A Message from Our President

Through some amazing stroke of providence, the Beacon Sloop Club has, for five decades, occupied this most beautiful little corner of the universe - in space, time and consciousness - and we have all had the wonderful good fortune to be a part of it.

It has been my great privilege and joy to serve as your president these past four years. Everything we are is because of your hard work, dedication and humanity.

I look forward with excitement to our new leadership in 2022, and to continuing our fine work together in the year to come.

Thank you all, each one of you, for being the great people you are and for making the Sloop Club all that it is.

May you have a joyous and peaceful holiday season and a healthy, happy New Year!

See you at the Holiday Sing!

Susan
If you haven’t yet; Please Renew.

BSC Membership Form

Name _____________________________ Street Address ______________________________

City ___________ State ___ ZIP _____ Phone ____-____-_______ Email ______________________

Household Membership donation $__________ Renewal ___ New Member ___

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 Cleanwater Membership?  I would like to help with ________________________________

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Link to Online Renewal:  http://beaconsloop.org/Join.html

The Beacon Sloop Club Broadside

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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Ken, Lydia, Rob, Bonnie and Max gave us Rainbow Race, with a violin solo by Max. Susan brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed all. She welcomed Eve and her mother, and Scott as first-time attendees. Susan then held a moment of silence for Joel Rozinsky, Saul’s son, who passed away recently.

Treasurer’s Report: Aaron gave the Treasurer’s report for October, which is in the newsletter, below. He also reported the income items from October’s Pumpkin Festival, which totaled $5,900.

Budget: Aaron went through the budget plan for 2022 that had been approved by the Executive Committee. Members will vote on the budget during the January Meeting.

Bldg. Committee: David reported that a new gasket around the tree through the roof was installed. He said in the coming year the committee would address the floor slab issue, the Children’s Area interior finish, and look at building heating and new lighting.

Office Elections: Susan asked us if there were any new nominations for Treasurer, then Secretary, Vice President and President. There was a nomination for Steve Schwartz for Vice President. Susan recognized the five candidates, and each addressed the membership briefly.

Woody Report: Steve Schwartz said the Woody is fully buttoned up for the winter. All pumps are in place, the bilges are salted, mooring lines doubled, and the cover insulated, ready for snow. Steve said the maintenance committee is much better now with Max’s assistance. Also, all docks are now moved to White’s Marina for the winter. The charging dock cable was found to be damaged by zebra mussels, which means we will need to replace it.

Holiday Party: David explained that proof of a vaccination or negative Covid test is required to enter the party on the 12th. The event is from 1 - 5 p.m. at David and Maggie’s home at 35 Slocum Rd., Beacon. It will be quite a feast, meats, fish, and drinks all provided. It is a fundraiser for Clearwater, so please bring a side dish and a donation. Music will be by Whispering Tree and the Judith Tulloch Band.

Lectures: Alan said there was not much to report about lectures yet, Covid is still making things uncertain, so there may be some in-person lectures, and some virtual. No firm bookings have been made yet, but we are talking with the DEC Eel project about a speaker in May. Also we are looking at a movie with Betty Reid Soskin, who at 100 is the oldest active National Parks Ranger. Joyce said she would like to recommend a movie for January, and Lydia suggested Guy Davis as a musical speaker.

Finance Committee: Alan reported on the biannual financial review. The Bonnie and Saul Rozinsky Fund is currently invested 65% in socially responsible stocks securities and 35% in bonds due to the rise in stocks. It will be rebalanced to the 60/40 target in January. The club’s cash assets are split between checking and money-market accounts.

With current low interest rates there is no reason to adjust the mix. Also, the Board approved an additional $5,000 be designated toward long-term Woody maintenance.

Finance Committee recommended the Treasurer keep important asset documents, like titles or bills of sale for property such as boats, trailers, or other vehicles, as they have value and are auditable. Jim asked why they did not fall to the Secretary, referencing the Bylaws. Alan said that was discussed and the committee felt the treasurer was better suited.

Account signatories must be updated with the change in officers. The Committee recommends that Susan and Vince remain signatories on the Fidelity account, since it is difficult to change that.

The 2022 Finance Committee will include the new Vice President, Alan, Tom LaBarr, Joyce, and Susan. There is room for another member, particularly someone interested in running for treasurer in the future.

CW Update: Rosemary said Clearwater is under restoration now, with the mast pulled and work going on in the transom area. It is still a tough year financially for Clearwater, but they did three sails for underprivileged school children this year with money raised by the club. See items Clearwater needs in the newsletter. They do plan to hire and Executive Director soon.

Holiday Sing: Facebook will have information about the Dec. 18 event, held at the clubhouse from 5 to 9 p.m. This event will be a fundraiser for Common Ground’s Food Assistance program, so please bring a donation. Make checks to Beacon Sloop Club, but memo it to “food donation.” Also, bring some finger foods to share.

Committees: Susan again passed around a list for members to sign up to help on one or more of the club’s various committees.

Announcements: Vickie told us about Beacon Prison Rides that needs more volunteer drivers to drive family and friends from the train depot to the various prisons in Beacon and the surrounding area. She had a sign-up sheet for those who wanted to sign. E-mail Vickie at vicki831@earthlink.net.

Gene announced new information about Beacon Mutual Aid; Bonnie updated members on the January 17 MLK walk and essay contest; Lydia announced she is putting info about the Holiday Sing in her Facebook; Wayne asked members to write their elected representatives to expand bottle return laws; Beverly encouraged older people to see a dermatologist to get a good baseline screening for various skin cancers; Aaron led the members in a round of applause for Susan, our outgoing president.

Motions: Alan moved that Betty Harkins be given a lifetime Beacon Sloop Club membership. Vince seconded the motion, and it was carried by an overwhelming show of hands.

Voting Results: The following officers were elected: President: Rob May
Vice President: Patricia Finnerty
Treasurer: Aaron Verdile
Secretary: Ivy Kogan

With no further announcements, Susan adjourned the meeting at 9:12 pm, and the Circle of Song began.
Thank David, Joann, and Margaret!

The Eberle Holiday Celebration returned in full swing this year with an even more impressive spread, and of course hundreds of Santas of all shape and size. It was also wonderful to see Judith Tulloch, Steve, and the band back. The event was so appreciated by our members after a year of hunkering down and laying low.

This year’s donation basket was designated for Clearwater, raising $2100 of much needed funds. The house party fundraiser was always one of Pete’s favorite ways for people to pitch in and support the organization. Thank you to all who contributed.

To the Editor,

As a Clearwater board member and long-time Beacon Sloop Club member, I want to express my thanks to all of our members who have stepped up to support Clearwater as they weather the covid storm.

You found creative ways to pitch in and help, from the Haikootennay (thank you Tom Elliott) to the Holiday Party. You helped spread the word to friends and family, purchased and donated items from the wish list and brought food and support to the crew.

The Sloop Club was founded as a way to provide local support to the Clearwater and her crew. In so many ways you were there when the mothership needed you most.

The storm has not abated yet, but there are clearer skies on the horizon.

Thank you,

Rosemary Thomas

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Election Results
2022 Beacon Sloop Club Officers

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Thank you to our outgoing officers Susan Berliner, Vince Farina and Tom Elliott for your service and dedication to the club. You guided us through some tough and uncertain times.

We want especially thank Susan, as we bent the traditional two-term rule and pressed her to stay on through the worst of covid (knock wood).

Please welcome and support the new team!
In Memoria
Joel Rozinsky
1974-2021

A Memorial for Joel Rozinsky will be held at:
The Elks Lodge,
900 Wolcott Ave, Beacon, NY
December 17, from 4-8pm.

We offer our condolences to Graciela, Dan, and his entire family.

The son of long-time members Bonnie and Saul Rozinsky, Joel was a member, a volunteer, and friend.
Anyone wishing to join a Woody crew can contact any captain or James Malchow to sign up. No experience is required. We will train you.

Winter maintenance has begun with the derigging. There are many opportunities to become familiar with the boat, meet the captains and crews over the winter.

### Current Calendar

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### Winter Lecture Series
Details are still being finalized as we negotiate schedules and fees, but we wanted to give you a preview. Dates may change and covid may disrupt us.

- **January 20** online  
  The Story of Plastic
- **Feb 18** in person  
  Mystery Musical Guest
- **March** TBD  
  The DECEel project for Kids and Adults
- **April 23** hands on  
  The DEC Eel project for Kids and Adults
- **May** TBD

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)