Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 46 Years

A Message from Our President

Not everybody realizes that the “Sloop” in Beacon Sloop Club is not the Woody Guthrie, but the Clearwater. Pete founded Clearwater in 1969; shortly thereafter he founded the Beacon Sloop club as a support organization for Clearwater – one of a string of Sloop Clubs up and down the Hudson created to provide support to Clearwater wherever it docked at any given time.

Whenever Clearwater came into port, Sloop Club members would be there with a pot of soup, fresh baked pie, load of firewood or news from the land. We would take crew for showers, laundry, or, for the truly intrepid, a head bucket run - a fine opportunity for an intimate experience with your local sewage treatment plant. And always, the crew would welcome us aboard to share in their delicious woodstove supper or some music.

Back in the days of Pumpkin Sail, Woody sailors would spend sleep deprived weeks of their lives sailing alongside Clearwater from port to port, passing pumpkins, serving Stone Soup, teaching the children of the river about the fish, plankton and history that swirled through their lives, singing and eating with the crew and musicians aboard the boats.

Back in those days, almost every Sloop Club member was a Revival volunteer, which meant a weekend or longer pitching in to run the festival, celebrating Clearwater’s mission and each other. Every third weekend in June, Revival still rises, Brigadoon-like, from the mists of time, fully formed, a magical village of river lovers and fast friends, working together in glorious celebration once every year, then quietly return to their daily lives for the next fifty-one weeks or so.

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Supporting this issue:
Supporting the mothership, fall thoughts turn to pumpkins and sailing, more sustainability tips, and much more.....

Clearwater crew members on the Woody – photo by Michael Barnett

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, September 24, 7:00 p.m.
NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY, October 4, 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________________________________

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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 Broadsider 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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The meeting opened with the song “Free the Bird”. Susan welcomed new people – all from Brooklyn.

Treasury Report
Aaron gave the treasury report (complete report elsewhere in the newsletter). The opening balance was $87,402 and the closing balance was $87,211. The Saul & Bonnie Rozinsky Woody Fund has $12,652. The rough figures for the Corn Festival showed it netting about $3,000.

Woody Nickels
Konstantin encouraged us to bring all returnable bottles, cans etc. to the center across from the Fishkill Recreation Center and give them your receipts, which they will save for Beacon Sloop Club redemption.

Corn Festival
It was a great festival. We bought 1200 ears of corn and had only 13 ears left at the end of the day. Corn was from Walkill View Farm in New Paltz. Shop Rite donated water. Hannaford donated cheese and mayo for the flavored corns. Topps gave us a $25 certificate. These were all non- Beacon establishments.

Harbor Report
By Jim Birmingham. We purchased a pontoon boat to replace the old one that sank. It is in New Windsor being stripped and rebuilt to be ready for breaking down the Harbor in late October. We hope to sell the motor that came with the boat.

Woody Report
Also by Jim Birmingham.

Spirit of Beacon Day
September 29, the parade kicks off at 1:00, line up at 12 by Bank Square. We hope to have the ‘Little Woody’ float again. We were invited to be on the Center Stage and talk about Pete Seeger and play music.

Little Boxes
This yearly event will be November 23 at the Red Barn. Susan has flyers to pass out. $25 gets you a 3” x 3” canvas to decorate (paint, collage, etc.) and admission to the event. Alternatively, you can just pay admission. There will be food and drink from local merchants and about 100 canvases to bid on. The winning bid proceeds will go ½ to the artist and ½ to the BSC. Cash prizes will be awarded for three categories that people will have the opportunity to vote on. It is a fun night.

Multrum
Susan asked for volunteers for cleaning the Multrum. (She may have had some but the list is missing.) The new list is September & October – Konstantin and November -Gail

Announcements

Pumpkin Festival Call for Volunteers
October 19, 20

On Saturday we need people to help with:

- Making dough balls
- Rolling out crust
- Pie Baking

On Sunday we need people for:

- Set up
- Pie Selling
- Cream whipping
- Soup and Chili
- Earth Care

Take down and cleanup

Membership and Merchandising
And
Many, Many, More tasks
Contact
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Please come out and support the community and the Sloop Club and have a little fun down by the riverside.
President’s message cont’d

We also all volunteered at Clearwater’s Annual Meeting, working side by side in the kitchen or grounds with other Clearwater members who came from far and wide to join in the festivities - which included multiple potluck meals, workshops, singalongs around the bonfire and square dancing into the night. People camped out and had breakfast together the next morning.

Pumpkin Sail, Revival, Annual Meeting - they were all woven into the calendars of our years and lives. Entire generations of children were born and raised through these events, and consider themselves to be “Clearwater babies.” Perhaps you have one? Perhaps you are one. Many of us are who we are because of Clearwater.

Relationships forged working and living together for Clearwater - sometimes like sardines on the Woody or Clearwater, huddling together for warmth against the icy pre-dawn October fog on the river – still provide vital pathways for our work in the Hudson River community: alliance and allegiance that bring strength and efficacy to both The Sloop Club and Clearwater.

Every year, Clearwater brings us out on a wonderful “Thank You Sail.” They give us tickets and merchandise for our raffles, share their seine nets and sound systems, spearhead our shared mission of restoring, preserving and protecting the Hudson river. We can sleep well tonight, knowing that tomorrow Clearwater will be on the job.

Since the beginning, our members have served on Clearwater committees, on their board, and as paid employees of Clearwater – boat crew and office staff.

There was a time when all Sloop Club members were Clearwater members. Today, Clearwater needs our support more than ever. If you can find a way to make it happen, becoming a member is one effective way that we can each increase our collective commitment to Clearwater and to each other. Wouldn’t it be great if we could say that we’re all members again?

See you at the Annual Meeting!

For the River,
Susan

Sustainable Living Practices: Repair, Reuse, Rethink: Part 3

According to a National Cancer Institute report (2018) 38.4% of U.S. males and females will be diagnosed with cancer during their lifetime. A study by the Yale School of Public Health has confirmed that chemicals released by hydraulic fracking, such as methane, contaminate both air and water, and are linked to cancer. According to Yale Professor, Nicole Deziel, Ph.D., cited in the study, children’s cancers require more research, as they are more vulnerable, particularly to leukemia, which has a short latency period. He added that 650,000 K-12th graders live within a mile radius of a fracked well in the U.S., as well as 15 million Americans in general. Fracking is currently present in 30 out of 50 U.S. States (Nation Of Changes 10/16). Our local proposed Danskammer plant would use fracked gas. This article is the third of a series and will concentrate on how individuals and groups can reduce air pollution working toward the goal of sustainability.

Outside our home we can do the following:
-Walk or bike as a means of transportation. Drive at a smooth pace 55-60 mph for fuel efficiency. Drive less by multi -purposing and carpooling. The latter may increase friendships.
-Instead of spraying our kids with toxic substances against ticks, use for example: a mixture of 8 oz. hydrogen peroxide, with the same amount of baking soda, then add, 4 oz. Epsom salt, and 2 oz. lavender.
- Use natural products to kill weeds, like vinegar or hot water. Glyphosate plus added ingredient in weed killing Round-Up make it carcinogen.

-Use peppermint sprays, and “Have-a-Heart” traps instead of harmful pesticides.
- “Hug a weed every day.” Weeds can be beneficial as they put back oxygen into the air. Trees that keep their leaves all winter provide year around oxygen. Milkweeds are beneficial to butterflies.

-In our home:
-Ceramic tiles can be cleaned with ¼ cup white vinegar in one-gallon water.
-Ventilate your home. Keep daytime temperature at 60; let sunshine in during winter.
-In summer, use fans to circulate air. If air conditioning is necessary, set thermostats at 78 degrees.
-Close the blinds and shades to limit summer heat build-up. Open windows at night to increase cooler air.
- Turn off all lights and electrical appliances in unoccupied areas -limit use of household appliances. Run the appliances at off-peak (after 7 p.m.), such as dishwashers, dryers, pool pumps, and water heaters.

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- Set refrigerators and freezers at more efficient temperatures;
- Use only dried wood in your fireplace.
- Purchase and install energy efficient lighting and appliances with the “Energy Star” labels.

Groups have come together to discuss the proposed Danskammer Plant, another source of methane pollution (methane heats up the climate over 80 times more than CO2).
- A City of Beacon and Scenic Hudson public forum 8/28 at the Beacon Scenic Hudson Center drew a crowd and environmental experts.
- On 9/9, at the City of Newburgh Town Hall, the pros and cons of this plant were discussed to a standing room only crowd.

“Each day, think what can I do to help our earth?” Wayne Kocher emphasized.

Nora Gallardo and Wayne Kocher
The Woody Report

The sailing season is moving right along, with some beautiful fall weather, amazing sunsets, and sometimes a bit of wind too. We’ve had nothing but kudos from our guests.

Our October work party installed bumpers on the charging dock, mounted lights, and tackled the corrosion on the motor contacts. Two years of salt washing has not been kind to our electrical system. A loose wire was found on the controller input and was repaired. That seems to have fixed the hesitation problem (we hope). With some new bearings and adjustments to the pulley positions the squeak is gone as well! That was a bit more involved than planned; thanks Steve for the extra effort.

There will be a captains and sailors meeting the first weekend of October, stay tuned for the time and date. It will be posted to the Woody Sailor’s group, so keep an eye out. We will discuss the winter storage and maintenance plan and other Woody business.

Hudson Valley Ramble
Sail On the Woody Guthrie
Saturday,
September 21
Noon – 5 pm
Take a ride on the sloop Woody Guthrie and sail on the Hudson River upon this historic wooden Hudson river sloop!

Advance registration is required:
Contact Susan (call or text)
At
845-527-8671 to sign up

There will be five 45 minute sails starting on the hour at 12, 1, 2, 3 and 4pm.

Please arrive 15 mins before your sail is set to start. Walk ups are welcome if we have room.

Dress appropriately for the weather. Life jackets will be provided.

Woody Sailors:
We need crew support. Contact Steve Schwartz,
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845-891-9417
if you can help.
Treasury Report - July

Clearwater Annual Meeting
September 22, 2019
9:30-1:00 pm

Agenda:
9:30 Potluck
10:00 Opening Song, open board meeting #1, approve minutes
10:10 ED Intro & remarks, introduce board candidates
10:30 Environmental Action Report
10:40 Education report
10:50 Thank you to outgoing board members
11:00 Voting Ends. Sloop Club Charter presentations
11:15 Overview of plans for celebrating 50 years of Clearwater and 100 of Pete Seeger
11:25 New Board announced, Adjourn meeting #1
11:45 Guest Speakers Betsy Garthwaite and Tim Guinee
12:05 Begin board meeting #2
12:30 Adjourn board meeting, begin Q & A
Executive Committee meeting, Tues., Sept. 24, 7:00pm. At the Clubhouse.

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting, Oct. 4—potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

Hudson Valley Ramble – Sailing on the Woody, Sat. Sept. 21, 12-5 pm, sails on the hour

Clearwater Annual Meeting, Sun. Sept. 22, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm, Scenic Hudson’s River Center, Long Dock Park, Beacon

Spirit of Beacon Day Parade, Sun., Sept. 29, 2019 at Line up noon – 1 PM, Main St. Sloop Club performance 3:30 (could be a bit earlier).

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

Little Boxes – Art Show and Funraiser, Sat. Nov. 23, 6:00-9:00 pm, Scenic Hudson’s River Center, Long Dock Park, Beacon

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