A Message from Our President

The Beacon Sloop Club has bounced back strong. While other organizations have struggled during the difficulties of the past few years, our club has emerged from turbulent times on a solid footing. The number of guests on our public sails has returned to pre-Pandemic levels. Our festivals and programs are well-attended. Our finances are in good order and our membership is robust and growing. Our commitment to the health of the Hudson River remains unwavering. This is because of the resiliency, resourcefulness and commitment of our members, who receive no compensation other than the satisfaction of knowing that they are advancing the mission of the Club.

In this season of Thanksgiving, it is fitting to acknowledge our gratitude to all those who do so much for our organization. We thank our extraordinary captains and crews for providing safe, enjoyable and educational public sails. We are grateful to everyone who maintains, preserves and protects our beautiful Woody Guthrie. We acknowledge a debt of gratitude to everyone who plans, organizes, and runs our festivals and programs. To all our tireless volunteers who work these events, we give a special thank you. We are grateful to those who maintain and repair our clubhouse, including everyone who keeps our multrum clean and functioning. We are indebted to those who service our wood stove and fireplace and ensure that our wood bins remain full. We thank everyone who cares for our lawn, flowers and trees and those who oversee our docks and harbor. We are grateful to everyone who fills our clerical, record keeping and accounting needs and solves our technical problems. We thank those who take the minutes at our meetings.

We praise all those who provide food at all our gatherings, and we applaud our talented musicians who keep us singing and dancing throughout the year.

We thank all those who have donated to the club and those who look after our finances. We are grateful to everyone who works behind the scenes and all who are the public face of our organization. Thank you, all!

We kick off the holiday season with our traditional Holiday Sing. This year’s Sing is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th. The clubhouse clean-up originally slated for noon on November 20th has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 19th starting at 10am. Everyone is invited.

Election of officers will take place at the next membership meeting, Friday, December 2nd. Voting is open to all those members attending the meeting. Hope to see you there.

Happy Thanksgiving

Rob

Inside this issue:
End of season work parties, getting into the holiday spirit, and much more.....
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 ___________________

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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, November 4, recorded by Vicki Fox

Lydia Adams Davis, Ken Miller and Rob May opened us with Lorre Wyatt and Pete's number, God's Counting on Me, God's Counting on You, quite timely before the election. We had a moment of silence for the passing of Colin King, one of our earliest captains. Tom Elliott volunteered to take the recycling, Ken Miller the garbage. Rob thanked Gail Moran for being October's Multirum Hero.

Aaron Verdile delivered the Treasury Report. Revenue exceeded expenses in September.

Rosemary Thomas gave the Pumpkin Festival "post-mortem": "It was fabulous!" She thanked everybody. We learned that food tickets worked great, but also that our onsite food-prep uses a lot of electricity and we need more power strips and lines for next year.

Susan Berliner announced the Holiday Sing December 10 will begin at 5 or 6. We bring drinks and finger foods, not just dessert, and all our favorite musicians come and play.

Again, this year, we will collect donations for Common Ground Farm, which contributes thousands of pounds of organic produce to food pantries in Wappingers, Fishkill, Beacon and Newburgh. Common Ground distributed over 14,000 pounds of organic produce to people in need this year. Checks to the Beacon Sloop Club should be earmarked at the bottom "CG-food donation".

Rob announced a Club clean-up November 20 around noon. He told us Antony Tseng has volunteered to train people in conjunction with our getting an AED for the clubhouse. A sign-up sheet was passed for those interested.

Steve Schwartz delivered the Woody Report. The Woody is now in Haverstraw. The mast was pulled out so we could make a five-year inspection. It looks great. We sailed down on Wednesday in perfect conditions, taking just 3 hours, 15 minutes. Saturday at eight we'll be loading up the frame at the Settlement Camp and bringing it to Haverstraw. Having Max Smith on maintenance crew has brought amazing efficiency. We'll probably have a Zoom meeting next week about winter maintenance and we'll also have a block party. The sailing handling lines are ratty; the time is now to upgrade to new lines over the winter. Rob thanked Captain Steve and crew for completely cleaning out the workspace in the Clubhouse. That reminded Steve to remind Rosemary that she should also be thanking the Woody crew for their work during Pumpkin Fest. "And they would like to get forks along with their pie!"

Steve proclaimed, "On behalf of the Club, I would like to thank the captain and crew of the Woody Guthrie, who almost never get thanked!"

Nominations for 2023 officers are:
President: Rob May, Patricia Finnerty; Vice President: Vince Farina; Treasurer: Aaron Verdile; Secretary: Mary Arnold.

Additional people can be nominated at the December meeting. People need to be a paid-up member to nominate, vote or run for office.

Joyce Hanson thanked Vicki Fox for jumping in as secretary this year.

Steve announced that we have decided to get rid of the Ed Teach boat. "Antony has gone through great effort to show it to buyers. Right now, we have 1 fish on the line, 1 person I need to get back to, and 1 person who wants it but can't pay money for it." So it looks like we will finally relieve ourselves of this boat we have been paying insurance on but not using.

Rosemary delivered the good news that Clearwater's finances have improved. They have an updated financial report available, and they are within their budget. But they have little cash reserves. "Now would be a great time to contribute, early for the Fall Appeal." Clearwater's budget problems had prevented them from getting grants. And not sailing last year hurt their revenue.

There will be a concert for Clearwater in Rosendale on November 6.

Clearwater's mast has been pulled and inspected. It will be 10 years before they have to pull the mast again.

During the Environmental Report, Tom LaBarr thanked the volunteers at the E-tent. We had one blue crab and two eels thanks to Jeannie Fitzgerald loaning us her traps. Tom told us he had the Sloop Club's enormous fish trap if the E-tent folks ever wish to use it. Jade Batycki volunteered to make sure the fish trap works. John McLaughlin volunteered to check with the DEC about our license.

But the most important thing anyone can do for the environment right now is VOTE! Turn over the ballot and vote for the NYS proposition. Tom also reminded us that having proper house insulation (with cracks under doors to prevent carbon monoxide build-up) is key. "I did my house one wall at a time. You will recoup your insulation costs very rapidly!" There was also a discussion about how Orange County recycles almost everything delivered to their transfer station on Route 17K, unlike Royal Carting.

General announcements included a call for volunteers to work with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Joyce Hanson auctioned off a bottle of gin and a framed poster for Common Ground's work with food pantries. Mary Poppius announced coverage of the Pumpkin Fest in the Current, Beacon Free Press and Hudson Valley Press. She distributed copies of the Free Press. Fighting the good fight against plastic, Wayne Kocher sold seven stainless steel "tiffins" (reusable containers for restaurant leftovers) and donated all proceeds to the Club. Veekas Ashoka of the recently created group Beacon Climate Action Now told us they were trying to pass a bill in Beacon that all new buildings use geothermal and induction stoves instead of oil and gas. He asked us to sign our names if we supported it. John McLaughlin announced the statewide All Electric Building Bill, which would lead to lower emissions, and said we may be able to pass it on a state level. Joyce pointed out that new buildings in New Paltz are all solar. Jade asked for advice on where to dock her houseboat for the winter and Purim suggested King's Marina in Montrose, which has a covered docking area.

ADJOURN.
New York’s Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022

Yesterday New York voters made a clear statement in favor of a cleaner, healthier, more just environment by a resounding majority.

Of course, our members played a role, by voting, educating, rallying, advocating and spreading the word.

The Woody Update

Our crews have been hard at work getting the Woody ready for her long winter nap. She is derigged, dismasted and in her berth at Haverstraw. Construction of the frame has started and will continue on the weekend, so look for calls for volunteers.

In the Harbor

The harbor team has been busy pulling moorings and docks and securing everything for the winter. If you are a boat owner or just want to help stay in touch with Ben and Jeremy.

It will be great to have everything buttoned up and the docks to White’s before the weather turns.

Photos by Mary Arnold

November/ December Business

It’s the time of year when we look forward and plan for next year. We will elect the officers for 2023 at the December membership meeting. You must be a member in good standing in order to vote. It’s also a great time to renew. We will have a membership list and forms available.

Candidates so far are:

President: Rob May, Patricia Finnerty
Vice-President: Vince Farina
Treasurer: Aaron Verdile
Secretary: Mary Arnold

Nominations will be accepted at the December meeting as well.

Budgets for 2023 are due to the treasurer in November to be rolled up in December.
**The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.**

**Profit and Loss**

*September 2022*

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**Save the Date**

**The Beacon Sloop Club**  
**Holiday Sing**

**Saturday, December 10**  
**Time: TBD**

**Bring:** Finger Food, Your Voice, and a Donation ($s) for Common Ground Farm’s Food Distribution Program (Make Checks out to The Beacon Sloop Club, Memo: CG-Food Donation)
Anyone wishing to join a Woody crew can contact any captain or James Malehow 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