Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 53 Years

A Message from Our President

"The preservation, protection and restoration of the Hudson River and surrounding waterways through advocacy, education and celebration"(Beacon Sloop Club website) has been the mission of our club since its inception. Today, these principles still guide us. The upcoming Strawberry Festival is one way we transform these ideals into reality. From the many fine exhibitions and displays to the diverse array of performers, this event embodies our core principles. We are grateful to Festival Chairperson, Rosemary Thomas and the team of dedicated volunteers who are working hard to make this event a success.

Led by Coordinator Steve Schwartz, volunteers are busily preparing the Sloop Woody Guthrie for its triumphant return to the river. The Woody also reflects the founding principles of advocacy and education in service of the river. Captains Patrick Gallagher, Tom LaBarr, Ben Mazer and Steve Schwartz are not only skilled navigators, they are educators, teaching our guests lessons about the wonders of the river, thus preparing new environmental advocates for the Hudson. And every public sail is a celebration of the river.

Our annual Woody Guthrie Dinner, scheduled for Saturday, July 16th, celebrates the life of visionary and influential songwriter Woody Guthrie, himself an educator and advocate. His songs celebrate our country's natural beauty and advocate for its preservation and also for social justice. He educated many of his contemporary musicians including a young Pete Seeger, who in turn, passed on those lessons in the formation of the Beacon Sloop Club. It is fitting that we should honor Woody Guthrie in this way. Many thanks to Susan Berliner for organizing this event.

Few people embodied our foundational mission of saving the Hudson River through advocacy, education and celebration as well as our cherished friend Betty Harkins, who passed away last month. She influenced virtually every aspect of the Beacon Sloop Club. She was a mentor to a generation of club members, an advocate for the river and nearby waterways and a driving force behind many of our club's projects and initiatives, including the Environmental Tent, a centerpiece of the Strawberry Festival each year. Betty devoted her life to the protection of the Hudson River and its natural surroundings and to the service of our club. She will be dearly missed.

Rob

Inside this issue:
Return of the Strawberry Festival, guest sails, another step towards sustainability, upcoming events, and much more…..

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Wednesday, June 22, 7:00 p.m.
NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, July 1, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.
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!
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 ______________________________

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

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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.

Woody Captains:  Jim Birmingham, Patrick Gallagher, Tom LaBarr, Ben Mazer, Steve Schwartz,
Lydia and Ken sang, then we opened with a moment of silence to observe the passing of our beloved Betty Harkins.

Aaron gave the Treasury Report.

Max Smith, our assistant maintenance coordinator, gave the **Woody Report.** We have been hard at work and the Woody should be ready to give public sails at the Cornwall Festival this Sunday, June 5. We have varnished the taffrail and the hatch cover. Sometime this summer the boat will have to be hauled out at White's to have the bottom scraped.

Max called for volunteers to come to the Club at 10am tomorrow to help attach the sails. Volunteers who join his text list can be texted about last minute changes.

Rosemary gave the **Strawberry Fest Report** with props to dramatize all the work needing to be done. First, Earth Care: There will be large Earth Care cans. Black bags for All Else (the Beacon landfill). Clear bags are for bottles and cans; Constantine will bring them in to get Woody Nickels. Green bags are for compostables. Small cans will contain strawberry hulls, which Jay and Polly will be taking away. "We are looking for people who would like to take compostable items for their own compost pile. We also need someone to be the Earth Care Coordinator." In addition to Earth Care workers, we need a porto-san setter-upper. The porto-san near the strawberry tent will have a wash station. Festival volunteers will be entered into a raffle.

The sale price for strawberry shortcake will increase for the first time in 15 years. The serving size is still 12 ounces. We are using wonderful local strawberries and they are costing us $5500. So this year we are charging $7 for shortcake. We typically sell 1800 shortcakes every year. Purim is shaping up in f

John McLaughlin of Clearwater's Environmental Action Committee announced that they have been charged to advise Clearwater's new director on actions Clearwater should be taking on. If you have ideas, send them to johnmclaughlin@aol.com or message him on Facebook.

Lydia Adams Davis announced her upcoming concert June 5 at the Town Crier with Pat Lamanna and Amy Soucy at the free salon stage, "Woman Overcoming."

Mary Poppins handed out copies of the Beacon Free Press that contained Betty Harkins' obituary.

Bonnie announced the rescheduling to June 13th of the award ceremony at Beacon City Hall for students participating in this year's Martin Luther King essay contest. Constantine made certificates for every student. For the ninth year, Rhinebeck Bank is giving gifts of money to the winners.

Max Smith announced his fundraising idea to clear hazardous logs out of the river and cut them down into sellable firewood.

Frank Ritter announced his intention to start a local group to promote legislation for sensible gun control. "If anyone is interested, please speak to me."

Wayne Kocher urged us to call our state reps to support a bill that would end new buildings' dependence on fossil fuels as of 2024. He also made a $100 donation to the Club.
Hudson Valley Environmental News

Clean Water Standards for PFAS 2.0 Act Introduced into NY State Legislation- U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Congressman Chris Pappas have introduced this bill that would regulate per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS), cancer causing water pollutants. It would limit industrial PFAS contaminated water discharge into waterways and treatment plants, plus set deadlines for the E.P.A. to develop water quality criteria for all measurable PFAS, to stop these chemicals before they get into water supplies.

Some of the industries that would have priority include the production of plastic and synthetic fibers, textiles, electroplating, metal finishing, electrical components, and plastic molding. Since at least 1998, the E.P.A. knew of the dangers of these chemical and did not take meaningful action, said Chris Pappas (Hudson Valley News May 11-17, 2022) (Staff Hudson Valley Press 5/11/22).

The D.E.C. released a Draft of a plan for Possible Shad Fishing in the future, but a slow recovery is predicted. Therefore, commercial shad fishing could take decades to return.

Many remember the Beacon Sloop Club and other shad festivals. Due to population decline, the last major festival to feature shad was held at a Boscobel in 2011. Shad declined on both the East and West coasts, as did commercial fishing. While shad recovery has occurred elsewhere, the decline in the Hudson was swift and recovery slow. A study by the DEC and Stony Brook University is ongoing to determine why. Several factors are suspected:
- Invasive thick water chestnuts block off areas where shad spawn and develop.
- Climate change strengthens invasive species and destroys habitat and the quality of water.
- Indian Point had taken in two billion gallons of water per day in its cooling system injuring fish.
- Zebra mussels, which arrived in 1991 as an invasive species, eat the plankton that young shad use for food.
- Invasive fish species such as silver carp and goby eat shad.

Female shad return up the Hudson for up to eight years to spawn, so the DEC has suggested that the focus be less on restoring upstream spawning habitat and more on restoring downstream nursery habitat so that juvenile shad, and shad returning from spawning, will survive their time in the Hudson before they head back out to sea. (The Highlands Current April 15, 22).

Mohonk Preserve Partners with “Leave No Trace”

Group to reduce Injury to Flora and Fauna- since the COVID pandemic, there has been an increase of outdoor use with hikers and campers who may not know how to maintain our ecosystems. Unauthorized trail use, trash, and graffiti has increased, contributing to erosion and damage to fragile ecosystems. Minnewaska and other low maintenance parks with “carry out one’s own trash” policy have been challenged.

“Leave No Trace” stresses the following to reduce these burdens on ecosystems:
- Educate the public with signs and warnings of trail closings, such as if a falcon is nesting, or poor trail conditions.
- Stress that the public prior plan their park trips and stay on marked trails so one does not get lost.
- Avoid campfires.
- Pick-up your trash and that of others.
- Respect wildlife.
- Lease your dog.
- Signal when on a bike as one approaches others.
- Wear ear devises so music is not overheard by others.
- Educate young people to understand ecosystems. (Hudson Valley One 4/13/22).

Food and Water Watch Supports the Recent Addition of Freshwater Wetland Protection in The NYC Budget.

While a recent Supreme Court decision weakens the Clean Water Act (CWA), the inclusion of Freshwater Wetlands in the NYS Budget strengthens it. The Supreme Court decision reinstates an earlier regulation which restricts the ability of states and Native American tribes to enforce the CWA. Yet, freshwater wetlands have received expanded protection in an historic legislative agreement. It safeguards more than one million acres of natural areas that are critical to resist planet warming. These long-awaited protections will expand the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation’s (DEC) ability to require permits for activities that impact wetlands larger than 7.4 acres along with smaller wetlands of “unusual importance.” *(Food & Water Website)

Riverkeeper Supports the “Bottle Bill at 40 Campaign”- The 40 years of bottle redemption has been successful in reducing roadside debris. The new bill calls for the increase of bottle redemption fees from 5 to 10 cents, and the inclusion of non-carbonated beverage bottles.

Plastic bottles enter the Hudson River and its tributaries from rains that wash street garbage into storm drains, illegal dumping, and littering. Plastic washes up on shorelines, threatens wildlife and affects public health. (Riverkeeper Website)

Note: When burnt, plastics emit chemicals. Plastic trash clog beaches, and forms garbage dumps underwater. Studies have found plastic particles in the bodies of teenagers studied.

Submitted by: Nora Gallardo, Member, Beacon Sloop Club.
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

First and foremost - what an amazing day! Thank You everyone for another incredible Sloop Club event!!!!

The ticket numbers:
224 totally delicious smoothies
1367 short cake tickets - a stunning number!! (they were shortcakes till the biscuits ran out around 4, then we sold berries and cream at $5, and finally just a few bowls of berries for a $3 donation)!

The local berries were especially delicious this year. And so beautiful to look at. A big Thank You to Jay and Polly for the great support!!

We got the credit card working and had 80 total transactions, mostly tickets and the rest merchandise. Wow!

The Strawberry Tent was sold out by 4:30, a respectable time, allowing us to get the huge cleanup operation underway while more folks were still around to help.

And an especially big Thank You to David and Margaret for hosting the Saturday prep event at their home!!!! Thank You So Very Much!! – Rosemary Thomas

Thank You to This Year’s Sponsors

Northern Medical Group, a partnership among physicians with a long history here in the Hudson Valley, with offices in Dutchess, Putnam, Orange and Ulster counties.

NYS Music, New York State’s Music News Source, offering daily music reviews, news, interviews, video, exclusive premieres and the latest on events throughout New York State and surrounding areas.

A Huge Thank You to Simone Williams

Simone stepped up to support us once again. When our oven was severely damaged in transit Saturday, she graciously allowed us to use the All You Knead ovens on Sunday to bake our biscuits.

Special thanks go to Rosa for supervising and advising us, to our biscuit shapers Mary, Glenn, and Patricia, and to Alan our certified oven master.
The Woody Report

The sailing season has begun! The Woody took out guests at the Cornwall River Fest on June 5th and at the Strawberry Festival June 12th.

Weeknight sails are starting as our crews complete their training. There are still a few kinks to work out and some fine tuning to be done.

It’s very important that sailors stay in contact with their captains this year as we manage the nightly capacity.

There will be specific work parties as well as work by the individual crews on weeknights. We also plan a haul out soon, for hull inspection and painting. Contact Max Smith 484-336-6569 for information about work parties and volunteer tasks.

Danskammer Appeal Denied

On June 8, State Supreme Court Justice Robert Onofry upheld the state's denial of the air quality permit last year for the $500 million gas-fired power plant Danskammer gas generating project.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) on Oct. 27 rejected the proposed Danskammer project, saying the project did not comply with the state’s Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA).

The 77-page ruling affirmed that the permit could be denied under the 2019 state law that calls for slashing greenhouse gas emissions in New York by 2040.

Judge Onofry opinion states that." The law's requirement that the DEC consider a project's climate impact "serves no practical or meaningful purpose" if it can't deny a permit after that analysis.

Become a Patron Fish!

The Tradition Continues!

By becoming a Patron Fish, you are recognizing Clearwater's unique musical roots and traditions, and supporting their ongoing integration into our education programs and activism. Your gift makes possible these programs and actions, as well as future concerts and festivals, and Clearwater's ability to bring communities together in the name of clean water.
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### Financial Summary

- **Opening Cash Balance 4/1/2022**: $106,928.61
- **Closing Cash Balance 4/30/2022**: $107,124.14
- **Change in Investment Value**: -$1,413.66
- **Total Balance 4/30/2022**: $105,710.48

### Restricted Funds

- **Unrestricted**: $82,997.64
- **Restricted (total)**: $22,712.84
- **B & S Rozinsky Fund 4/30/2022**: $20,164.70
- **Board designated funds**: $10,004.06

Woody Nickels

Please Note:

The Woody Nickels Bottle and Can Redemption Program will end at the end of June

A Huge Thank You to Konstantin
For his time and effort.
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.

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