

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 46 Years

A Message from Our President

There's nothing more spectacular than the sun setting over the Hudson River from the deck of the Woody Guthrie. If you haven't come for a sail yet, reserve your spot, bring your friends and family, pack a picnic dinner and come on along! After two July weeks in dry dock, the Woody now has all sorts of fresh paint and little repairs, and is in full guest mode for the season.

Corn Fest 2019 was a sunny success, thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who husked, cooked, served, squeezed, hauled, hammered, hosed, sorted, sang, strummed, drummed, danced, spoke, mixed, tweaked, sold, taught, sailed, seined and squiggled around in plankton pans and aquariums. All of your dedication and hard work made it a glorious day!

Our Semicentennial Party at the Red Barn was a great celebration of all our fine volunteers and accomplishments over the past 50 years. Fabulous food, drink, music and memories flowed, and a good time was had by all. Thank you to everyone who turned out to help us commemorate our first half century of protecting, preserving and restoring our Hudson River, and to everyone who was there in spirit. We are all truly blessed.

Inside this issue:

The Woody gets a facelift, corn cooked to perfection, thanking our volunteers, and much more.....



Photo by Susan Berliner



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, August 27, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY, September 6, 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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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, August 2, 2019, recorded by Gail Moran

The meeting opened with the song "Will the Circle Be Unbroken". Susan was absent so Vince led the meeting.

Treasury Report

Aaron gave the treasury report (complete report elsewhere in the newsletter). The opening balance was \$78,351 and the closing balance was \$87,402. The Saul & Bonnie Rozinsky Woody Fund has \$12,523.

Semicentennial Party

It was a great party. People enjoyed that it was just a get together, that there was not a fee and everyone who attended got a free raffle ticket. There was an interesting slide show of pictures from over the years. A side note is that the proceeds from the raffle paid for the party.

River Swim

111 people participated (111 in / 111 finished). This was Bonnie Champion's 12th year and she highly recommends it. There were many kayakers, who were there for the safety of the swimmers. The Woody with its red sail was a sight to swim toward. Next year, volunteers could be used to help with break down & cleanup. A lot of water was left over and is in the club. It will be used at the Corn Festival.

Cucumbers

Tom LaBarr brought a bag of cucumbers for people to have.

Corn Festival

There will be wood splitting at Tom LaBarr's house this weekend. The wood will be used for the fire for the corn pot. The wood will need to be transported before the festival to the park and the fire should be going by 10AM to heat the water for the corn. Volunteers will again have name tags and be entered into a Corn Cookbook raffle.

We will offer additional flavors of corn – So besides Mexican, there may be Indian, Italian or Taiwanese. Corn huskers are needed. Someone suggested making corn hush dolls. Maggie will bring salsa. There will be a corn muffin competition.

Oh yes, and volunteers are needed for chili dispensing – Bring your smiling face. Tom LaBarr will bring the bowls and spoons. Rosemary is looking for about 10 raffle items, including small trays of baked goods, for a 6' table.

There will be a Tumble Bus, a converted school bus with gymnastic equipment for kids.

Someone is needed to pick up the solar trailer. Another volunteer is needed to take down signs end of day.

Christine will coordinate Earth Care and will have use of the Red cart. The compost items go to Tom's compost pile.

There will be a bargain bin of \$5 tee shirts.

Steve will captain the Woody for sails throughout the day. Clearwater will offer a 3:00 sail for a fee.

Woody Report

Steve says the boat is sailing fine. The charger dock is working flawlessly. The time out of the water was extended due to a crack in one of the in planks. There has been a motor hiccup, which will be addressed. Most nights are full with guests. Several captains are sharing Friday nights now for Ben. Sailing help will be needed at the Corn Festival for the hourly sails.

Harbor Report

The old pontoon boat sunk. The club has purchased a used pontoon boat that is currently in an auto shop being modified for use.

Youth Sailing Program

Michael Barnett said the process is ongoing. There will be a sail for all interested youth on Wednesday night, August 29. The full court press program will begin next Spring.

Clearwater Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be Sept 22 next door in the Red Barn. It is a good meeting and short. Please attend. Clearwater is about the River. Support Clearwater/Support the River. BSC makes an annual donation to Clearwater. CW gives us an annual sail, which looks like it will be at the end of Sept.

BSC Landscaping

Purim commented on the overgrown vegetation outside the building and wondered if someone was willing to clean it up. She is concerned about poison ivy.

Trash

Two people volunteered to take home trash tonight.

Announcements

Rosemary said that after the festival Pandorica Restaurant is having a 'Sip & Paint', which starts at 6 PM.

Mary Poppins has a ticket for Falcon Ridge that she can't use and is willing to give to someone.

The second Saturday of August, there will be a Stop the Hate Rally at Main St and 9D in Beacon.

Caitlin is looking for a new home for herself and 4 feral cats. Text here at 914-257-2788.

Nora Keilty is in the Hudson Valley Rehabilitation and Extended Care facility on Vineyard Ave in Highland. Call Bonnie Champion 264-5663 for updates.



The Fourth Annual

Chefs for Clearwater Event

The Culinary Institute of America
Saturday, September 14th, at 5:30pm

Featuring Chef Drew Nieporent the founder of the Myriad Restaurant Group which operates a roster of highly regarded eateries, including **Tribeca Grill, Nobu Downtown, Nobu Fifty Seven and Bâtard.**

For tickets:

<https://chefsforclearwater.org/ticket-prices/>

Another Fabulous Corn Festival

What a beautiful day; you couldn't ask for more in mid-August! We served approximately 1200 ears of fresh sweet corn cooked to perfection, took 71 guests for fantastic sails on the Woody, served salsa, watermelon, lemonade, chili, amazed kids and adults with our fish and macro invertebrates and left the park cleaner than we found it. We couldn't have done it without our volunteers, so another shout out to all who helped on the day of, and all those who organized and prepared for the event. So many jobs went into making the festival a true community event; I'll get in trouble if I try and list them all. A special thanks to the folks who worked off a few pounds splitting and hauling wood for the corn pot fire (and next winter).



Sloop Club's 50th Anniversary Party Volunteer Appreciation Day!



A good time was had by all as we celebrated 50 years of community service, sailing, environmental action, music, friendship and our volunteers. As we shared food and song in the beautiful facility that used to be the abandoned Slug Works, we reflected on what has been accomplished and recharged for the job ahead. In many ways the next fifty years will be much more difficult, as the threats to the river and environment are less visible than they were fifty years ago.



BIG BANNER Beacon Sloop Club members work on a huge banner, now extended across Bank Square, in Beacon. Banner reads "Welcome Cleanwater". Sloop will arrive in Beacon July 30, to begin a one week stay at Long Dock, Beacon waterfront.

One of the people in this photo of the very early days of the Sloop Club was at the Party. Can you figure out who it is?

Sustainable Living Practices: Repair, Reuse, Rethink: Part II

Hurray for local residents and members of environmental groups who came out on 7/29&8/5, during the Beacon City Council discussions on the Danskammer Power Plant's proposed expansion, including those who held signs outside Beacon City Hall! On August 5 the Beacon City Council unanimously opposed this fracked-sourced gas project. Hurray that on July 16 Ulster County has banned plastic bags! Both will support sustainability, living in a way that meets our needs without harming our environment. Our last article emphasized sustainability by reducing water usage, and this will suggest how we can protect our land. It includes:

- "Reuse." Carrying two reusable, washable bags, one for moist veggies. Compost your coffee grounds; veggies, etc. to reduce landfill usage and the creation of methane. Use washable glass, or metal containers to carry take-out and restaurant left overs.
- "Rethink and Reuse" shipping/packaging materials.
- Recycle cans. 95% less energy is required to produce cans from recycled aluminum.
- To clean tubs countertops, ceramic tile, stove tops, etc., use a 1:1 mixture of distilled white vinegar and water. To clean wooden floors, use a 1:3 parts white vinegar/water solution.
- For oven cleaning, apply hourly, from 1/4 cup of a 1:1 baking soda and water mixture until the deposits loosen.
- For clogged drains, use a 1: 1 baking soda/vinegar ratio, then measure ¼ cup, and pour into drain, after bubbles flush with hot water.
- Plan recipes to include bulk items to use before expiration dates, and don't throw away cooked food, rather freeze, incorporate into next meal, or even eat for breakfast.
- Plan meatless meals at least several times weekly. Animals use finite land and water.
- Landfills are a top source of methane emissions, releasing 12% of these chemicals worldwide ("Drawdown edited by Paul Hawken pg. 100). Reduce landfill dumping. Donate clothing, linens, shoes, etc. (Goodwill provides proof for tax purposes)." Reuse "electronics, or repair them. "Less is more," Wayne Kocher stresses.
- Don't use plastics. Four hundred million tons of plastics are produced annually worldwide, nearly half single-use ("Columbia Summer Magazine" 2019 Hond pg. 17). Anything you put in the ground or air will be there for a very long time.
- Plant local lawn species. Use no pesticides, better to maintain naturally. As a pesticide, try white vinegar.
- Support local all waste collection sites, waste-to-energy and Pyrolysis plants (the conversion plastics to oil).

Finally, "rethink" media product advertisements. Remember they are trying to sell you something. Buy only what you really need.

Nora Gallardo and Wayne Kocher

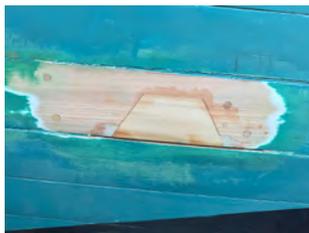
The Woody Report



The Woody returned to the Hudson July 12 after two weeks of intensive inspection and rehab. She was in great shape after two years in the water. Nightly sails have resumed on the most beautiful boat on the river. Thank you to White’s Marina for doing the haul out and providing space for the work.

Rotating through our crews and captains, and with some help from the Clearwater crew, we were able to accomplish a tremendous amount and get back in the water before the hull dried out.

A very special thank you to Art Scott for repairing the cracked plank on the port side. It was inspiring to watch a true craftsman at work. You would never know it was there after it was painted.



The Beacon Sloop Club Recognized by the City of Beacon

Secretary Gail Moran and Captain Steve Schwartz represented the club as Beacon Mayor Randy Casale presented the Sloop Club with a certificate of recognition for, “50 Years of Environmental Stewardship, Advocacy and Service for the Hudson River and the City of Beacon.”

We would like to thank the mayor and city council for their support and recognition and look forward to working with them on building a sustainable future for the Hudson River and our community.

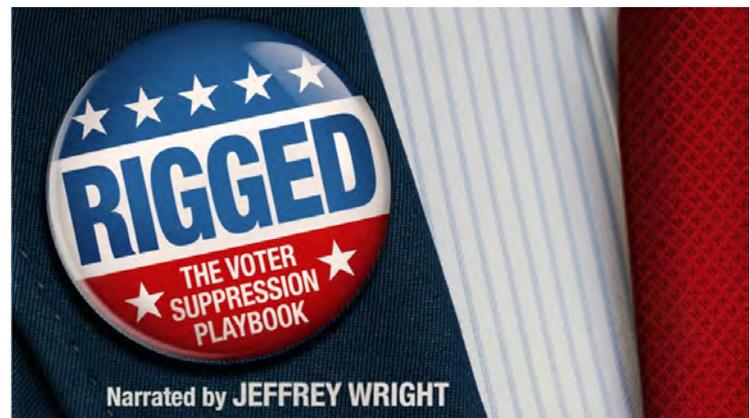


The waterfront as we found it.

5:06 PM
07/21/19
Cash Basis

Beacon Sloop Club, Inc.
Profit & Loss
June 2019

Ordinary Income/Expense	Jun 19
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	
IBM Matching Grants	1,247.90
Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants	1,247.90
Corn Festival	
Vendor	55.00
Total Corn Festival	55.00
Gross Sales of Inventory	607.00
Investment Income	
Interest-Business	109.10
Interest-Checking	4.07
Interest-Money Market	14.44
Total Investment Income	127.61
Membership	
Snailmail	100.00
Total Membership	100.00
Pumpkin Festival	
Vendor	55.00
Total Pumpkin Festival	55.00
Special Event	260.00
Strawberry Festival	
Shortcakes & Smoothies	11,081.00
Vendor	710.00
Total Strawberry Festival	11,791.00
Total Income	14,243.51
Gross Profit	14,243.51
Expense	
Facilities	
Festival	306.79
Utilities	147.67
Woody Maintenance	241.92
Total Facilities	696.38
Special Events Expenses	33.54
Strawberry Expense	
Cream	680.44
Park Fee	400.00
Permit	30.00
Police	385.00
Sanitation	425.00
smoothie expense - banana, ice	78.19
Strawberries	2,464.00
Total Strawberry Expense	4,462.63
Total Expense	5,192.55
Net Ordinary Income	9,050.96
Net Income	9,050.96
Opening Cash Balance 6/1/19	\$ 78,351.90
Closing Cash Balance 6/30/19	\$ 87,402.86
BSRF Opening 6/1/19	\$ 11,989.99
Contribution	
Change in Investment value	\$ 533.98
Bonnie & Saul Rozinsky Fund 6/30	\$ 12,523.97



Movies that Matter Beacon
Wednesday, Aug. 21,
Doors Open 6:45
Film starts at 7:30pm
At McKinley Hall,
50 Liberty St., Beacon.
Free.

Current Calendar



Executive Committee meeting, Tues., Aug. 27, 7:00pm. At the Clubhouse.

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

Movies that Matter Beacon- Rigged, the Voter Suppression Playbook, Wed, Aug. 21, Doors Open 6:45 Film starts at 7:30pm At McKinley Hall, 50 Liberty St., Beacon. Free.

Danskammer Public Info Forum, Wed., Aug. 28, 2019 at 6 PM – 8 PM, **Scenic Hudson River Center**, 8 Long Dock Road, Beacon

Clearwater Public Sail from Beacon, NY Saturday, Aug 31st - 4:00pm - 7:00PM

Clearwater Public Sail from Poughkeepsie, NY, Sunday, Sep 1st - 4:00pm - 7:00PM

Clearwater Public Sail from Rhinecliff, NY Monday, Sep 2nd - 12:00pm - 3:00PM

Clearwater Public Sail from Kingston, NY Monday, Sep 2nd - 5:00pm - 8:00PM

Chefs for Clearwater, Sat. Sept. 14, 5:30 pm, Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, NY

Spirit of Beacon Day Parade, Sun., Sept. 29, 2019 at 10 AM – 1 PM, Main St.

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.

Hold the dates:

Crust rolling and pie baking Oct. 19

Pumpkin Festival, October 20

The Beacon Sloop Club
PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

- Free Sails on the Sloop Woody Guthrie
- Pumpkin Pie & Soup
- Apple Cider
- Food & Craft Vendors
- Two Music Stages
- All Shapes and Sizes of Pumpkins for Sale

Sunday, October 20 - Noon to 5
At the Pete & Toshi Seeger Park - Beacon, NY
Free Admission
www.beaconsloopclub.org

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

For more info about the BSC: www.beaconsloop.org, or www.beaconsloopclub.org