The snows have come, and the Woody has gone. After a week of derigging in the harbor, our little ferry sloop motored downriver to its winter berth in Haverstraw Marina, where eleven stalwart sailors braved that first November weekend’s rain and high winds to build the Woody’s deck-top work shed in readiness for winter maintenance.

The Harbor crew spent the same weekend putting the harbor to bed, pulling moorings and readying docks for winter in Beacon.

Meanwhile, back in October, Pumpkin Festival was another glorious success, full of beautiful pumpkins, plankton and pie (150!), great music, chili and soup, stilt walkers, hoopers, solar carousel and wonderful local food, crafts and activists. We are coming closer to our goal of zero waste, with more food vendors onboard with compostable serving ware, and more to come next season. We are now providing our vendors with serving goods at cost, which is making their transition more manageable and moving our festivals even closer to zero waste.

On November 17, our Fourth Annual Little Boxes Woody Guthrie Fundraiser was well attended and well enjoyed.

Thank you to all you hard working, dedicated souls who made our autumn such a fine success!

Remember that at the December meeting we hold our election for our 2019 officers, and 2019 budgets are due.

See you then!

Susan
If you haven’t yet; Please Renew.  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!
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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

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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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wet September and other some bad weather days but levels. May end about mid or late afternoon. We had a really good season a little early. We need to assemble the shed tomorrow morning. Getting the boat covered. Therefore, we ended the sailing year and we ended up dealing with inclement weather before Haverstraw. The sailing season was pushed into the fall last year. The Woodward Maintenance Day was tomorrow at 9am. Potluck lunch. | Little Boxes 11/17/2018 Saturday: Put your rendition of the Hudson River on a small canvas. Judith Tulloch will be playing. A bench made from a piece of the Woody will be raffled off. The Woody gets the entire gate and half the auction sales. More event flyers will be available tomorrow. This fundraising entry will be $25 with a small canvas entry and $15 without a small canvas. Completed boxes need to be turned in 11/15. | David Eberle’s Holiday Party: Music/Food/Drink. Sunday December 2 from 1pm to 5pm at 35 Slocum Rd, Beacon. Donations taken for the Woody accepted but no one will be turned away. David’s number is 845-242-7822. | Holiday Sing 12/15/2018 Saturday: Susan will be organizing the artists. Aaron will decorate the club and setup the sound system. It is a free event and will raise money for a local charity. This will be a potluck event. Event time is 6pm to 9pm and the music will be 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Please talk to Susan or Aaron if you would like help. | 

Building report: Roof is done. 

Nominations: 
- President: Betty nominates Susan Berliner for President. Seconded. 
- Vice-President: James nominates Vince Farina for Vice President. Seconded. 
- Secretary: Susan nominates Gail for Secretary. Seconded. Gail nominates Bonnie for Secretary. Seconded. 
- Treasurer: Betty nominates Aaron Verdille for Treasurer. Seconded. 
- Nominations can also be made at the next meeting. 

New Business: none 

Announcements: 
- Sandra Kissam discussed the Stewart State Forest Park just west of Stewart Airport that was donated to the DEC. This land had been available since 2005. The DEC updates their management plans every ten years or so. The current update had reasonably good suggestions except legalizing the shooting range with primary usage to DEC police, which is proposed 20-acre parcel. | There is a smaller pistol range that is available. This proposed item will lead to lead and noise issue. This is also not the prescribed legal use of the land for reforestation. Please sign the petition that is being passed around. Comments are open until November 15. You don’t have to be an Orange County resident. Note: Hunting lasts for two months and the area is open to the public the remainder of the year. 
- Sandra Kissam and Wayne Kocher spoke about the Danskammer power plant project. They are working with other organizations regarding concerns. This plant intends to burn fracked gas. The corporate Owners are saying that fracked gas will burn cleaner than coal they used to burn. The owners are looking for guaranteed funds from the government. Sandra and Wayne went to visit the plant and they could not walk around or drive around. They found an enormous pile of coal ash on site. The corporate owners have not filed their formal proposal. Many groups are stating that this plant is not needed. 
- Someone spoke about effort to repeal the rights under the 14th Amendment. This resembles what happened in Germany when Hitler took power. She suggested that we should write letters to our respective congressional representatives. 
- Bonnie Champion spoke about the 6th Annual MLK parade (on 1/21/2019). This parade dovetails into the efforts of the Southern Dutchess Coalition. The essay theme this year is what did Dr. King mean when he recited in a sermon [the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence] “that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by God, Creator, with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” and what does it mean to you. 

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Little Boxes Thanks

Our Fourth Annual Little Boxes Woody Guthrie Fundraiser was well attended and well enjoyed. The artwork was spectacular, Judith Tulloch’s music was wonderful as always, and Ralph Szur’s beautiful hand-crafted Woody table insured a robust raffle return! David Bernz was on hand to kick off the ceremonies with his delightful parody of Malvina Reynold’s “Little Boxes.”

Thank you to Steve Feyl, who once again gave us a whole case of his very own cabernet creation, and to everyone who made and brought delicious dishes to add to our smorgasbord of great eats and drinks generously donated by local establishments.

Special thanks go out to RiverWinds Gallery, who serves as the clearinghouse for all the artwork, and to Hudson Beach Glass and HRS Clearwater, who always donate generously to our raffle.

Thank you to all of you who contributed artwork and raffle items, and who came out to support our little ferry sloop, and the many dedicated volunteers who pulled together for the success of the event. The Woody is all the richer because of you!

The Woody Report

A big thank you to all who came out for the work parties. If you couldn’t make it you missed a great opportunity to haul Steve up the mast in 40 knot wind gusts. It’s not often we have him at our mercy.

The winter cover is in place and we are pulling together work plans for the winter, including rebuilds of the hatch cover and cabin top. We have also selected a contractor for fabrication of a new boom.

Please come out and help. It’s a great way to learn about the boat so please join us. There are many tasks, big and small.

Membership Appeal

Just a friendly reminder that your membership must be current to participate in the election of club officers.

Many members are on a January cycle and choose to renew in December. We will have extra forms and membership lists at the upcoming meetings for your convenience.

Also please consider joining a committee or group to support the club’s activities. We need people for the building, festivals planning, sailors, events, environmental action, etc.
National Climate Assessment Released

The US government released the National Climate Assessment, a collaborative effort of thirteen federal agencies. The report reviews effects attributed to climate change and projects future impacts. Here are a few of its conclusions:

- Heat-wave season has grown by more than 40 days in the last 50 years. The number of high temperature records recorded in the United States since the 1990s far exceeds the number of low temperatures records.
- The report projects an increase in annual average temperature of 1.2 deg. C early this century and an additional 1.3 deg. – 6.1 deg. C by the end of the century depending on different scenarios, with extreme temperatures expected to rise more than average temperatures.
- Sea-level rise will significantly impact coastal communities. There are 49.4 million housing units in shoreline counties with the potential for billions of dollars of property loss from flooding and storms. The largest risk is on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. This could lead to large population redistribution and migration, impacting other areas of the country as well.
- Climate change has driven an increase in wildfire damage, due to heating and drying out areas in the southwestern United States. Increased temperatures have reduced the snowpack, and extended the warm seasons, contributing to drought. The report estimates that the area burned between 1985 to 2015 was more than doubled by the effects of climate change. Coupled with fire suppression policies this had led to larger more destructive fires.
- The report also highlights the impact of vehicles contributing to unhealthy ozone levels, accelerated coral bleaching in Hawaii and other environmental impacts of not addressing the issues with fossil fuel consumption.
Climate Change, Hope and the Beacon Community
w/ Tim Guinee
Thursday January 17
7:00 PM
Beacon Sloop Club
(Beacon Harbor)

The latest science regarding climate change, and the many reasons we have to be hopeful in confronting this crisis.

Tim Guinee is a leader and a mentor in former Vice-President Al Gore’s Climate Reality Project. He is also the chairperson of the Hudson Valley Chapter of that organization. The mission of the Climate Reality Project is to catalyze a global solution to the climate crisis by making urgent action a necessity across every level of society.

On Thursday January 17th at 7:00 pm The Beacon Sloop Club’s 2018 Winter Lecture Series begins with Climate Change, Hope and the Beacon Community – with Tim Guinee, a presentation and discussion of the latest science regarding climate change, and the many reasons we have to be hopeful in confronting this crisis.

Warmer temperatures have real consequences for all of us. Sea levels around the world have risen 20cm (7.8 inches) since 1901, swallowing entire islands and creeping closer to populated areas of great coastal cities like New York, Melbourne, and Dakar. Locally the level of the Hudson River has risen nearly 13 inches.

Extreme weather events like hurricanes, floods, fires, and droughts are becoming more frequent and intense. Witness the devastation in 2017 as Hurricane Harvey tore through the Caribbean and southern US, destroying homes and leaving millions without power for weeks and even months.

The science is clear: the more carbon pollution in the air, the more the sun’s energy gets trapped as heat. Which means things keep getting hotter. In fact, the world has already gotten nearly 1°C warmer since 1880.
Friday, Nov. 30th, Doors Open at 7pm, film 7:30pm. Movies that Matter Beacon will host a screening and discussion of **EATING ANIMALS**. Based on the best-selling book by Jonathan Safran Foer, narrated and produced by Academy Award winner Natalie Portman, and directed and produced by Christopher Quinn, **EATING ANIMALS** explores the history of the factory farming system and its impact on our economy, health and environment. Taking viewers to American family farms, markets in China, and pioneering food labs, the film introduces farmers, ranchers, whistleblowers, and innovators working to help the public be as well-informed and well-fed as possible. At First Presbyterian Church of Beacon, McKinley Hall, 50 Liberty St. Beacon, NY. Free Info: Connie (845) 838-2415, [www.moviesthatmatterbeacon.org](http://www.moviesthatmatterbeacon.org)
**Executive Committee meeting**, Wed., Jan. 2, 7:00pm., at the David Eberle’s

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

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.

Movies that Matter Beacon – Eating Animals, Fri. Nov. 30, 7:30 pm, First Presbyterian Church of Beacon, 50 Liberty St.


**Woody Work Party**, Sat. Dec. 8, there will likely be work in both Beacon and Haverstraw. Details by email or contact a captain.

**The Beacon Sloop Club Holiday Sing**, Sat. Dec. 15, 6-9 pm, at the Clubhouse. We will be accepting donations for the food pantry (cash or check, no food items)

**BSC Winter Lecture Series – Climate Change, Hope and the Beacon community – w/ Tim Guinee** Thurs. Jan 17, 7 pm, at the Clubhouse

Reminder:
Elections will be held for 2019 club officers at the December membership meeting. You must be a current member in order to vote.

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)

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Clearwater’s Keel Laying Took Place 50 years ago, October 18, 1968

Please consider what that means to you, our majestic river and the environmental movement and consider giving them a little extra support to commemorate this milestone.

Come sing with us!
Your invited to the Annual
Beacon Sloop Club

Holiday Sing

@The Beacon Sloop Club

Saturday,
Dec 15th, 2018
6 PM

Free admission – Please feel free to bring a dessert item or finger food to share.
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