A Message from Our President

Another great year has come and gone here at the Sloop Club, marked by three fabulous festivals, two fantastic fundraising events, the completion of one amazing boat restoration, three superb celebrations, five fine lectures, and plenty of wonderful singalongs, sailalongs, learning, feasting and friendship. The River is ever stronger for our presence.

The Holiday Sing brought us all together for one last joyful singout before we hunker down by the warmth of the hearth for our winter lecture series in our freshly cleaned clubhouse. If you missed the Sing, you'll still get to enjoy the holiday lights at our January meeting!

Down in Haverstraw, the Woody shed is almost ready for winter maintenance, thanks to a cadre of dedicated sailors - please join in! The more the merrier. It will be warm and toasty in the Woody's little greenhouse, and a great vantage point for winter river viewing.

Between the Holiday Sing and our December hat pass, we brought in $386 for St. Andrews /St. Luke's Food Pantry and The Beacon Food Bank. We are very fortunate to be able to participate with organizations that do such important work in our community.

As the mercury drops, we need people to come early to meetings to help start fires. Please let me know if you are able to help out in January. We also need someone dedicated to preserve, protect and restore the multrum (mostly just keep it clean and stocked). Does anyone have access to sawdust?

Thank you all for your hard work, dedication and good company. May the New Year bring us fair winds -

Susan

Inside this issue:
Putting the Woody and the harbor to bed, holiday cheer, litte art and big hearts, and much, much more…

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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

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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Tom LaBarr, Ben Mazer,
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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting
Minutes, December 1, 2017

Beacon Sloop Club general meeting on December 1, 2017
Recorded by Antony Tseng

Start: 7:33pm

Song: Stopping along the way

Welcome by Susan
- Please renew your membership if you want to vote

October Treasurer’s report by Aaron Verdile

Building Report by David Eberle: Old Woody wood on above
the mantle but still needs to be sealed. Next spring will replace
the roof. Also need to remove the walls in the former children
area to inspect the beams.

Woody report by Jim Birmingham: The Harbor is done. We
normally don’t put the docks around the clubhouse but we are
expecting an early install at the end to the winter. We plan on
replacing the dingy docks (2 – 20 foot docks). The Woody is
currently in Haverstraw and the frame for the snow cover is
built. There will be a work party this Sunday at 10AM at
Havestraw Marina on Beach Road. Volunteers could bring
hammer and drills. We also need carpet scraps. The plastic
will be done later.

Little Boxes report by Susan. Susan thanked everyone who
worked, donated, and participated to the event. Steve Feyl
donated the wine (and also to the holiday sing).

Election: Ballots were handed out. Current nominations are
Susan Berliner (President), Vince Farina (Vice President),
Aaron Verdile (Treasurer), and Antony Tseng (Secretary). No
other nominations made for any of the other positions. 2018
Officers were voted in uncontested.

Holiday Sing by Aaron: Will be raising funds and make checks
to St Andrews/St Lukes Food Pantry. The event will be Friday
on December 8 from 6pm to 9pm. We have close to 17-18
artists. Aaron will also be here earlier in the day of the event to
start the fire.

Clubhouse Clean-up: Tomorrow at 9am. Please bring clean
supplies like dust pans if you have them.

David’s Holiday Party by David: This time it is not a fundraiser,
just a party because the Woody is done. David’s annual
Christmas party is on Sunday December 10th 1 to 5PM. Music
by Goldie Green’s Jazz Band and Spook Handy whose great
folk Music went to the top of the charts. Lot’s food and
drink. bring a side dish to share, we supply all the meat, fowl
and fish. It’s always lots of fun. David Eberle’s house is 35
Slocum Road Beacon NY turn right off 9-D south of the
Toronda mansion onto grandview, turn left at the bottom of the
hill. It’s a two-story white brick home. 845-838-9630

Winter Lecture Series by Alan: Lecture series open to
members and the public for the past ten years. Normally on
the second Thursday. January 11 will be David Rocco who will
talk about the Mt. Beacon Eight with his book.

February 6 (Tuesday) will be Neil Maher about Apollo in the
age of Aquarius (space program in light of the social
movement). March 8 will be John Cox who will talk about
barrels. April is still pending. May 10 is Doc Bane who will
talk about the History of Iona Island. Please publicize
these events. If you want to bring finger food and snacks,
please come early – we need help.

2018 Festival Dates by Susan: Strawberry - June 10, Corn -
August 12, Pumpkin - October 14.

St. Andrew’s Food Bank by Joyce: Please donate to the hat
being passed around for the food bank and the Soup
Kitchen that is across from the Howland Cultural
Center. $175 to the Soup Kitchen and $175 to St Andrews.

New Business
- (none)

Announcements
- Joyce said David Burns and his Hope Machine has
given us many fundraisers. This Sunday 7pm will be
performing at the Town Crier for the food pantry – hard
hitting songs for hard times. Please bring nonperishable
foods.
- Joyce said the Movie That Matter founded by Connie
Hogarth will be on Wednesday December 6 on fashion
and social responsibility. Donations that evening will go
to the Beacon Arts and Education Fund. First
Presbyterian Church on Liberty Street.
- Bonnie said that tomorrow night there will be gospel
concert at 5pm at the Springfield Baptist Church to raise
funds for the Martin Luther King day (Southern Dutchess
Coalition). MLK is the third Monday in January and since
the New Year’s Day is on the first Monday, we may only
have one rehearsal 6-7pm on the Second Monday.
- Wayne Kocher mentioned that Senator Schumer was
able to get money for the positive control train
equipment. This equipment is replacing union
workers. The accidents and dangers could be avoided
with a few good jobs.
- Matt Bowen said we continue with the protest rally
every Saturday from 3pm to 4pm in either rain or shine,
cold or heat.
-Raymond Arnold talked about next weekend’s is
the Secular Solstice celebration. This person has been
working on bringing this celebration for the past seven
years. We have a lot songs of science, the past. NY
Society of Ethical Culture at 6pm this Saturday to
celebrate humanity together.
- Craig Wolf asks for a moment of silence for Maurice
Hinchey.

Adjourn at 8:23pm

Election Results: 2018 Club Officers

President: Susan Berliner
Vice-president: Vincent Farina
Treasurer: Aaron Verdile
Secretary: Antony Tseng
I Swear It’s All True

’Tis the 3rd of December – the Sloop Club is clean!
Not a creature is stirring, not even the Tree;
The life vests are hung from the ceiling with care,
In hopes that the mildew won’t reach them up there;

The Woody is nestled all snug in its shed,
While visions of parrel beads dance in its head,
And I in my long johns and oilskin and shorts,
Had just settled in to write down this report -

When up on the rooftop arose such a clatter,
I was sure that poor David fell off of the ladder!
I flew to the multrum and mopped up the floor -
(We could use volunteers there, perhaps three or four?)

The window was open, and so was the seat –
And there, down the Clivus slid two little feet!
I rushed down to the book rack–flung wide the trap door -
And out gushed a creature I’d not seen before:

All slimy, with sawdust, his hair was all slick -
I knew in an instant this wasn’t St. Nick!
As I drew back my head, and was turning around -

He was drenched all in slurry from the head to his foot,
And his clothes were all toxic and covered with schmutz;
A bundle of bungs he had slung on his back,
And he looked like a Sailor whose heart had turned black:

His eyes were all wild!  His cackle, how merry!
The hours he’d spent on the framing and fairing!
The sanding! The painting! The shrinking! The swelling!
The grants that he’d gobbled! The tsuris!  The kvelling!

His checks!  How they glistened!  How sticky his ears!
The turpentine dripped from his chin like a beard,
The tail of an oil rag held tight in his teeth,
And the paperwork circling his head like a wreath!

The fumes rising up from his hair in the night
Were like shimmering waves off a Superfund site;
He was drippy and droll, a right smelly old elf -
I grew faint when he slithered and lurched toward the shelf;

Then what to my wondering eyes sloshed out – glllunk!
But a miniature yawl, rowed by eight tiny bungs!
More greasy than Billy, his oarsmen, they came,
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name:

“Now! Bung A, now! Bung B, now! Bung C and Bung D,
“On! Bung 1, on! Bung 2, on! Bung 4 and Bung 3!”
Then snatching the Woody Jar with prehensile toes -
With a flip of the bird, up the Clivus he rose!

He lit out for the dock, to his bungs gave a whistle –
And away they all flew, like the kids at dismissal;
And I heard him exclaim as they rowed out of sight,
“Could somebody else clean the multrum tonight?”

Thank You To Konstantin For Creating Our New Woody Donation Jar

Konstantin has crafted us a beautiful new Woody Jar! Please take a moment to try it out. Also it’s a great time to consider the Woody for your end of year giving.

Clearwater Receives Environmental Excellence Award


Clearwater’s longtime strategy of inspiring, educating, and engaging people is a powerful formula for success. The Clearwater’s Great Hudson River Revival (Revival) began in 1978 as a series of small concerts to increase environmental awareness and raise funds for the Sloop Clearwater. Today, it is a national model for organizations wishing to reduce the environmental footprint of large public events.
Little Boxes Was A Huge Success

They were little, but you were big! Thank you to everyone who came, volunteered, created art and donated generously to this event! The turnout was amazing, the food, drink and music flowed, the art glowed, and a good time was had by all. We all dressed up in our Little Boxes best and celebrated in Sloop Club style, ferociously outbidding each other in support of the Woody. After the smoke cleared and the wounded were attended to, our little ferry sloop received $3716 to cover winter maintenance and storage costs. Job well done! In its cozy little berth in Haverstraw, the Woody is smiling.

The Woody Report

By the time you get this, the Woody should be safely encapsulated in her winter cover. Our volunteers have been working every weekend building frames, covering the mast, and installing a plastic tarp. A huge thank you to everyone who has come out to help.

New York State Threatens to Sue Over PCB Cleanup

On Dec. 14, Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced the state will sue the EPA if the agency says the PCB removal is finished.

The state also plans to withdraw from the 2002 Record of Decision, a cleanup plan involving polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) removal from the Upper Hudson River, a 40-mile stretch north of Albany.

More details available at:


Beacon Community Kitchen organizer Candi Rivera on Saturday accepted a check from Sloop member Cindy Gould representing the money raised Friday night from sloop club members. The Community Kitchen provides lunches for those in need Monday through Thursday at the Tabernacle of Christ Church in Beacon. Rivera expressed gratitude for the Beacon Sloop Club for the cash assistance.
Thank you to Aaron Verdile for organizing this year’s holiday sing. The folks who showed up on Saturday to clean and decorate did a wonderful job. The clubhouse has never been more festive. Of course, what would it be without our musicians, friends, and all those who came out to celebrate the season.

The Beacon Sloop Club’s 2018 winter lecture series begins on Thursday January 11th at 7:00 pm with, *The Indestructible Man-The True Story of a World War II Hero “Captain Dixie”* with Author David Rocco.

The Indestructible Man is the story of Navy officer Dixie Kiefer, who was an instrumental player in major battles in World War II. Kiefer was the executive officer on the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown at both the Battle of the Coral Sea and Battle of Midway. He was the last man off Yorktown before she sank at Midway.

Though seriously injured, he swam through shark-infested waters pushing a life raft filled with hurt sailors toward a rescue ship.

As captain of the carrier USS Ticonderoga, his ship came under attack by kamikaze aircraft. Though critically wounded by flying shrapnel, he remained on the bridge, overseeing counter-attacks and damage control for twelve hours.

Later, while presenting Kiefer an award for valor, the Secretary of the Navy dubbed him “the indestructible man.” That ultimately proved not to be the case. Just after the end of the war, “Captain Dixie” — as his men called him — was killed along with five other Navy men in an airplane crash on Mount Beacon, New York.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information visit our website [www.beaconsloopclub.org](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org) or call (845) 463-4660, (914) 879-1082.
### Treasury Report

**Beacon Sloop Club, Inc**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**October 2017**

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Opening Cash Balance 10/1/17: 100,779.62  
Closing Cash Balance 10/31/17: 87,822.60
Executive Committee meeting, Tues., Jan. 2, 7:00pm., at the Clubhouse

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

Clearwater Open Boat, Fri. Jan. 5, 5-8 pm, Kingston Homeport, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston NY

MLK Day Singing Parade, Mon. Jan. 15, Springfield Baptist Church, Beacon

Clearwater’s Spirit of the Hudson Gala, Sun. Feb. 11, 3:00-7:00 pm, The Garrison, 2015 US 9, Garrison, NY

MOVIES THAT MATTER BEACON: I’m Not Your Negro Fri., Feb. 23, 7pm., Presbyterian Church of Beacon, McKinley Hall, 50 Liberty St., Beacon, NY

Reminder:

For most people January is renewal time, so please send in your membership forms. Also, it’s a good time to update your contact info, and think about electronic vs. print newsletter delivery. As always we will accommodate if the yearly fee is a burden. The money is important to us but our people are so much more valuable.

So…

Please renew. Our strength is our people and we need each and every one of you to carry out our mission.

Current Calendar

Anyone wishing to join a crew, contact any captain or Jim Birmingham to sign up. We have many tasks to complete over the winter.

The Beacon Sloop Club Winter Lecture Series

7 pm
BSC Clubhouse

Thursday January 11, David Rocco  Mount Beacon Eight – And the Indestructible Man

Tuesday February 6
Neil Maher – Apollo in the Age of Aquarius -

Thursday March 8
- John Cox - Modern barrel making from QUERCUS COOPERAGE 186 Mohonk Road High Falls, NY 12440

Thursday April 12
TBD

Thursday May 10
- History of Iona Island talk: Donald “Doc” Bayne

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