

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 45 Years

A Message from Our President

February is an ethereal time on the river, and a quiet month here at the Sloop Club. As the fish descend to their silent world beneath the ice, we have a moment of peace to dive down and reflect upon where we have gone and where we are going in the year to come – as an organization, a community, a country, a planet.

Our participation in Beacon's Martin Luther King Day celebration helped us look outward, as did the Women's Marches, and see how far we've all come, and how far we still have to go. Thank you to all you hardy souls who marched that icy morning of January 15th to celebrate the legacy of Dr. King, and to the Springfield Baptist Church for hosting such a memorable day.

Our 2018 Annual Budget is finalized and approved, the winter lecture series is off to a great start, winter maintenance has officially begun on the *Woody*, our firewood is laid in, the *Woody* Dinner is in the works, the multrum is in good hands for the next four months, and spring projects are in the offing! We have much to be grateful for, and much work to do.

Stay warm!
Susan

Pot Luck Monthly Meeting Reminder: BYOP!

Our first Friday of the month potluck meetings are open to all! Everyone is welcome to join us with a dish to share – it's a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends, old and new. Please remember that the Beacon Sloop Club is an environmental organization: we strive for zero waste at all times. So please, please remember to bring your own, reusable plates, cups, spoons and forks – and take them home with you for next month! We have no garbage collection, so someone volunteers to take home a bag of garbage after the meeting. Let's keep it to a minimum and help preserve the earth. Remember if they burn it, we breathe it; if they dump it, we drink it. Actually we drink it either way. And so does everyone else. Bring a plate!

Inside this issue:

Lectures, upcoming events, multrum heroes, the *Woody*, and much more....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING TUESDAY., Feb. 20, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY, Mar. 2, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

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.

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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, February 2, 2017

Recorded by Antony Tseng. Susan presiding.

Song: Groundhog Day Blues

Welcome. Happy Birthday to Bonnie.

Budget: No Treasurer's Report. Budget presentation by Aaron. The dock work for this year includes a one-time expense. The committees and executive board has reviewed the budget. There is a tremendous amount of work to put the Day at Sloop Brewing together and the company is opening a brewery in East Fishkill so we are not doing it this year. Motion to accept the budget. **Motion passes** unanimously.

MLK by Bonnie: Bonnie wanted to give the biggest thank you in the world. The weather was cooperative. We made the front page of the Poughkeepsie Journal. Bonnie recommends that folks join the gospel choir. Poughkeepsie Journal website includes a video. The Sloop Club banner was prominent and the Sloop music was heard.

Woody Report by Tom: The Woody is still floating in Haverstraw. Everything looks fine so far. The plan is to come out on March 31 and be pulled at White's Marina for maintenance (barnacle removal, hull painting) and rigging. The plan is to be sailing the Woody in late April. There will be work parties, sailor's meeting, and block party (grease and inspect the lines). Need more crews on Monday, and Tuesday. The winter sailing course will start in about a month – Jim will advertise.

Woody dinner by Tom: Tom is still looking for a place. He is trying to keep it in Beacon. Tom is hoping to get the last Sunday in March.

Lecture Series by Alan: Next Tuesday 2/6 at 7pm – Age of Aquarius (Space Science); 3/8 – The Art of Barrel making by John Cox; 4/12 – Woody rebuild; and 5/10 – Iona Island. Alan needs help putting up flyers for the 2/6 event. The barrels are made of New York oak. Alan also needs help before the lecture to clean up and someone to bring snacks.

Multrum by Susan: Susan asked for volunteers to tend to the multrum. Alan Zolner offered to clean it in March. Margaret offered to clean it April, May, and June.

Frances Memorial by Susan: Sunday February 11 will be another memorial at 12:30 for Frances Cott.

Hurricane Maria Recovery experience: Antony spoke about his 18-day deployment to Puerto Rico as part of his agency's response to Hurricane Irma/Maria. He has returned about a couple of weeks ago. The main island is still about 1/3 without power and many homes damaged. Antony spent his time as an assistant safety officer and part of the household hazardous waste removal team. His mission was assigned by incident command to assist with safety and help EPA collaborate with other government agencies to collect possible household hazardous waste and assist with safety. His fluency in Spanish helped him communicate with local residents and once residents got over the skepticism, they were grateful the U.S. EPA was knocking on doors. His experience in Puerto Rico was sobering and humbling.

His tour was during the holidays as January 6 is Three Kings Day, and the whole island typically celebrates with street music, toys, family time, and happiness. This year the holidays seemed present but subdued. For the most part, folks are still trying to get by without power. Antony and his team searched for paint cans, cleaning solvents, oils and other toxins to help residents remove them from the debris-filled homes and neighborhoods. They educated residents about hazardous waste and collected batteries, paint, cleaning solvents, oils, propane cylinders, electronic waste, and more for disposal. Antony monitored working conditions for his team in the intense heat and humidity while also keeping the team safe. Antony was glad that EPA has boots on the ground to keep the focus on the future. There was discussion on what the club could do to help.

Announcements

- Susan Boszo – This Sunday 2/4 at 2pm at the salon side of the Town Crier – Lydia Adams will be there with David Bernz.
- Thursday 2/8 at 7pm special collaboration of David Bernz and other local musicians tribute to Pete Seeger. A Southern Germany musicians part of ZELT are stopping by.
- 4/15 at 3pm at the Howland Cultural Center. Women's work. Women artists in Beacon and around Hudson Valley. The theme is a stitch in time with a fabric gallery work. Everything collected that day is given to the Beacon Sloop Club.
- Walker spoke – six years ago he ran an open mic event at the Sloop Club – Something to Say Cafe. Walker wanted to bring the program back. The Features artist would get one hour. **Motion passes** to consider holding the event again.
- Alan Zolner spoke – The last Saturday in July in the morning will be this year's swim. Please save the date. The Rain date will that Sunday. This event goes towards the free river pool and we are looking into the next pool site.
- Mary Poppiins spoke – She has extra copies of the Beacon Free Press with MLK coverage. She wants everyone to keep warm. Unitarian Social Justice Committee – film on Hudson Link program 2/16 at the Universal Fellowship South Randolph Poughkeepsie
- Rob May spoke – Since 2/29/2016, Cuomo has not released the risk assessment on Indian Point and the high pressure gas line. There is 2700 tons of radioactive spent rods. Please call Governor Cuomo to release the risk assessment.
- Robert Reardon spoke - Next Saturday we are having the bid eagle watch 9-4 at Croton. If the weather is bad, we will do it Sunday
- Wayne Kocher spoke - 102 birds within 100 feet was the bird watch. RiverKeeper 2017 report available if you want to pick one up.
- Bonnie spoke - Solar Sound Band – Noga wrote a song about Steven Hawkins and will be at Carnegie Hall 3pm 3/11. See Bonnie.
- Matt Bowen spoke – Pohill Park every Saturday from 3-4pm. Southern Dutchess Resist. Email and Facebook page.
- A note about Garbage – Susan asked if folks could take a bag garbage home. We don't have garbage pickup. Please collect all your food containers.

Adjourn: 8:59pm

The Something to Say Café was founded and held at the Beacon Sloop Club for ten consecutive months in 2009-2010. The original café was hosted and run by myself, Walker, and Jacob Bernz. I would like to resurrect the café nearly 7 years later with the same format as the old one. There would be a featured artist who plays for around an hour, followed by an open mic portion where each artist gets 10-20 minutes depending on the amount of people who show up. The event would be potluck (the best I could think of).

Tinya Seeger, David Bernz, and David A. Ross, all long time friends and associates of Peter Seeger, are already on the advisory committee. So far the organizing committee is Dennis Robie and myself. If you would like to be on either committee please contact me, at 845-891-7179 or francisrumpf777@gmail.com. Thanks and if you got something to say, this will be the place !



Calling for volunteers!

The BSC is the sole recipient (from our third annual WOMEN's WORK event entitled "A Stitch In Time", a Benefit concert at the Howland Cultural Center 477 Main Street at 3PM, Sunday, April 15.

Lydia Adams Davis does not have transportation!! She would also appreciate help beyond doing errands with publicity, planning, computer support, food, Instagram and Facebook, putting up fliers, posters and set up on April 15.

Several artists will need transportation on the am of April 15.

WE are calling for visual artists, painters, weavers, storybook writers, crafters, poets, photographers, graphic arts specialists, dressmakers, and needle folk.

lydiaadamsdavis@gmail.com

Anyone interested in taking juggling lessons in Beacon on a Sat. morning starting late Feb. or early March please email: Tony Duncan tonylearns@gmail.com or phone 917-363-7509



Volunteer for Revival

Please [click here](#) for all volunteer information and applications. The Early Bird Application period ends on February 26. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Richards at volcoord@clearwater.org or 845-265-8080 x 7160.

The Multrum Speaks

Thank you Bonnie, for volunteering to take care of the multrum in March, and to Margaret for April, May and June! The multrum is used by everyone, and a clean multrum is a happy multrum. It's not a lot of work: we only need it a few days a month. There's a giant bag of fresh, aromatic sawdust in the Sloop Club, and enough paper for a year. If anyone would like to volunteer to oversee the multrum as a full out coordinator, all you have to do is make sure the multrum is stocked and clean. You don't even have to do it yourself: just organize a calendar and reliable monthly volunteers, and you will have the undying gratitude and appreciation of the entire club, and...a happy multrum.

Learn to sail

The Beacon Sloop Club Sailing Class

Learn the basics of sailing in a classroom situation and potentially become a member of the crew on the "Woody Guthrie", historic wooden replica of a gaff-rigged Hudson River Sloop, when she is re-launched.

8 Sessions, Wednesday evenings, beginning April 11th and finishing on May 30th. Classes run from 7 - 9 PM and the cost is \$50. We furnish a textbook for you to keep.

at the
Beacon Sloop Club
2 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon, NY

For more information contact Jim Birmingham @ 201-259-9634 or email jbirmingham@hvc.rr.com.

BEACON SLOOP CLUB WINTER EDUCATION SERIES

The Art of Barrel Making:

w/ Cooper John Cox

A Free Event

Thursday March 8
7:00 PM

Beacon Sloop Club
(Beacon Harbor)



- A brief history of barrel making
- The cultural heritage of coopering in the Hudson valley
- A primer on barrel construction and mathematics.
- A display and discussion of 18th century hand tools and their use in traditional barrel crafting.



After 27 years of custom cabinetmaking in Philadelphia and New York, John Cox decided to open a cooperage. After a hard-spent 2 years of research, tool acquisition, and trials he went into production. He operates the Quercus Cooperage in High Falls, NY, producing watertight barrels without the use of fasteners or glue.

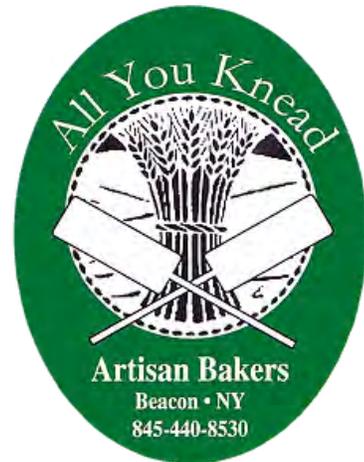
On Thursday March 8th at 7:00 pm The Beacon Sloop Club's 2018 Winter Lecture Series will present *The Art of Barrel Making* – with local cooper John Cox.

Mr. Cox will cover a brief history of barrel making, the entomology of the terms, the cultural heritage of coopering in the Hudson valley and a primer on barrel construction and mathematics. He will also display and discuss his 18th century hand tools and their use in traditional barrel crafting.

As the craft brewing and distilling boom took hold in New York and elsewhere, the demand for barrels, firkins, and other traditional products soared. Mr. Cox founded Quercus Cooperage in High Falls to help meet that demand. Using local New York white oak, he produces watertight casks without the use of fasteners or glue, contributing to the artisan spirit of his customers.

There is a long history of barrel making in the Hudson Valley, where wet and dry goods were transported in barrels down the Hudson River aboard sloops. With prohibition and the advent of modern packaging much of the craftsmanship and industry was lost.

For more information visit our website www.beaconsloopclub.org or call (845) 463-4660, (914) 879-1082



MOVIES THAT MATTER BEACON



I Am Not Your Negro envisions the book James Baldwin never finished, a radical narration about race in America, using the writer's original words, as read by actor Samuel L. Jackson. Alongside a flood of rich archival material, the film draws upon Baldwin's notes on the lives and assassinations of Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King Jr. to explore and bring a fresh and radical perspective to the current racial narrative in America.

Fri., Feb., 23, 2018

Doors open 7:00pm- film @ 7:30

**First Presbyterian Church of Beacon, McKinley Hall,
50 Liberty St., Beacon, NY 12508**

Free Admission Refreshments Discussion

www.moviesmatterbeacon.org

Current Calendar



Executive Committee meeting, Tues.,
Feb. 20, 7:00pm., at the Clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st
Friday of the month: next meeting, Mar. 2 –
potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30
p.m

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

Women's Work: A Stitch in Time, Sun.
Apr. 15, 3 pm, Howland Cultural Center,
477 Main St. , Beacon

Sailing Class, Wed. Apr. 11 thru May 30,
7-9 pm, at the Clubhouse

Reminder:

For most people January is renewal time, so
please send in your membership forms. Also,
It's a good time to update you 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.

And...

Bring a friend! (or two)

Anyone wishing to join a Woody crew can
contact any captain or Jim Birmingham to
sign up.

We have many tasks to complete over the
winter. Working on the boat is a great way
to learn.

We are especially in need of people for
Monday and Tuesday nights. No experience
is required. We will train you.

The Beacon Sloop Club
Winter Lecture Series
7 pm
BSC Clubhouse

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

Thursday April 12
Restoring the Woody Guthrie and
Clearwater – Jim Kricker
w/ screening of Jon Bowermaster's
short film

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