A Message from Our President

Thank you to everyone who came out to help make the Strawberry Festival a great success. Although we had a few obstacles thrown our way we were lucky to have patient festivalgoers and volunteers to help us rebound and make the festival work out very well in the end. Now that the festival was held almost a month ago and we have all hopefully had some rest we can begin to look forward to the Corn Festival on August 14th. We will need help with raffle baskets and shucking 1500 ears of fresh local corn.

In other news, restoration work on the Woody has resumed and will continue through the summer! I encourage everyone to make some time to visit the boat in person to see the work that is being done. Volunteer work parties are expected to continue on a bi-weekly basis going forward.

Also important to the club’s sailing program and environmental mission, please be sure to look in this Broadside for information about the proposed Newburgh Anchorage Ground. It would cover 445 acres of space in the river off of Denning’s Point for anchoring oil tankers and other large ships and could effectively force smaller boats (including the Woody and Clearwater) to sail only in the shipping channel that the barges and tankers already use when they are under way. The public has until September 7th to submit comments about the proposal to the Coast Guard and we will also look into making a statement, as an organization at the August meeting, so be sure to stay tuned.

Inside this issue:
A wild strawberry festival, saying goodbye to a recycler’s recycler, USCG proposals, NOAA responds, and much, 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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The meeting opened with the song “Turn, Turn, Turn” with Toshi’s verses, in honor of her birthday today.

Jody, a first time visitor from Highland, was welcomed.

Faith Ward, a wonderful person and prominent member of the BSC in the 70’s and 80’s, passed away this week. Betty Harkins, Tinya Seeger, Tom LaBarr & Steve Schwartz shared memories. She loved the BSC and Clearwater, was the BSC non-official photographer back in the day, the Clearwater recycling coordinator for a couple decades, and a tremendous Thursday night Woody sailor. She helped start the recycling program in Fishkill and was a bottle recycler extraordinaire. The depth of her recycling commitment was more than one speaker has ever seen. She lived near White’s Marina and was regularly there collecting bottles and cans and giving the money to various charities. She eventually influenced the installation of their recycling bins. Her history also included being a member of the US Hockey team and earning a commercial flying license. She was a remarkable person, non-judgmental to the max, who loved the BSC and Clearwater and made an impact with the utmost of quiet dedication. She will be missed. A hat pass collected $176.36 for the BSC in honor of Faith.

Sarah Elisabeth gave the Treasury report. The opening balance was $272,420 and the closing was $251,645.

Rosemary Thomas, Susan Berliner and Tom LaBarr gave a thank you to all involved with the Strawberry Festival. It was an amazing effort. We were short-staffed having lost some key people but all filled the vacuum. Crisis’s, most notably the shortbread oven breakdown, were absorbed. Contact Tom LaBarr to purchase leftover biscuit mix, $5 per bag.

Next Festival is the Corn Festival, August 14. Volunteers are needed at the festival to husk corn and cut watermelon. A raffle is a big part of the festival so get donations and/or make a basket. Contact Bonnie Champion about baskets.

Alan Thomas gave the Woody Report. He said the all-volunteer phase is coming to an end. Now that Clearwater is complete, the shipwrights will be focusing on the Woody. The $100,000 NY State grant was signed off on June 24. There will be a meeting with the Hudson River Maritime Museum to go over the technical details and financial requirements. Our State Contract Administrator is Chris Bowser (of Clearwater, DEC fish chef at the Strawberry Festival, and BSC Children’s Stage performer fame). Alan reminded everyone that when volunteering on the boat to accurately record your hours.

Other business:

Today is Michael Scolnick’s birthday. He was the former Circle of Song coordinator.

MaryEllen Healey announced that the Broad ‘Ol River CD project donated $290 to the Woody restoration project this week.

Bill Hudson asked for assistance with the Solar trailer sound system for next festival and found out that RJ will be doing it. David Eberle is making instructions to be mounted on the trailers.

Announcements:

Hope asked for carpenters, who would fix the bench around the tree. Matt and Ralph will meet with her after the meeting to strategize.

Mary Poppins shared a humorous shoe story.

Caitlyn O’Heaney said she was still looking for a place to move to. If you can help, contact her at zooheaven@juno.com or 914-257-2788.

Sarah Elisabeth will be leading an Herb Walk, July 23 at 10AM.

Bill Hudson is collecting instruments to donate to West Virginia musicians in need after the flooding.
Strawberry Festival 2016

Thank You Volunteers !!!

And a very special Thank You to Simone Williams for saving our biscuits.
Anchorage Grounds, Hudson River; Yonkers, NY to Kingston, NY

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is considering establishing new anchorage grounds in the Hudson River from Yonkers, NY, to Kingston, NY. We are considering this action after receiving requests suggesting that anchorage grounds may improve navigation safety along an extended portion of the Hudson River, which currently has no anchorage grounds, allowing for a safer and more efficient flow of vessel traffic. The Coast Guard is seeking comments and information about the operational need for new anchorage grounds and what form possible regulations should take.

DATES: Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before September 7, 2016. Requests for public meetings must be received by the Coast Guard on or before June 30, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2016–0132 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov


OR CONTACT: Mr. Craig Lapiejko, Waterways Management Branch at Coast Guard First District, telephone 617–223–8351, email mailto:craig.d.lapiejko@uscg.mil.

This proposal encompasses ten sites to be designated for commercial anchorage in the Hudson River Estuary, four within our routine sailing areas and viewshed, totaling 2000 acres. The potential for degrading significant spawning grounds, impacting the habitat of many endangered species, and the aesthetics that have been a major factor in the resurgence of riverfront communities is huge. It is fair to speculate that many of the vessels that would be using these sites will be the carrying fossil fuels.

Please make your voice heard and demand a full hearing on these proposals!

NOAA Responds to Beacon Sloop Club concerns about Sturgeon Mortalities.

“..we share your concern about shortnose and Atlantic sturgeon being killed by boats in the Hudson River. We are interested in any ideas you have to standardize monitoring and reporting of these incidents and, most importantly, to limit the potential for these strikes.” We made several suggestions in our letter regarding commercial vessels.

“…the Beacon Sloop Club could be an important partner getting those messages to the public..”

A new opinion (questioning validity of data showing increased mortality, and dismissing mitigating actions) is posted at http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/protected/section7/bo/actbo.html

Proposed Newburgh Anchorage
In Memoriam – Faith Ward

Faith Ward, a longtime Sloop Club and Clearwater volunteer, passed away on June 28 at the age of 85. Faith was a retired occupational therapist at Castle Point, and is remembered at the Sloop Club as an excellent Woody Sailor, as our "unofficial" photographer in the 1970’s-1980's, and as a founder of our recycling efforts. For many years, she was a co-coordinator of Litterpicking at the Revival at its original site in Croton Point, then at Valhalla, and then back to Croton. A couple of years ago Faith lent us hundreds of her photographs of festivals, meetings, and Woody sails, which we scanned and posted on our Facebook page. In recent years Faith has continued with her recycling efforts, and she been involved with St. Mark’s Church in Chelsea and at St. Nicholas in New Hamburg, where she lived. Faith was a friend and a help to many.

The Woody Report

Phase three of the restoration began in earnest with the return of professional shipwrights on July 5th. They will be concentrating on the heavy timbers, assessing the keel, and completing the lower futtocks. Our volunteers will continue to work alongside during the week with volunteer days planned for every other weekend. Contact James Malchow if you would like to be on the volunteer email distribution.

Get Well Fred!

The Beacon Sloop Club would like to wish Fred Osborn a speedy recovery from injuries suffered while working on his boat on Martha’s Vineyard. Please join us in wishing Fred and Ann all the best.

Ferry Sloops "Summer Music Series"

August 4 - Fred Gillen, Jr.

September 7 - River Acoustic Band

The 2016 "Summer Music Series" is hosted by Shattemuc Yacht Club. Music begins at 7:30pm FREE
Movies that Matter Beacon  
Friday, July 29, 2016  
7:30 pm (doors open at 7pm)  
First Presbyterian Church at 50 Liberty Street in Beacon, NY in McKinley Hall.  
No Admission Charge: Donations Accepted  
Discussion and refreshments

WARRIOR: The Life of Leonard Peltier

The shocking, true story of Leonard Peltier, the American Indian leader locked away for life in Leavenworth Penitentiary, convicted of the alleged murder of two FBI agents during a bloody shoot-out on the Pine Ridge Reservation in 1975. Around the world his trial and conviction have been denounced as a sham. Amnesty International, Archbishop of Canterbury, Desmond Tutu, and more than fifty members of the new U.S. Congress have appealed for a new trial for the man who has come to symbolize the continued oppression of America’s indigenous peoples.
Executive Committee meeting, Tues. Jul. 26th 7:00pm., at the Clubhouse

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

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

Beacon Chamber of Commerce Meet and Greet, Mon. Jul. 11, 5:30 pm, at the Beacon Sloop Club. Come meet local business owners.

MOVIES THAT MATTER BEACON: Warrior: The life of Leonard Peltier Fri., Jul. 29, 7:30pm (doors open at 7pm) , First Presbyterian Church of Beacon, McKinley Hall, 50 Liberty St., Beacon, NY. Free. (845) 838 2415, www.moviesthatmatterbeacon.org

Ferry Sloops Summer Music Series- Fred Gillen, Jr., Wed. Aug., 4, 7:30 pm, Shattemuc Yacht Club

Beacon Sloop Club Corn Festival, Sun. Aug. 14, Noon-5 pm, Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park

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