Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 45 Years

A Message from Our President

Did you know that the Sloop in Beacon Sloop Club is not the Woody, but the Clearwater? The Beacon Sloop Club was created as a support organization for Clearwater.

In the early days, when the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater came into port, we would greet the boat with gifts of food or other supplies, perhaps join the crew to share some music or news on the deck.

If you’ve ever been on the Clearwater crew or Pumpkin Sail, you remember how we relied on the kindness of strangers, who then became friends, to take us home for showers, laundry, supper, or even the night, and so the Clearwater message grew and spread, and the Clearwater community became larger and stronger.

These days, Clearwater needs our help more than ever. Restoration has taken its toll on the organization. As you all learned first hand from the Woody, restoration causes core personnel to divert energy and funds away from the mission and community, and into the mechanics of survival.

Thank you to everyone who came out for the Clearwater Annual Meeting and Sloop Club Congress in September. Now is the time to reach out and help our mother ship in whatever ways you can! Call or stop by the Clearwater office to lend a hand or donate as generously as you can. As our founder, Pete, used to say about filling a basket with sand, “one day, all of our teaspoons will add up.” Your teaspoon is important.

Somos el barco,
Susan

Inside this issue:
A beautiful day of pumpkins and more, the sloop club shows its spirit, wrapping up the sailing season and much more….

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, November 27, 7:00 p.m.
NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY, November 2, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.
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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Recorded by Antony Tseng, Susan Berliner presiding Start: 7:34pm, Song: Down by the River Side

Welcome by Susan

Treasurer’s report by James (from Aaron): Report given for the month of August.

Clearwater Annual Meeting/SCC Report by Don: The membership elected three new board members and doubled participation by e-balloting. Committee Revival 19 will be looking with a fresh set of eyes and post progress on the website. The Sloop Club Congress was taken on the Woody with signing and discussion. Next 5/3 is Pete’s Birthday and 5/15 Clearwater’s anniversary with a committee working on the celebration.

Spirit of Beacon Report by Rosemary: We had marchers and a float. Everyone did a fabulous job. Our float was the little Woody. Maybe next year we can include the little Woody in a fundraiser. Please participate for next year.

Upcoming Events:

- Pumpkin Festival 10/14: We need more volunteers to roll out 150 pie crusts the day before at David’s house for 2-3 hours (9am start) – 35 Solcum Road. Bring a rolling pin and an apron. We will also have Pumpkin Bread contest. The invertebrate tent will also be there.

- Little Boxes 11/17: This event raises money for the Woody Guthrie. We are selling 3-inch square blank canvas for $25, which also includes admission to the event. Folks can create a rendition of the Hudson River for silent auction (artist gets half and the club gets half). It is $15 for only admission.

Building Report by David: We finished with the roofing. We have to fix the multrum window.

Woody Report by Steve: We had a maintenance party and a plug mounted on the dock. Tomorrow (10am to 1pm), there will be another work party – Saturday. We will stop sailing right after the Pumpkin Festival in order to get the boat ready for the winter in moderate weather. The same people are working on the boat. We had intended to pull the boat out the water this year to inspect the hull after the first year but we couldn’t get an opening at White’s Marina. We plan to pull it out in the spring to clean and paint the hull. We also contracted with a boat builder to build a new boom. We finally got our sail covers made.

Elizabeth Meyer-Gross – “Reusable Bag Initiative: One Town at a Time” (guest speaker): A member of the Town of Lewisboro (Westchester County) and started the steps to ban plastic bags. She was not successful the first time but it was unanimously passed this year (and included banning Styrofoam) effective January 1, 2019. She received great training from the Town of New Castle and their Sustainability Committee. Westchester County is interested in doing this countywide. She hopes the same steps will help Beacon. She went over the steps she handed out. Other municipalities already have these bans by ordinance. Education is a huge piece of this effort. Money also came up since plastic bags are cheaper. She developed a PowerPoint that we can use for education.

Adjourn: 9:19pm

Announcements

- Aaron Verdile is hosting Giving Back with Life Insurance on October 17 from 6:30pm to 8pm at his office on 291 Main St. Charitable giving through life insurance can allow you to give back in a way that is flexible, cost-effective, and, in many cases, tax-efficient. Join us to discuss:
  - Leaving a Legacy
  - Advantages of Charitable Giving
  - Deciding Your Approach

- Eugene Hamond announced that on November 4 at 2pm at the Gardiner library, there will be a presentation on Organic Agriculture, Permaculture and the Arts in Cuba Today. In February of 2018 a delegation of 14 people, six of them from the Hudson Valley including two organic farmers from Gardiner, and others from around the country, visited Cuba through a trip arranged and organized by IFCO/Pastors for Peace. The main focuses were on organic agriculture and permaculture as well as Cuban culture and art. The group also visited a senior citizens’ center and a medical polyclinic and learned about latest developments in US-Cuban relations, as well as learning about Afro Cuban religion and dance. https://www.google.com/calendar/event?eid=NGdwMzFyYXQ3NTY1bXNwMTFxYjc3bGVocWEqZ2FyZGlzuZXJsaWJAbO&ctz=America/New_York

- Betty Harkins asked for help to identify the pieces of canvas that are tent-sides that need to go to Stonykill.

- Pat Lamanna announced that on 10/21 at 5pm, there will be a benefit concert at the Town Crier for the People’s Music Network. People’s Music Network is a diverse community of singers, artists, activists and allies that cultivates music and cultural work as catalysts for a just and peaceful world. http://townecc.tunestub.com/event.cfm?id=286246

- Matt Bowen announced his ongoing rally on Saturdays 3pm to 4pm.

- Wayne Kocher went to a Newburgh meeting about the Danscammer plant. Michael Susmen (attorney) encouraged stopping the plant. The impacts of the plant are detrimental to workers and community health.

- Mary Poppins decided to make Poppins Pumpkin Patch hats and proceeds will go to the club. The hats will be sold at the Pumpkin festival.

Reminder:

Nominations for 2019 Officers, President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary will be solicited at the November membership meeting. Friday, November 2, 7:30 pm.
Come Celebrate the Hudson River and Support the Sloop Woody Guthrie!

Have fun! Eat! Drink! Listen to great live music! Make something amazing! Get a jump on your holiday shopping! Make money! Enjoy the company of old friends and new!

It’s the perfect evening: on Saturday, November 17th from 6:00-9:00 at the Red Barn River Center on Long Dock Road in Beacon, The Beacon Sloop Club is sponsoring “Little Boxes,” a delightful art event to help raise funds to restore the Woody Guthrie.

Tickets are $25 and include a 3”x3” canvas on which you will create your interpretation of the Hudson River – whatever the river means to you! Return your finished canvas to us by Thursday, November 15th and come to the party on Saturday.

Not an artist? Not a problem! This is a funraiser and a fundraiser. The idea is to be creative and join the fun. You just might surprise yourself! Your tiny masterpiece of ingenuity will be hung, along with all the other tiny masterpieces, at the Red Barn, waiting for you to show up and celebrate the Woody, your friends, and your imagination. There will be three $50 People’s Choice Awards: one for The Most Spectacular, one for The Most Creative, and one for The Funniest. You get to vote for each category.

But the fun has only just begun.

This event is also a silent auction. You set the starting bid for your canvas. Then each canvas will be auctioned off – Woody gets half, and you get half. Plus, you get the opportunity to polish off all your holiday shopping in time to enjoy the rest of your holiday season!

The ferry sloop Woody Guthrie was commissioned by Pete Seeger in 1978 as part of his dream to preserve, protect and restore the Hudson River, by making the river accessible to anyone who wants to sail. For almost 40 years, the Woody has taken thousands of people for free sails on the river, but the years take a heavy toll on wooden boats. With your hard work and generous support, we completed the Woody’s restoration last September, but now we must raise money for winter maintenance to continue its mission of free sunset sails to the public. You can help!

Sound complicated? It’s easy. Here’s how it works: you buy your canvas at Pumpkin Fest, at the next meeting or purchase a ticket online at http://littleboxes2018.bpt.me. Exchange your ticket for your canvas at the RiverWinds Gallery at 172 Main Street in Beacon. Want another canvas? Want ten? You can pick up extra canvases at either site for $5 each. Enter as many canvases as you like! Let your imagination be your guide.

So mark your calendar, and join us for an evening of delicious finger foods and drinks from local Beacon establishments, live music and lots of fun and friendship. Little Boxes at the Red Barn. Be there, and be square.

For more information, call 845-527-8671.

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*The Woody Report*

Another sailing season is in the log. In many ways it was a transition year, rebuilding our crews and finishing up the many miscellaneous details left from the restoration.

We took out a total of 972 guests, that’s pretty impressive given the number of rainy nights and last-minute cancellations. The flip side of the weather was some of the best sailing and sunsets in years. All in all, it was a great season, and so good to be back on the river with old and new friends spreading our message.

De-rigging has begun in preparation for transiting the boat to its winter home in Haverstraw. Sailors, wannabe sailors, and any other interested folks will be needed to secure her, and for winter maintenance. It’s a great way to learn about the boat so please join us. There are many tasks, big and small.

*Floating Sloop Club Congress Meeting*

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 November/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.
The 12th Annual Hudson River Watershed Conference was recently held at the Henry A. Wallace Center. It brought together government agencies, local leaders, environmental groups and academics, concerned about the impact of watershed management on our communities.

The Keynote was given by Peggy Shepard, executive director of WE ACT for Environmental Justice in West Harlem. She discussed the dynamics of power and equity and the lack of advocacy organizations in low-income communities that led her to found the organization. She highlighted that people of color poll the highest for environmental concerns, yet are under represented in many non-profits. Her group focuses on establishing a strong membership base, educated, trained and organized to engage the public and officials in an informed way. She emphasized that to be fully engaged an individual needs to understand the issues and to be heard a voice needs to be informed.

Much of the day focused on climate change and sea-level rise mitigation. Rhinebeck Mayor Gary Bassett described the newly formed Hudson 7, collaboration among the communities which draw their drinking water from the Hudson and the risks they are facing as the water level threatens infrastructure.

Fran Dunwell spoke about the DEC’s efforts to evaluate and remove dams which no longer have a public purpose and other active programs.

Rich Relyea, from RPI discussed the monitoring of Lake George and efforts to reduce the use of road salt.

Dave Church and KT Tobin described Orange County’s efforts to complete a natural resource inventory and climate assessment for the eight watersheds within its borders.

**Showing Our Spirit**

The Beacon Sloop Club has a long history of supporting and participating in the Spirit of Beacon Day, an event that celebrates the diversity and heritage of the city.

We offer a very special thank you to Wayne Cernek for the use of his sailing dory, the Little Woody. It really made an impression as it sailed up Main Street with captain Ben at the helm.

*Photos by Jean Noack & Tom Labarr*
A Beautiful Day of Pumpkins, Music and More!

What a festival! 149 pies baked and sold!! Excellent music. Many free children's activities, including macro invertebrates and a great selection of fish for young and curious minds, the piano, our stilt walker and Al Gori's carousel.

Our ever-popular chili, which sold out at 2:30!! Pumpkin soup, which sold out 30 minutes later! Cider. Woody sails on the majestic Hudson with great wind. And, of course, our absolutely fabulous volunteers who make the magic of a free Pumpkin Festival possible.

Pumpkin Bread Contest Finals:

1st Place: Tara Rogers (with the streusel topping)
2nd Place: Elenanor, Emily, Henry & Nathaniel Hare (The Hare's "Smashing Pumpkin and Spice Bread")
3rd Place: Stacie Wagner (chocolate chip pumpkin bread)
4th Place: Siobhan Foley (great for French toast, she says)

Thanks to Gail, Maggie and David for their judging skills.
Treasury Report

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

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| Closing Cash Balance #12/31/18             | 88,262.33 |
| The Bonne and Saul Rothschild Fund         | 10,500.00 |

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Storm Barrier**
**Comment Period Extended to Nov. 5**


Mail Comments to:

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**Tues., Oct. 30, 7pm Door open 7:30** DARK MONEY examines one of the greatest present threats to American democracy. This event is a collaboration with POV, the award-winning independent non-fiction film series on PBS [www.pbs.org/pov](http://www.pbs.org/pov) Free Admission. [www.moviesthatmatterbeacon.org](http://www.moviesthatmatterbeacon.org) Movies That Matter Beacon
First Presbyterian Church of Beacon, McKinley Hall, 50 Liberty St., Beacon, New York 12508
Executive Committee meeting, Tues., Nov. 27, 7:00pm., at the Clubhouse

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

Movies that Matter Beacon – Dark Money, Tues. Oct. 30, 7:30 pm, First Presbyterian Church of Beacon, 50 Liberty St.

Little Boxes – Art Show and Funraiser, Sat. Nov. 17, 6:00-9:00 pm, at the Red Barn, Long Dock, Beacon

Manticore (and Connie’s 92nd birthday), Sun. Nov. 18, 7 pm, The Towne Crier Café, 379 Main St., Beacon

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

Save the Date


The Beacon Sloop Club Holiday Sing, Sat. Dec. 15, at the Clubhouse. Details in the next issue

BSC Winter Lecture Series begins, Thurs. Jan 18, 7 pm, at the Clubhouse

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.

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.


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

A Sloop Woody Guthrie Fundraiser

A Little Art Show and Auction

Artist’s Reception

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People’s Choice Awards:

Saturday, November 17th
6:00-9:00 pm
Scenic Hudson’s River Center
(Red Barn)
Long Dock Park, Beacon NY

Purchase advance tickets online at:
http://littleboxes2018.brownpapertickets.com/

$15