

# Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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## Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 45 Years

### A Message from Our President

Summer is our busiest time here at the Beacon Sloop Club. Between the festivals, the boat, the harbor and the building there are plenty of ways to jump in and help out!

Now that the Woody is back in full sailing mode, we have some wonderful new sailors on every night! (Also wonderful old sailors.) Come join us! Sailing on the river is a great way to get involved with the boat, the Sloop Club and the Hudson. Or, if you're not quite ready to get your feet that wet, come to a Saturday Woody work party. We have now designated the first Saturday after every monthly meeting to be our official Woody maintenance day. You'll learn all the ins and outs of wooden boats and how to keep them shipshape, while doing great work and making a whole crew of new friends. All you need is your enthusiasm and willingness to learn new skills.

The Annual River Swim was amazing as always. Created to raise funds to sustain Pete and Toshi's RiverPool, it has been a hugely successful event for fifteen years, drawing over a thousand swimmers and international acclaim.

Congratulations to Alan Z. for all his hard work and foresight in creating and running the River Swim so smoothly all these years, and thank you to all our volunteers who participated by swimming, sailing and kayaking the swimmers to safety, as well as working on land on both sides of the river, keeping everyone well fed and entertained with fine music. If you want a great opportunity to connect with the river, this is your total immersion experience!

When you throw something away...where is away? Follow this thought to its logical conclusion and it becomes clear that there is no away. We are it. Everything we contribute to the waste stream comes back to us in the air we breathe, the water we drink and in our food supply. Additionally, the average American has measurable phthalate and bisphenol (BPA)

metabolites in their body burden, chemicals we take in daily from plastic bottles, straws, can liners, food containers and personal care products, that are known endocrine disruptors potentially linked to a range of conditions including cancers, diabetes, heart disease, obesity, asthma, allergies, gender neutrality, reproductive and learning disorders, autism and ADHD - to name a few.

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Corn cooked to perfection, swimming the river, fine arts and jibes, and much more....



**NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, August 28, 7:00 p.m.**

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY, September 7, 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](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org).

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Jim Birmingham, Patrick Gallagher,  
Tom LaBarr, Ben Mazer,  
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# Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, August 3, 2017

## The 2018 Corn Festival

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with Susan Boszo leading the club in singing Fifty Sail on Newburgh Bay. Vince Farina presided over the meeting in Susan Berliner's absence. New attendees were welcomed from Hudson, Newburgh, and Peekskill.

Aaron Verdile gave the Treasury report. The opening balance for the month of June was \$76,800 and the closing balance was \$84,300. Discussion was held about the club's process for acknowledging donations. Margaret DeHeus agreed to handle thank you letters, with some assistance from others.

Rosemary Thomas, Joyce Hanson, and Bonnie Champion reported on the Corn Festival. We will have 1000-1500 ears of local corn. We need volunteers for lots of jobs, including selling corn and watermelon, earth-care, chili, and other jobs. Rosemary said it is important to have volunteers because the festival is about more than food and music; the festivals make a difference in public opinion about the river. A new feature of this year's festival will be a cornbread contest. Participants can bring a cornbread, which must be made from scratch and have its ingredients listed. Joyce displayed new Corn Festival t-shirts that are for sale. Betty Harkins later mentioned that there will be macroinvertebrate and Stony Kill Farm displays at the E-Tent.

Vince Farina reported that the Woody maintenance work party originally scheduled for August 4th has been postponed due to the weather forecast. Steve Schwartz reported that the Woody's season is in full swing and people should book their sails. Joyce Hanson discussed the dinner raffle and encouraged people to buy tickets. It was suggested that one method for the boat to earn money and to ensure guests will show up would be for people to put a deposit on their reservation and have it returned to them when they arrived to sail. Steve Schwartz said that would not be in accordance with the boat's mission or tradition.

David Eberle said that there will be a work party on September 8 to continue work on the north roof of the clubhouse. The primary area left to replace is the multrum roof.

Alan Thomas said that we were given four family passes to the Hudson River Maritime Museum. He offered them to people who would be interested in using them.

The meeting moved to announcements. Joyce Hanson announced that on August 14, Movies that Matter Beacon will feature Josh Fox's one man show. Susan Boszo invited everyone to the post-meeting song circle and said that the song circle is now a part of the Songfarmer Collective, and may be included in a program on PBS about song circles. Alan Zollner thanked the club on behalf of River Pool for its assistance with the River Swim, especially the volunteer sailors, set-up crew, swimmers, donors, and more. Bonnie Champion reiterated Alan's thanks. Bonnie Champion said there is a traveling replica of the Vietnam War Memorial on display in Newburgh through Sunday, August 5. Aaron Verdile announced that he is doing a charitable giving seminar at his office on October 17. Arthur Christie said he has a 25' wooden sloop for sale. See the newsletter for details.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

We managed to sandwich between two very rainy days and have a wonderful event, thanks as always to our volunteers.

Great music, chili, watermelon, salsa, fresh sweet corn cooked to perfection and free sailing, what more could you ask for?



**Competitive Power Ventures sues the over denial of an air permit for its Wawayanda power plant.**

<http://www.recordonline.com/news/20180814/cpv-sues-state-over-permit-denial>

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Our plastic garbage then photodegrades in oceans and rivers and travels up the food chain into every living thing, serving as sponges that absorb and concentrate other toxins, such as PCB's and DDT. At our September meeting, we will have the opportunity to watch the award winning documentary, "Bag It," about single use consumer plastics; a prelude to our special guest speaker in October, Elizabeth Gross, who is leading a successful campaign in Westchester to ban plastic bags from stores. The Hudson's newest threat is microplastics. Being cognizant of our plastic consumption and learning how to take effective action to eliminate it are important steps toward protecting our own river and the future of our planet. Please join us at our September meeting to begin this journey together.

See you at the river!  
Susan

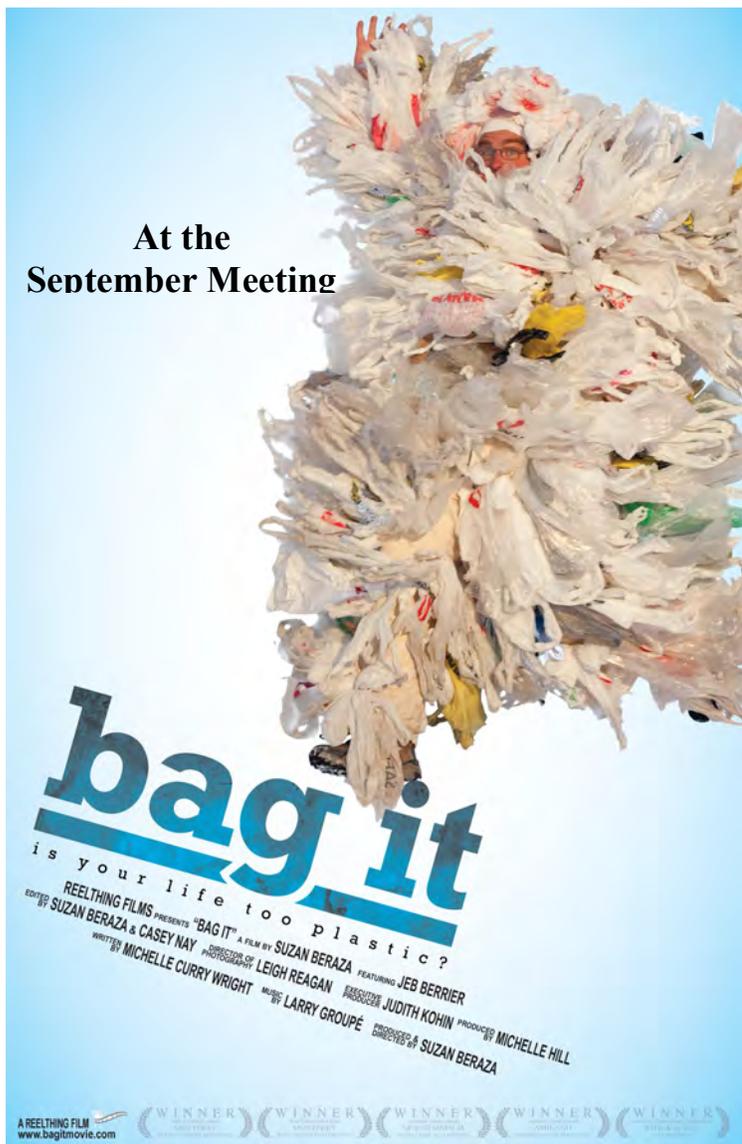
### The Woody Returns to The 15th Annual Great Newburgh to Beacon Hudson River Swim

Thanks to our members who came out to support our friends at River Pool, by swimming, kayaking, crewing, and shore support. It was great to have the Woody back, transporting people to the start and guiding swimmers into the harbor.



Thank you to the Clearwater captain and crew for hosting our members for a wonderful sail (and a to die for sunset) aboard the mother ship.

### At the September Meeting



## And the Winner Is...

This year's corn festival featured a new event, the Great Hudson River Cornbread Contest. The children beat out the adults to take the top honors. Sebastian Concepcion won 1st Place with, "Sebastian's Sweet Corn Bread." Second place went to Eleanor, Emily, Henry and Nathaniel Hare with, "Beacon Bunny Bread."

### Sebastian Concepcion

#### Sebastian's Sweet Cornbread

##### Ingredients:

- 3/4 Cup Corn Meal
- 1-1/4 Cup Flour
- 1/4 Cup Sugar
- 2 Tsp Baking Powder
- 1/4 Melted Butter
- 1 Egg
- 1-1/4 Cup Milk

##### Recipe:

- Preheat oven to 400°
- Mix all dry ingredients in a bowl
- Stir in melted butter slowly
- Fold in Milk and Eggs
- Pour batter into a 9 inch cast iron pan
- bake for 22 minutes



Photos by Joyce Hanson

## The Woody Report

Our dedicated captains and crews have been busy, with the corn festival, Garrison, and weeknight sails. The weather has been a bit of a challenge, but we have not missed a beat. Our crews are back up to strength, with many new sailors. We also want to thank our shore support team, and especially those who rowed and insured safe boarding of our guests.





**Danskammer Energy Center**

Danskammer Energy LLC filed a plan in May with the state Public Service Commission for the Danskammer Energy Center, converting the existing power plant to a natural gas-powered turbine and a steam turbine facility, increasing the capacity to between 525 and 575 megawatts.

The proposed facility would include an “air-cooled condensing” system rather than relying on water drawn from the Hudson River. The current system is a major environmental concern, killing fish and fish larvae in its intake system.

The current Danskammer plant is a gas-powered peaking facility that powers up during periods of high demand. Company spokesmen are touting the new Energy Center as needed to fill gaps due to the closing of Indian point in 2021 and as a compliment to renewable sources during times of intermittent generation.

Danskammer Energy is proposing a public participation process that will include forums and a website, as well as approval from Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and New York State.

Danskammer Energy is owned private equity firm Tiger Infrastructure.

The Public Accountability Initiative released a scathing report on this project which can be found here:

[Public Accountability Report](#)

**Sustainable Shorelines**

DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program has just released a short video on the importance of sustainable shorelines.

The [Hudson River Sustainable Shorelines](#) project has developed science-based recommendations for shore zone management that preserve or enhance natural benefits while meeting engineering needs.

The DEC’s Climate Smart Communities video series can be found at :

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLnBbYubhbH1XmPkxxpIT4Fx0E6A56Jucg>



**A dining experience like no other.**

Sunday, October 14, 2018 from 4 to 8pm  
The Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park

Co-host Chef Terrance Brennan and a team of celebrated local chefs will come together for a single night only to create a five-course tasting menu featuring the very best that Hudson Valley growers, ranchers, vintners and distillers have to offer.

[For Tickets](#)

**CLEARWATER'S AUTUMN 2018 PUBLIC SAILS**

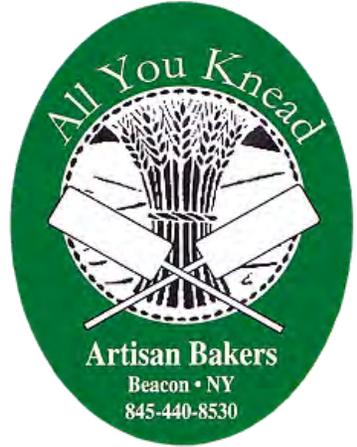
TICKETS AT WWW.CLEARWATER.ORG

August 19th, 3 PM <i>Cold Spring to Beacon</i> Meet the Executive Director!	September 22nd, 10 AM <i>Cold Spring</i> Meditative Journey
August 25th, 3 PM <i>Poughkeepsie</i> Ship Rocked IPA Tasting	October 6th, 10 AM <i>Yonkers</i>
August 29th, 6 PM <i>Kingston</i> Lawson Band	October 13th, 11 AM <i>NYC</i> Golden Thread Reading
September 3rd, 1 PM <i>Catskill</i>	October 20th, 10 AM <i>Alpine, NJ</i> Cool Mess Band
September 8th, 1 PM <i>Rensselaer</i>	October 26th, 5 PM <i>Kingston</i> Halloween Sail
September 15th, 10 AM <i>Beacon</i>	October 28th, 5 PM <i>Kingston</i> Halloween Sail

TICKETS AT WWW.CLEARWATER.ORG PRICES MAY VARY FOR SPECIAL SAILS

4:30 PM  
07/02/18  
Cash Basis

**Beacon Sloop Club, Inc.**  
**Profit & Loss**  
June 2018



Ordinary Income/Expense	Jun 18
<b>Income</b>	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	
IBM Community Grant	2,000.00
Contribution, Gifts, Grants - Other	90.30
<b>Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants</b>	2,090.30
Corn Festival	
Vendor	245.00
<b>Total Corn Festival</b>	245.00
Investment Income	
Interest-Money Market	14.42
<b>Total Investment Income</b>	14.42
Membership	
Paypal	100.00
Snailmail	145.00
<b>Total Membership</b>	245.00
Other Revenue	
E Tent	58.80
Harbor Mooring Fee	500.00
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	558.80
Pumpkin Festival	
Vendor	245.00
<b>Total Pumpkin Festival</b>	245.00
Special Event	
T-shirts and merch	859.00
<b>Total Special Event</b>	859.00
Strawberry Festival	
Raffle	315.00
Shortcakes & Smoothies	10,061.00
Vendor	1,135.00
<b>Total Strawberry Festival</b>	11,511.00
<b>Total Income</b>	15,768.52
<b>Gross Profit</b>	15,768.52
<b>Expense</b>	
Bank Expense	
Paypal	4.91
<b>Total Bank Expense</b>	4.91
Facilities	
Utilities	148.15
Woody Maintenance	707.67
<b>Total Facilities</b>	855.82
Merchandise	408.84
Special Events Expenses	
Special Events Facilities	
Solar Trailer	299.39
<b>Total Special Events Facilities</b>	299.39
<b>Total Special Events Expenses</b>	299.39
Strawberry Expense	
Cream	434.23
Eco supplies	871.33
Police	2,022.12
Sanitation	725.00
smoothie expense - banana, ice	81.39
Strawberries	2,520.00
<b>Total Strawberry Expense</b>	6,654.07
<b>Total Expense</b>	8,223.03
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	7,545.49
<b>Net Income</b>	7,545.49
Opening Cash Balance 6/1/18	76,803.85
Closing Cash Balance 6/30/18	84,349.34
The Bonnie and Saul Rozinsky Fund	10,500.00

**Wooden Sloop Looking for a Good Home**

Arthur Christie, owner of the Quest, a wooden sloop built in the Netherlands, contacted the club looking for someone to take on the love and care of his boat. It is currently located in Hudson. Contact:

North River Builders  
17 North 5th St.  
Hudson, NY 12534  
(518) 828-2519



## Current Calendar



**Executive Committee meeting**, Tues., Aug. 28, 7:00pm., at the Clubhouse

**Beacon Sloop Club meeting** every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month: next meeting, Sep. 7 – potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m

**Building Committee- Finish the Roof Party**, Sat. Sept. 8, 9:00 am, at the clubhouse

**Woody Work Party**, Sat. Sept. 8, 9:00 am

**Clearwater Annual Meeting**, Sat. Sept. 29. 9:30 – 1:00 at Scenic Hudson's River Center

**Pumpkin Festival, - Pie Baking**, Sat. Oct. 13, 9:00 am - done

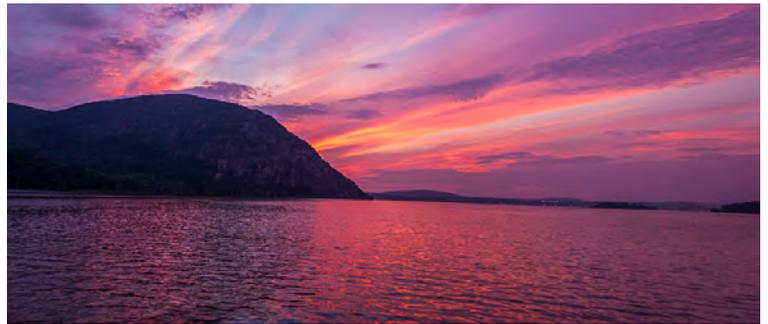
**Pumpkin Festival**, Sun. Oct. 14, noon-5pm, Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park.

**Chefs for Clearwater**, Sun. Oct. 14, 4pm - pm, Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, NY

**Annual Watershed Conference 2018** hosted by Hudson River Watershed Alliance, Tues. Oct. 23, 9:00 am, Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library & Home ( 4079 Albany Post Road Hyde Park, NY 12538)

Anyone wishing to join a Woody crew can contact any captain or Jim Birmingham to sign up. No experience is required. We will train you.

We still need sailors for special events:



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

For more info about the BSC: [www.beaconsloop.org](http://www.beaconsloop.org), or [www.beaconsloopclub.org](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org)