

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 46 Years

A Message from Our President

Happy 2019, Sloopers!

Welcome to Beacon Sloop Club's 50th Anniversary Year, and another beautiful new year at the river. The government may be shut down, but we're up and singing, ready for whatever swims our way.

The clubhouse is freshly cleaned and organized, with all festival and *Woody* gear safely stowed in our new storage space at the Settlement Camp. Lots of sailors turned out for our first 2019 *Woody* work party and got everything shipshape and ready to roll. The shrouds are all tarred and drying, and we have a fine new boom, which you can visit in the clubhouse next time you're there. Our previous boom had a proud history: it started as the *Clearwater's* gaff, then became the *Sojourner's* boom, then on to the *Woody* a few years back when our last one cracked. It's a spar with many lives and many tales, the one piece shared by all three sisters over 50 years, and she's served us all well. She'll live on in the clubhouse in reserve for her next call to action, as a reminder to us all of our mission, our founder and our many friends up and down the river.

Festival dates are all set, the 2019 budget is in place, our Winter Lecture Series starts this Thursday, and all is right with the club. Plans are in the offing for our Annual *Woody* Dinner. Mark your calendar for March 16 at Breakneck Lodge, and stay tuned for details.

We have extra protection around the wood stove now that it's up and running to keep us warm and cozy during

the cold months ahead. Please be aware that the wood stove is hot!

Thank you to Antony Tseng for his dedicated work as club secretary over the past two years, and a warm welcome to our new secretary, Gail Moran!

We're all looking forward to a memorable 50th year together.

Come join your Sloop Club friends and our Beacon community for the parade and celebration at the Springfield Baptist Church on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

See you there!
Susan

Inside this issue:

PCBs, it's not over yet, storage wars, upcoming events, and much more.....



Volunteers preparing our new space

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, Jan 22, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY, February 1, 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? I would like to help with _____

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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Jim Birmingham, Patrick Gallagher,
Tom LaBarr, Ben Mazer,
Steve Schwartz,

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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, January 4, 2019, recorded by Gail Moran

The meeting opened with the song 'If I had a hammer'
Susan welcomed two new people.

Treasury Report

November opening balance was \$64,198 and the closing balance was \$65,147.

Aaron went over the budget approved at the board meeting. Details are elsewhere in the newsletter.

Woodstove

The wood stove, which is in use for the winter season, now has been blocked off by chains so we don't have injuries.

MLK Parade

Bonnie Champion said Pete's last goal was to recognize Dr. Martin Luther King with a parade in Beacon. We are now about to have the 6th annual parade. See the article in the Beacon Free Press.

There are 2 rehearsals of the songs we'll be singing -one on Monday Jan 7th and one on Monday Jan 14th, 6:30 to 7:30.

Itinerary for the day of the Parade:

8:30 – free continental breakfast

9:15 – Opening Ceremony and then line up for the Parade.

11-12 a program, including the announcement of the winners of the Children's Essay Contest.

Then a free lunch

1-3 – a gospel program

Expect this day to be a joyful, unifying, wonderful experience.

A few drivers are needed for those who can't walk. Contact Bonnie Champion if you can volunteer.

2019 Festival Dates

June 9 – Strawberry Festival

August 11 – Corn Festival

October 20 – Pumpkin Festival

This year's goal is to be free of single use plastic. See Rosemary with your ideas.

Lecture Series

Alan announced the first two lectures:

Thursday, January 17th - 7PM - Climate Change Discussion of Science

Friday, February 22- 7PM in the Red Barn (to use their WiFi) - a program on River People, who have made their living on the nation's rivers.

Help with setup or snacks is appreciated.

Woody Report

The newly made replacement boom is here. (The Sojourner boom that was Clearwater's broken spar is still our spare).

A work party is scheduled for Sunday 10AM at the University Settlement Camp in Beacon.

Steve hopes to have an early season this year.

We are also chipping away at other things and working on 5 and 10 year replacement plans.

If you are interested in sailing, get involved now in maintenance.

Announcements:

Greg Williams, Clearwater – greg@clearwater.org - has projects under way and they would welcome BSC participation:

1) Sending a contingent to the Women's March on the Saturday before MLK Day. It would have different Pickups along the river and come back the same day.

2) Early stage project by film makers interested in recycling programs for school kids and who can work to have improvements to make it more efficient.

3) Hoping to have a Beacon Day Festival – one imbedded in the community. He thinks it would be great to incorporate that with Beacon recycling.

Lydia Adams Davis –

Women's Work Concert – April 7 at the Howland Cultural Center from 2-4. She is reaching out to local groups and maybe the B2's. Maybe by being local, there will be less transportation costs.

Craig Wolf is coordinating a Pete Seeger centennial May 4 at the Howland Cultural Center around 7pm. He wants to share stories & memories, photographs, and have singers.

Movies that Matter-

-Jeff Deskvic – 'the Buyers Guide to Prison'. Jeff was wrongfully convicted of murder and spent 16 years in prison until a DNA test proved him innocent. He is doing wonderful work now. Saturday night, 6:45 at the 1st Presbyterian Church.

-January 25 – 'the Devil We Know' – a film about Teflon and other nonstick products.

Mary Koenig Arnold –

Her 1st solo recital is at the Quaker Meeting House, Hooker Ave, Poughkeepsie. It will have a variety of music. She gave us a preview by singing one song.

Alan-

Reminder: most of the clubs membership cycle begins in January. Note on membership application what you are interested in being involved with. See Alan or Aaron for forms.

Matt-

Southern Dutchess Resists – will have a Women March rally from 3-4 on January 19.

Sign language classes begin Wednesday January 16 from 4-5. Contact Lydia.

Wayne Kocher-

On Wednesday he was at Senator Skoufis' office and spoke to him about Danskamer and also went to Congressman Maloney's office. He encourages all to do the same. Sometimes you don't need an appointment.

Rob –

Tuesday, January 8, 9AM Cortlandt Manor Courthouse will hear the results of the case that used the 'necessity' defense.

Dear Clearwater Community,

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater has been formally accepted as a [partner of the 2019 Women's March](#), and will be participating directly in Washington, D.C. on January 19. We hope you will join us! Information on how to do so is at:

<https://mail.yahoo.com/d/folders/1/messages/88615>

The Hudson River Sloop Clearwater supports the worldwide women's movement. This event has shown to be among the greatest drivers of participation in many important issues, and in environmental justice in particular. We continue to believe that community participation, whether it is in politics, environmental conservation, or music, is what brings us together, and allows us to discover, explore, and resolve our differences.

The Woody Report

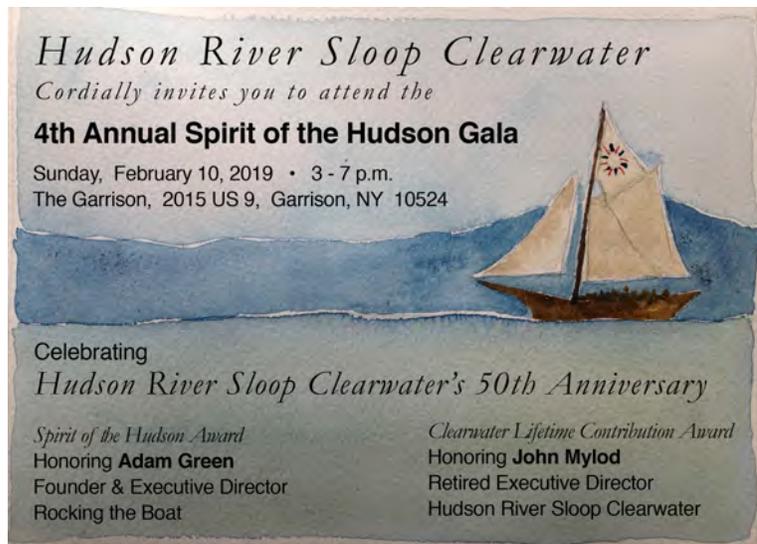


Thank you to Mark Price for securing storage space for us at the University Settlement Camp. The Woody thanks you and the clubhouse thanks you.. We also want to thank Tom and Aimee LaBarr for the use of the coop for many years. We still have much sorting and organizing to do so stay tuned for work parties.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who provided strong backs, trucks, vans and trailers to clean out the space and move all of our gear.

The Woody is safe and secure in Haverstraw in her winter wrap. The bilge is dry and all is well. We are currently planning for a haul-out in the spring to inspect and paint the bottom. We will need many hands as there will be a narrow window to complete the work.

Reminder: the next regularly scheduled maintenance day is Saturday Feb. 2



Clearwater's 4th Annual Spirit of the Hudson Gala @ The Garrison Feb 10 @ 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Clearwater's 4th Annual Spirit of the Hudson Gala celebrating Hudson River Sloop Clearwater's 50th Anniversary features honorees Adam Green and John Mylod, Jimmy Buff, Executive Director of Radio Kingston, as M.C., the music of Long Steel Rail as well as silent and live auctions. Gala funds support Clearwater's environmental advocacy and education programs on the Hudson River.

Sunday, February 10th, 2019 from 3PM-7PM at The Garrison.

Membership Appeal

If you haven't done so yet, just a friendly reminder to re-up your membership for 2019.

Many members are on a January cycle. 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. There are so many ways to help the club and our community.



**6th Annual Martin Luther King Day
Singing Parade
Monday January 21, 2019**

Come join us as we celebrate the life and principles of Martin Luther King and the civil rights movement. This is a great opportunity to show our community spirit and showcase the diversity and vibrancy of the community.

The parade kicks off from the Springfield Baptist Church, 8 Maddie Cooper Square, Beacon.

Schedule of Events

- 8:30 – Free continental breakfast
- 9:15 – Opening ceremony
- 9:30 - Line up for the Parade.
- 11:00 - Program, Children’s Essay Contest.
- 12:00 - Free lunch
- 1:00 - Gospel program

So, bring your feet, your voices and instruments and join us as we honor Dr. King and our community.

There will be a rehearsal of civil rights songs at the church, Monday Jan. 14, 6:30 pm.



**FINAL DATA SUMMARY REPORT
Hudson River PCB Sediments OU-2 Site (546031)
Upper Hudson River, New York**

On December 20, Gov. Andrew Cuomo released a study by the state Department of Environmental Conservation showing that GE's cleanup of the Hudson River is incomplete.

The report found that the PCB levels in fish are still above the acceptable limits set by the EPA. In releasing the report Governor Cuomo said, "The health of the Hudson River estuary and the vitality of the communities along its banks are at stake and the EPA must not let GE off the hook for a job that is not done....The latest sampling data confirms the overwhelming body of evidence that PCB levels remain unacceptably high in both the riverbed and in fish. If the EPA issues the certificate of completion for this cleanup, New York will take any action necessary to hold them accountable and demand they fulfill their obligation to restore our treasured river."

DEC commissioner Basil Seggos said, "A remedy that fails to meet its goals is not protective. EPA has a legal and moral obligation to complete the work they started and direct GE to meet the cleanup goals set when the dredging remedy was selected."

General Electric spokesman Mark Behan, said that levels have dropped at "every single monitoring station....Dredging is very clearly working. That's demonstrated conclusively by the data, and it's achieving the goals that both EPA and New York sought and predicted."

EPA officials have said that they will be reviewing the report and consider the DEC's input when deciding on the granting of a Certification of the Completion of the Remedial Action and their Five-Year Review, which are expected in 2019.

The report is available on line at:
https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/remediation_hudson_pdf/546031dsr.pdf

For Clearwater's response:
<https://www.clearwater.org/latest-news/clearwater-leadership-weighs-in-on-governor-cuomos-announcement-that-ges-hudson-river-pcb-cleanup-is-incomplete/>

Climate Change, Hope and the Beacon Community

w/ Tim Guinee

Thursday January 17

7:00 PM

Beacon Sloop Club

(Beacon Harbor)

A Free Event



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 2019 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.

A Secret History of American River People
w/Wes Modes via Skype

A Free Event

Friday February 22

7:00 PM

Scenic Hudson's River Center

(Red Barn, Long Dock Park, Beacon Waterfront)



A Secret History of American River People is a project to build a collection of personal stories of people who live and work on the river from the deck of a recreated mid-century shantyboat over a series of epic river voyages. The project examines the emerging crises facing current river communities dealing with economic displacement, gentrification, environmental degradation, and the effects of global climate change.



Hudson River Sloop Clearwater's

WINTER OPEN BOATS

A FREE Family-Friendly Potluck with Music,
Educational Activities, and Deck Tours.

Share food, songs, and friendship!

SATURDAY	DECEMBER	8TH	3:00 - 6:00
SATURDAY	JANUARY	12TH	3:00 - 6:00
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY	8TH	5:00 - 8:00
SUNDAY	MARCH	3RD	2:00 - 5:00

CLEARWATER'S KINGSTON HOMEPORT
50 RONDOUT LANDING, KINGSTON, NY



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Treasury Report - November

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	325.00
Gross Sales of Inventory	67.88
Investment Income	
Interest-Checking	1.21
Interest-Money Market	12.39
Total Investment Income	<u>13.60</u>
Membership	
Paypal	75.00
Snailmail	135.00
Membership - Other	10.00
Total Membership	<u>220.00</u>
Pumpkin Festival	
Pies	42.63
T-Shirt & Hat	45.00
Total Pumpkin Festival	<u>87.63</u>
Special Event	
Little boxes fundraiser	
Artwork Paid / Donated	2,021.50
Door and/or canvas	1,743.07
Raffle	455.00
Little boxes fundraiser - Other	67.00
Total Little boxes fundraiser	<u>4,286.57</u>
T-shirts and merch	65.00
Total Special Event	<u>4,351.57</u>
Total Income	<u>5,065.68</u>
Gross Profit	<u>5,065.68</u>
Expense	
Bank Expense	
Paypal	37.31
Bank Expense - Other	30.00
Total Bank Expense	<u>67.31</u>
Facilities	
Utilities	41.01
Woody Maintenance	3,333.35
Total Facilities	<u>3,374.36</u>
Printing, etc.	
Broadside	138.20
Total Printing, etc.	<u>138.20</u>
Special Events Expenses	
Little boxes	536.99
Total Special Events Expenses	<u>536.99</u>
Total Expense	<u>4,116.86</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>948.82</u>
Opening Cash Balance 11/1/18	64,198.33
Closing Cash Balance 11/30/18	65,147.15
The Bonnie and Saul Rozinsky Fund	10,674.84



Movies That Matter Beacon
 Fri., Jan. 25, 7:00 p.m. **THE DEVIL WE KNOW**. Is the story of how one synthetic chemical, used to make Teflon products, contaminated a West Virginia community. At McKinley Hall, 50 Liberty St., Beacon. Free. www.moviesthatmatterbeacon.org (914) 907-4928

Current Calendar



Executive Committee meeting, Tues.,
Jan. 22, 7:00pm.

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

Movies that Matter Beacon –
SURVIVORS GUIDE TO PRISON , Sat.,
Jan. 12, 7:00 p.m. Guest Speaker: Jeffrey
Deskovic. At McKinley Hall, 50 Liberty St.,
Beacon. Free.

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

2019 Women’s March in Washington,
D.C. @ National Mall between 12th and
13th St., Sat. Jan 19 @ 10:00 am

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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.

Woody Work Party, Sat. Feb 2, time,
location and projects to be determined.
Check the Woody Sailor’s site for
updates.

Clearwater Winter Open Boat, Fri. Feb.
8, 5-8 pm, Clearwater’s Kingston
Homeport, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston

BSC Winter Lecture Series – A Secret
History of American River People – with
Wes Modes., Fri., Feb. 22, 7:00 p.m. At
the **Scenic Hudson River Center, Long**
Dock Park, Beacon (Red Barn on the
Beacon Waterfront). Free.

Hold the date:

Women’s Work Concert, Apr. 7

Pete Seeger Centennial Celebration,
May 4

Strawberry Festival, June 9

Corn Festival, August 11

Pumpkin Festival, October 20

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