Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 53 Years

A Message from Our President

"Would you please help me sing this song?" Guy Davis implored repeatedly during his performance at the Beacon Sloop Club on February 10th. And sing we did, as Guy Davis entertained a rapt audience with a wide assortment of music and stories. Many of his tales were about Pete and Toshi Seeger. He even included a wood-chopping song that he had learned from Pete, complete with a stage-prop ax. Many thanks go out to Alan Thomas and Steve van der Merwe for organizing this memorable event, to Aaron Verdile for engineering the professional quality sound and to Lydia Adams-Davis who made the initial connection. It was a joyful evening that will be remembered for many years.

After two months of COVID-related shutdowns, the club finally opened its doors for our first in-person meeting of 2022, on March 4th. Old friends were reunited, and new friends welcomed, as delicious food and the warmth of fires was shared by all. The clubhouse echoed with the sounds of conversation and songs. Plans were made and projects announced for the coming months. Most notably, Captain Steve Schwartz, spoke optimistically about preparing the Woody Guthrie to once again assume its customary role on the Hudson River, and Joyce Hanson outlined a more traditional May 7th Riversweep after two years of pandemic-altered Riversweps. These are sanguine indications of a possible return to normalcy.

Sadly, during the month of February the Beacon Sloop Club lost two dear friends. Connie Hogarth and Flora Jones passed away, surrounded by friends, and loved ones. Their impact on our community is immeasurable and everyone in our world was touched by their love, kindness, and compassion.

Plans are being made for memorial services for both Connie and Flora. But continuing their commitment to the betterment of our world is our way of honoring Connie and Flora, as well.

As our club opens its doors and plans for the future, hints of spring are everywhere, and the shadow of the pandemic seems to be receding. There is a renewed sense of hope and purpose. As Guy Davis likes to sing: "On the other side of the clouds, the sun is always shining."

Stay safe! Be well! Happy Spring!

Rob

Inside this issue:
A visit from the Coast Guard Auxiliary, meeting live and in color, upcoming events, and much, more…..

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, March 22, 6:00 p.m.
NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, April 1 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.
The **Beacon Sloop Club Broadsie** 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](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org).

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### BSC Membership Form

[www.beaconsloopclub.org](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org)/Join.html

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**Woody Captains:**
Jim Birmingham, Patrick Gallagher,
Tom LaBarr, Ben Mazer,
Steve Schwartz,

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**Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting**  
Minutes, March 4, recorded by Tom Elliott

**Ken, Lydia, and Ben** gave us *Rainbow Race*, and Rob brought the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m., welcoming all. He reminded us that we are a carry in/carry out facility. He also asked if there were any first-time visitors, and the club welcomed Bill from Highland Falls, NY. Then Rob led us in a moment of silence, recognizing the passing of Flora and Connie.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Aaron gave the Treasurer’s report for January, which is in the newsletter, below.

**Verplanck Coast Guard Auxiliary:** Rob welcomed a contingent of the Verplanck Coast Guard Auxiliary serving the Hudson River Indian Point area. Eugene Yetter and Charles Fitzpatrick, led by Flotilla Commander Mathew Duteau, told us about their programs available now in an expanded service area which includes Cold Spring and north to above Poughkeepsie. Mr. Yetter and Mr. Fitzpatrick told us about their programs that focus on recreational as well as professional boater safety. A core Boating Safety Class they offer will be required for all boaters in New York starting in 2024. The Coast Guard Auxiliary flotillas are community service arms of the Coast Guard, and do not extend into any law enforcement or military areas. The Flotilla wants to reach out to boaters and boating organizations in their service area, to offer classes and other boating safety services. They offered to send a detail to help with our Beacon Harbor May 7 River Sweep program! Well received by BSC members, there were many good questions asked and answered. Thanks, Gentlemen!

**Election of Secretary:** Rob told us that our secretary has resigned, so a new candidate must be found. Susan nominated Vickie Fox, who accepted the nomination. Tom Elliott seconded the nomination. Rob then asked three times if there were any new nominations, and being none, he called for a vote by show of hands. Vickie was elected. Congratulations!

**Woody Report:** Captain Steve said that there will be a *Woody Sailors meeting on-line Sunday* at 7 p.m. The agenda will mostly be about the de-winterizing of the boat, and schedule options related to getting the boat out of the water for a short time to do bottom work. The schedule involves pulling the boat out in Haverstraw to do the bottom work, and to convert the winter cover frame to a bolt-together kit. Then transit to Beacon by the first or second week of April to up-rig. The cost of pull-out services at Haverstraw may not meet our budget, however, so other options are being considered. Captain Tom noted that a number of crew members sailing on various nights are not officially club members, but really must be so that the Club’s insurance will cover them while sailing and during maintenance parties.

**Building Report:** Tom L. reported that our current alarm has become obsolete due to an outdated motherboard. This is on order and our service team is trying to push it, knowing we are in need. Hopefully we will have some word by early next week. Tom will follow through until the work is complete. Captain Steve asked if the Woody and the Tender can be alarmed in the new system. Tom replied affirmatively and said a cost proposal has been requested.

**River Sweep:** Joyce told us that *The 2022 River sweep cleanup will be held on May 7th*. We will meet outside the Beacon Sloop Club. Sign up information will be available on the Riverkeeper River Sweep site after March 21, 2022. Also, we are in need of someone with a pickup truck to drive to the transfer station with the trash from the cleanup. Please call Joyce at (914) 907-4928 if you can do it. Joyce also urged us to call and write to Gov. Hochul and oppose her EPR budget Proposal. Ask the Governor to support a strong Extended Producer Responsibility bill, namely the Producer Responsibility bill proposed by NYS Assembly member Engelbright. Unfortunately, the legislation now being considered by the NYS Senate does not do enough. It is favorable to the plastic and packaging industries, allowing them to make up the rules and define who is accountable. It will send New York on the wrong path.

**Lectures:** Alan thanked everybody who came out for *Guy Davis live* last month, calling it a great event and our first live Lecture Series event in two years. He asks members who may have video to please not post anywhere due to copyright rules. *March 17* is the next lecture with Sam Merrett, captain of the *Apollonia* coming to us virtually on Zoom. Please sign up now for this talk on the future of carbon-free freight service on the Hudson. *Saturday, April 2 at 11:00 a.m.*, the *DEC Eel Project* educators will deliver a special program live at the Clubhouse. This is of particular interest to teachers and students. Alan will need some set-up help on this, so contact him if you can come to help.

**Clearwater Update:** Rosemary said Clearwater’s economic health is improving, and with the guidance of new director, David Toman, and a full operational season ahead, things will improve even more. Winter restoration work is wrapping up by the end of April, and Clearwater will be back in the water in May. BSC is taking out a half page ad in the Gala Program book. Also, we will plan a new fundraiser this year to provide further support. Clearwater recognizes the club’s efforts, so please support the *April 3 Gala* if you can. Rob thanked Rosemary, telling us David Toman plans to visit the sloop club next month at our Friday meeting.

**Environmental Report:** Captain Tom asked us all to support 10 cent deposits on all recyclable bottles and cans, citing that method as the best way to ensure recycling really happens. Also, before you buy, sit and ask yourself, “why?” Remember, the first “R” is reduce. Rob thanked Tom for his report.

**Announcements:** Alan asked us to save the date *July 30* for the *2022 Great Hudson River Swim*. Registration online opens in April, and more kayakers are needed to act as guides this year. Rain date is 7/31. Susan has two antigen test kits to give to anyone able to visit Betty Harkins at North Westchester Restorative Therapy and Nursing Center. Lydia says she can and took the test. Thanks, Lydia! Rob told us that there is a *CLCP march on March 8* in Albany at 6 p.m. It kicks off at 100 State St., in support of a bill to help the environment. Woody and Pete will be there in spirit.

At 8:45 p.m. with no further announcements, it was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn, and the Circle of Song began.
Thank you to all who attended *The Story of Plastic*. It is our hope that we all will be motivated to take follow-up actions based on what we heard in this lecture/film. For more information or training:

- [https://www.beyondplastics.org/](https://www.beyondplastics.org/)
- *The Story of Plastic* documentary film
- PBS Frontline’s *Plastic Wars*
- David Sayer’s plastics wiki, an amazing assemblage of browsable information on all aspects of the plastic pollution crisis
- *Thicker Than Water, The Quest for Solutions to the Plastic Crisis* by Erica Cirino (Island Press, 2021)

A video of the Guy Davis event is available for a limited time at:

[https://youtu.be/ESGkMU8Pqqk](https://youtu.be/ESGkMU8Pqqk)

Please be respectful of Guy’s copyrights and do not post to social media.

Auction Items are available for viewing at:

[https://e.givesmart.com/events/p9i/i/](https://e.givesmart.com/events/p9i/i/)

Bidding will start soon.
The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.
January 2022

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| Net Income                    | $3,084.71 |

- Opening Cash Balance 1/1/2022: $103,009.00
- Closing Cash Balance 1/31/2022: $106,093.71
- Change in Investment Value: -$1,028.66
- Total Balance 1/31/2022: $105,065.05

- Unrestricted: $81,897.69
- Restricted (total)*: $24,196.02
- B & S Rozinsky Fund 1/31/2022: $21,335.08
- Board designated funds: $10,003.57

Editor’s note:
The front-page banner has been updated to say, “Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 52 years.”

This reflects the founding of the club in 1969. The previous date did not reflect either the founding of the club or its legal incorporation date.
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.

**BSC Executive Committee Meeting**
Tuesday, March 22
6:00 – 8:30pm
At the Clubhouse

**Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting**
Friday, April 1
6:30 – 10:00pm
At the clubhouse

**BSC Lecture Series: The Schooner Apollonia**
Thursday, Mar. 17
7:00 pm
Online
[Register Here]

**BSC Lecture Series: All About Eels**
Saturday, Apr. 2
At the Clubhouse
Bring the kids!

**2022 SPIRIT OF THE HUDSON GALA**
APRIL 3, 2022
3:00-7:00 PM
Honoring Tom Lake and Jim Kricker
Music by the Bernstein Bard Trio

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

If you are not able to attend you can still contribute or participate in the online auction.

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)