up the two 10x20 tents, depending on how breezy it is.
10AM till done (2pm? Tom and Amiee LaBarr's home – Prep party – hull and freeze a portion of the berries, organize the biscuit mix, sample delicious strawberry smoothies and enjoy a free lunch.

Sunday:
9:00 AM – 11AM setup continues in Riverfront Park. Setup the 10x10 tents, tables, chairs, 10x20 tents, signs, tablecloths, serving stations, and so on.
10:30 AM-4:30 PM – hull berries. This is a very social activity and many people needed; serving; baking; Earth Care, and more !
4:30-6:00 PM Cleanup (take the tents down, move tables/chairs back to clubhouse, and so on)

In Memorium

Tery Udell, BSC member and Beacon teacher who's 4th grade class at Forrestal School spawned the Rivertown Kids musical group inspired by Pete Seeger's classroom visits in 2007. She led the group, which has performed at all our festivals, and recorded the Grammy winning CD *Tomorrow's Children* with Pete. Our condolences go out to her son Ian and to all the kids whose lives she touched.

A Busy Spring for the Harbor Team

As soon as the ice was gone Kip Touraine and the harbor team began their work, installing docks and ramps, placing harbor markers, and laying out the mooring field. While most is done there are still a few moorings to place and docks to move.

We will be building few new ten-foot docks this year for which we need a good crew of volunteers as well.



Woody Work Parties

Sundays at 9:00 am
And
Tues 6:00 pm
At
White's Marina,
New Hamburg.

We are reefing seams and scraping and sanding the hull in preparation for the restoration work.

There will likely be parties to sand and oil the deck as well.

Contact: Don Raskopf for further info.



Beacon: Waterfront Cleanup

Between Dennings Point Riverfront Park, we collected 2410 lbs of material, which includes 43 bags of trash, 39 bags of recycling, 13 tires, scrap metal, wood and rigid plastics. This was the work of over fifty volunteers from the Sloop Club, Riverkeeper, and Zero to Go. Thank you to Joyce Hanson, Chriss Ruhe, Margaret DeHeus, and David Eberle for leading the BSC team, and providing refreshments and encouragement.



Our Members Take Action



Several of our members, including Wayne Kocher, Gail Moran, Steve Schwartz, and others have been actively working with their local governments to address the threats posed by the large increase in oil transport through the Hudson Valley. Here is the story of one such grassroots effort.

After listening to the environmental lecture on Thursday evening April 9th at the BS Club regarding the alarming increase in the shipment of Crude oil on and along our Hudson River, Gail and I were moved to action by Riverkeeper speaker Jeremy Cherson and Jo Hee Park-Cunningham from Citizens for Local Power, and their highlighting how important it was to create a groundswell of legislative support for scrutinizing the safety of these oil shipments, both by rail and barge/tankers on the Hudson River. Coincidentally, the Dutchess County Legislature was in session the following Monday, and had a resolution on the table (NO. 2015107) requesting the DEC to do a full environmental impact study, and examine the potential impacts of a crude oil spill in or near the Hudson River.

We decided to attend that meeting to support the resolution, and then set about sending emails to the entire membership of the Legislature urging them to support it's passage as well. We conversed with our representative, Angela Flesland, one of the sponsors of the resolution, who expressed her appreciation for our support. (She sought us out at the Legislature meeting also and again expressed her gratitude for our support and concern.) When the discussion of the Resolution came to the floor, Rep Joel Tyner attempted to add an amendment to it banning DOT III cars from use in Dutchess County, but the other representatives felt that this was a separate issue and would not agree to include it. Without further discussion, the resolution passed unanimously. Ten days later we got a note from our Representative telling us that the County Exec had signed the Resolution.

We will have to wait to see what actions are taken as a result, but we feel gratified that we at least got the Legislature to recognize that some citizens are attuned to the importance of this issue.

Captain Steve Schwartz

Dear Ms Flesland,

I am a constituent of yours in District 6.

As you know, I get town of Poughkeepsie drinking water from the Hudson River and am deeply concerned about the water quality that comes out of my faucet.

I am writing you urge you to vote for Resolution 2015107, requesting the DEC to complete a full environmental impact study to examine the potential impacts of a crude oil spill in or near the Hudson River.

I also teach on-water sailing classes as a Phys-Ed Instructor at Marist College and have been doing so for over 15 years. My livelihood depends on the high quality of the water in the Hudson River.

I am on the Hudson several times a week for hours at a time, and I am acutely aware of the huge increase in both tank-train, and oil-barge and large-tanker traffic, that has occurred over the past few years.

I believe the potential of an oil spill is very high. I feel a spill of any kind will affect our water quality, and also represents a huge threat to the tourism industry that is a mainstay in the Valley. Additionally, if there is an explosion or fire it could cause damage to buildings and worse injure or kill people. The cost to the county could be disastrous.

The history of moving this amount of oil over across our landscape is already full of disasters, none of which were expected, but all of which were inevitable.

Again, please vote for Resolution 201507.

Sincerely,

Steve Schwartz



STRAWBERRY WORKERS OF THE WORLD, UNITE!

Twelve hundred pounds of Strawberries will be delivered to the LaBarrs' house Saturday morning **June 13th**. At 10:00am we will be hulling, slicing and freezing approximately 1/3 of the strawberries. Also, the dry biscuit mix will be made for the festival. Lunch will be served when the strawberries are safely stored away in the freezer.

Please plan to attend this year's Strawberry work party.

We will be serving **STRAWBERRY DRINKS** (with & without) and **CHOCOLATE COVERED STRAWBERRIES**.

NOTE: This is not a potluck; all food and drink are provided.

Directions: From the intersection of Route 84 & 9D, go north on 9D. We are the 5th house on the left. The house is red with a large mailbox. Call 831-4267 for more info.

BEACON SLOOP CLUB ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SERIES

A History of the NY Aqueduct System
w/ Tom Tarnowsky

Thursday May 14
7:00 PM
at the
Beacon Sloop Club
(Beacon Harbor)

A Free Event

The Old Croton Aqueduct was placed in service in 1842. In 1883 a commission was formed to build a second aqueduct from the Croton watershed/as well as additional storage reservoirs. This aqueduct, known as the New Croton Aqueduct, was under construction from 1885 to 1893 and was placed in service in 1890. Since 1842, there have been no major interruptions of service other than brief annual shutdowns for the purpose of routine inspections during the period from 1842 to the Civil War

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1st Annual Pete Seeger Day Open House

Thank you to Ken Miller and Roland Mousaa for organizing this event to celebrate Pete's Birthday with song and food and good friends, both new and old.



Thanks to Gail for setting up, to those who brought food, and to all those who welcomed the curious. We have a dozen new members to thank you for

The 2015 Clearwater Festival
Saturday and Sunday, June 20 and 21
at Croton Point Park in Croton-on-Hudson

Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival (aka "the Clearwater Festival" or "Revival") features seven sustainably powered stages with diverse music, dance, storytelling and family-oriented programming as well as a juried Handcrafters' Village, the Green Living Expo, the Working Waterfront with small boat exhibits and rides, the Artisanal Food & Farm Market, environmental education displays and exhibits, and the Circle of Song where audience participation is the focus.

- See more at:
<http://www.clearwaterfestival.org/about-the-festival/#sthash.A3eKTd91.dpuf>

Beacon Sloop Club Treasury Report								
Submitted by Sarah Elisabeth								
Tuesday, April 21, 15								
BSC General Fund	Amount	Snailmail	Paypal	Woody & Small Boats	Festival & Event	Newsletter	Harbor	Clubhouse
Donation	300.00				300.00			
Save Our Sloop	275.00							
Vendor	1850.00				1850.00			
Membership	973.10	270.00	703.10					
Total	3398.10							
D & O Insurance	-695.00							-695.00
Sailing Class	-90.00			-90.00				
Vendor Refund	-55.00				-55.00			
Broadside	-396.48					-396.48		
Staples	-62.98							-62.98
Lecture Series	-25.63				-25.63			
Total	-1325.09							
Total Monthly Income & Expenses	2073.61	270.00	703.10	-90.00	2069.37	-396.48		-757.98
Opening Balance	213434.07							
Closing Balance	215507.68							



106.5 IN BEACON



**BSC Women's
Spring Gathering and Potluck
Sunday May 17
12:30-2:30 pm
at the
Beacon Sloop Club
Hosted by
Rosemary Thomas and Cathy Berger
Bring Something to Share**

The Beacon Sloop Club's Annual

Strawberry Festival

Free Admission



Arts & Crafts

The Valley's Best Strawberry Shortcake



Sunday June 14th

Noon-5:00 pm

**Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park
Beacon NY**

Live Music

on

2 Solar Powered Stages

Metro-North to Beacon Station – For more info visit www.beaconsloopclub.org

Rain or Shine

Current Calendar



Executive Committee meeting, Tues. May 26th
7:00pm., at the Clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting June 5th – potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m

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

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

The Beacon Sloop Club Sailing Class, Wed. Apr.
15-Jun.3, 7-9 pm, at the BSC Clubhouse

History of the NY Aqueduct System, Thurs. May
14, 7:00 pm, at the Clubhouse

Women's Networking Meeting, Sun. May 17, 12:30
at the Clubhouse

Green Infrastructure/ Green Jobs Forum, Wed.
May 20, 1:00 – 4:00 PM at the Kaplan Hall,
SUNY/Orange campus in Newburgh.

REON 2015: The Real World of Real-Time Data,
Thur. May 21, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM EDT, CEIE
Dennings Point, Register at:
<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/regform?llr=759b4ndab&oeidk=a07eapiv2gz1b31f571>

Walk & Talk at CEIE | History Walk with Karen Gell,
Sat. May 30, 10:00- 11:30 AM, CEIE Dennings Point,
Register at:
<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eae97ws839da5849&oseq=&c=&ch=>

Singer and songwriter Elaine Romanelli , Ferry
Sloops' monthly meetings, Wed. Jun. 3, 6:30-9:00 pm,
Shattemuc Yacht Club in Ossining.

Woody Maintenance, Every Sun. 9:00 am,
Tues. 6:00 pm, at White's Marina, New
Hamburg

Strawberry Festival Park Prep, Sat. Jun.
13, 9:00 am, Pete and Toshi Seeger
Riverfront Park, Beacon

Strawberry and Biscuit Prep, Sat. Jun. 13,
10:00 am, LaBarrs' House, 1379 Rte. 9D,
Beacon- Lunch provided.

Strawberry Festival Set Up, Sun. Jun. 14,
8:00 am , Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront
Park, Beacon

Strawberry Festival, Sun. Jun. 14, Noon-5,
Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park,
Beacon

**Strawberry Festival Breakdown and
cleanup**, Sun. Jun. 14, 5- 7 pm, Pete and
Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park, Beacon

Clearwater Festival, Sat. & Sun. June 20
and 21 at Croton Point Park in Croton-on-
Hudson

Corn Festival Sun. August 9

Contact: Bonnie Champion
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Pumpkin Festival Sun. October 18

Contact: David Eberle

Details of calendar events may be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

For more info about the BSC: www.beaconsloop.org, or www.beaconsloopclub.org