Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 54 Years

A Message from Our President

The beauty of the Beacon Sloop Club is that it is run completely by volunteers. If you are looking for ways to get involved, donating your time, energy and talent, there are plenty of opportunities here at the Club.

If you are concerned about the environment, your ideas would be appreciated as we strive to fulfill our club mission of protecting the Hudson River and its environs. If your passion lies in the culinary arts, volunteering at our festivals can provide an outlet. If interacting with the public brings you joy, if hospitality is your calling, if you are a salesperson, there is also a place for you under our Strawberry, Corn and Pumpkin Festival tents. If you are well-versed in the complexities of community relations or conversant in the dynamics of human diversity, we urge you to consider joining our renewed efforts to expand the club's commitment to embracing diversity and inclusion.

Should you be one of those fortunate ones blessed with manual dexterity, if you enjoy solving structural problems, if you are a skilled electrician or woodworker, you will be a welcomed addition to our Building Committee. These trusted volunteers are dedicated to the care, upkeep, maintenance and improvement of our fine clubhouse, keeping us safe, sheltered and warm. If you like to gather, haul and split wood, our firewood bins can always use refilling. If you have a green thumb, why not consider assisting those valued volunteers who maintain our lawn and plants? Do you enjoy working outdoors? If so, your presence on the Woody maintenance crew, or on the Harbor Committee, would be most appreciated. Speaking of appreciating our volunteers, we send a heartfelt thanks to our extraordinary volunteer, Captain James Malchow for his magnificent work creating new ratlines for the Woody!

If your predilections are of a more literary bent, you could certainly help spread the word about our club activities. Should your inclinations lean more towards music or sound production and design, there are options to contribute your expertise to our many musical endeavors. If you are gifted with the talents of a visual artist, your passion could be channeled for decorative and design purposes, creating posters, signs, flyers, tee shirts and other merchandise.

Whatever your skill, passion or avocation may be, you will find a welcoming community at the Beacon Sloop Club.

Rob

Inside this issue:
The sail class returns, Woody prep is starting, upcoming events 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________________________________

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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

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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.

The Beacon Sloop Club Building

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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting
Minutes, February 3, recorded by Mary Arnold

Opening and Call to Order 7:30 PM
Music by Ken Miller and Rob May: Groundhog Day Blues

President Rob May announced this is a Take-in Take-out facility and asked for volunteers to take home the recyclable (Alan Zollner) and Trash (Gail Moran). Vanessa Nisperos who will be the Multrum hero for March. There are new ratlines created by James Malchow stored in the rafters.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Aaron Verdile reviewed the income and expenses for December. There was a question about how the ending of the Amazon smile program would affect income: Per Aaron, we have been receiving about $100 in small amounts throughout the year. A suggestion was made to take advantage of higher Treasury yields—Aaron stated this has been done with the designated funds.

Woody Report: Max Smith reported the Woody “is doing very well.” The Woody Sailor’s online meeting is Sunday at 7 p.m. James Malchow will be sending the link. The block party is scheduled March 4 at 10 a.m. The event to refurbish the blocks will be held here at the clubhouse.

Max said he is working on efficient and effective means of volunteer communications that allow for rapid communication for changes in plans. “Group text is helpful, but sometimes people are left out.”

The Beacon Parks and Recreation Department has provided Black locust logs going into the boat for new carlings around the engine hatch. The lumber, a $2,000 value, is being air dried, and will be milled by the Lorenzos, neighbors of Gail Moran and Steve Schwartz.

Sailing Class: Mary Arnold reported the Sailing Class is scheduled for Wednesdays, April 12 through May 31, from 7 to 9 p.m. Instructors include James Malchow, Steve Schwartz, Tom LaBarr, Ben Mazer, and Betsy Garthwaite. The course is $50 per person and includes the US Sailing text “Learn Sailing Right.” The club has previously offered two for one for people coming from the same household who received one book for both participants. The board voted to provide up to 5 scholarships to older teenagers attending with a responsible adult. Alan Thomas and Rob May have both offered donations to defer costs of the scholarship. Alan will be creating an online enrollment and payment page.

Winter Lecture Series: Alan Thomas thanked people who came out for Singer/Songwriter Owen Walsh and thanked those who donated $172 to defer his travel expenses from western Pennsylvania.

Next lecture is on February 23, 7 p.m. and features Stephen Mallon, a well-recognized industrial landscape and National Geographic photographer presenting his photo documentation of MTAs artificial reef project. Stephen lives in Beacon. He is a top-notch commercial photographer. “

The March program (date TBA) focuses the 50th anniversary of the clean water act and features John Cronin and Manna Jo Green

April 20: NYS Cider manufacturers Association Executive Director Scott Ramsey—with information about the farm program of NYS with cider samples. The May lecture is TBA. All lectures are 7:00

Clearwater Report: Rosemary Thomas reported the boat is getting reassembled from winter maintenance. The next Open Boat tour will be on Saturday February 25 at the Barn in Kingston from 2-5 p.m. There will be music, food, kids’ activities, a chance to see what’s happening with the boat, and to meet Captain Rory.

The Clearwater’s Gala will be Sunday March 19 in Garrison. If you can’t come to Gala, online auction, Friday, March 3.

General Announcements

Jamie Cupolo announced there is a Coast Guard Auxiliary unit forming in Newburgh NY. There will be a General Interest Meeting on Saturday February 25 3:00-4:30pm at Pamela’s on The Hudson in Newburgh

Vanessa Nisperos is looking to engage folks for community sailing activities and will be sending a zoom link for a meeting to update her proposal to the executive board. She is also looking for people to volunteer 4 hours a month for riverfront activities such as taking folks on walks around trails here, teaching basic sailing knots, basic water safety, and providing snacks and welcoming people.

Lydia Adams Davis thanked Susan Berliner for writing “an amazing review of my singing with children.” She is also seeking videos of her singing at Sloop Club and community festivals that she can use in her marketing efforts. She is hoping to be performing at an Earth Day Celebration on April 17 in Mendam NJ. Videos can be emailed to Lydiaadamsdavis@gmail.com

Alan Zollner announced that the 19th Great Newburgh to Beacon Hudson River Swim will be Saturday August 5, with a rain date of Sunday August 6, and will be a late morning splash in. Repairs are being made on the Riverpool to get it ready to put in the water this summer.

Wayne Kocher provided environmental education on recyclables, stating that clamshell containers are not considered recyclable even though they have a recycling number 1 stamped on them. He encouraged people to use/choose glass containers.” We want to get as far away from plastics as we can. We are trying to get legislatures to increase the number of types of containers for return in the Bottle Bill. Glenn Arnold noted he has found a Chinese food restaurant in Hopewell Junction which will take back his container and refill it.

Beverly Dyckman announced that Saturday February 4 is Eaglefest hosted by the Teatown Lake Reservation at the Croton Nature Center The program includes walks where you can view eagles through spotting scopes, heated tents filled with educational displays and exhibits, crafts and games for children, and food. The Eaglewatch at Boscobel will be Sunday, February 12

Ken Miller announced that because of the frigid temperatures, we would not be doing a song circle tonight.

Aaron Verdile moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30, seconded by Susan Berliner.
The Woody Update

Work parties in preparation for the 2023 sailing season will be starting soon. It will require work at multiple sites, as the boat is currently in Haverstraw, the mast is in New Hamburg, and the spars are in Beacon, not to mention the installation of docks in conjunction with the harbor team. Look for word from Max on where your help is needed.

Our famous Block Party will take place at the clubhouse, Saturday March 4 at 10 am. Wear your old clothes and come to party! No experience required. We will teach you the fine arts of sanding, lubing, assembly, line whipping and more.

A Few Words on Membership

It’s that time of year again. The majority of our members are on a January renewal cycle, a legacy of the pre-electronic era. This also speaks volumes about the longevity of people’s commitment to our humble little organization. Anyone who joins in Nov/Dec is put on the January cycle as well.

Being all-volunteer, with no paid staff, and no office support, we rely 100% on our membership for everything we do. You are the Beacon Sloop Club!

So, please consider renewing your membership as soon as possible, if you have been away, please come back. If you believe in what we do, spread the word, recruit a friend (the younger the better). You would be surprised at how many of our neighbors don’t know about the organization, or think we are a yacht club.

While the membership fee helps to pay our expenses, a robust and vibrant membership serves us in so many other ways, providing diversity in ideas, fuel for grants, and leverage with local government.

Online Membership

Printable Form

Learn to sail!

The Beacon Sloop Club Sailing Class

When: April 12 – May 31
(8 classes meeting on Wednesday night)
Where: The Beacon Sloop Club
Time: 7pm – 9pm
Cost: $50

(Includes sailing instruction book you can keep)
Discount available for households sharing a book.

Register online Here

For information call Mary Arnold at 845-891-4509 or email: marykonizarnold@optonline.net

Youth Engagement

Vanessa Nisperos is looking for people interested in participating in waterfront activities for young people and families.

vanessa.nisperos@gmail.com

Come one, come all for an afternoon with Clearwater.

When: Saturday, February 25
Time: 2pm-5pm
Where: 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston, NY
What: Join Clearwater for an Open Boat

Enjoy live music by Nick Panken (@ppaannkkeenn) and Noah Harley (@noahbharleythe) with a special performance by the Peace Singers of George Washington Elementary School on the banks of one of the Hudson River’s most treasured tributaries while enjoying refreshments by Sloop Brewing Co.!

Take a tour of the Sloop and get to know staff and crew as we bring Clearwater to the Homeport community.

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test from within 24 hours of the event is required for entry.
Your voices were heard! Many of you attended hearings hosted by the Army Corps of Engineers, soliciting comments on proposals for storm surge management around the New York City area in the aftermath of hurricane Sandy. Many of those proposals called for major barriers, which would have restricted tidal flow and fish movement, impacting the entire estuary and its ecosystem. All this at great cost and with unproven effectiveness.

This fall the Army Corps of Engineers released a new NY & NJ Harbor and Tributaries Focus Area Feasibility Study (HATS), eliminating the previously proposed barriers, opting instead for shoreline walls and a dozen smaller storm gates across tributaries. While this is great news for the estuary, the new proposals require careful scrutiny for their impact.

Thank you to our members who raised their voices and their pens. Comment Period for the New York New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study (NYNJ HATS) remains open until March 7.

From Clearwater’s February EA update:

Public Health and Safety Impacts of Decommissioning Indian Point

The next forum, scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 4 PM, will feature Arnie Gundersen, former nuclear engineer, researcher and author, who will explain how the treatment system for radioactive water works, what it can or cannot achieve, why tritium, which cannot be filtered out of water, is a real concern and what discrete radioactive particles are. He will be joined by Dr. Kathy Nolan, an MD with pediatric expertise and moderated by Courtney Willimas, PhD. Register to attend.

Manna suggests listening to podcast: Tritium Expose’ at https://www.fairewinds.org/podcast/tritium-expose

A recording of the previous forum is available at: https://www.grassrootsinfo.org/indianpointforum

Our historic and wonderful Strawberry Festival is up for nomination this year. We are in a category with much larger events, but we all know which is the best.

You can vote here: https://www.chronogram.com/hudsonvalley/Chronogrammies/Page#/gallery?group=441646

Also, our good friend Manna Jo Greene is up for Environmental Activist: https://chronogrammedia.secondstreetapp.com/og/4c47a310-0f6f-4c06-8303-fdb6b35afdee/gallery?category=4271974&group=441654

And Clearwater is up for Environmental Advocacy: https://www.chronogram.com/hudsonvalley/Chronogrammies/Page#/gallery?group=441656

This is a fun competition and an opportunity to raise awareness of the things we care about, so vote if you can.

HUDSON RIVER SLOOP CLEARWATER’S SPIRIT OF THE HUDSON GALA

Sunday March 19, 2023 3:00-7:00 pm
@ The Garrison
Honoring Ronald Zorilla, Founder & CEO of Outdoor Promise and Captain Betsy Garthwaite
Thank you to Owen Walsh.

Owen Walsh kicked off our lecture series with songs and stories, including a ballad of heartache and angst written when he was in middle school.

He was caught a bit off guard when ending his performance with a tribute to Lead Belly, the whole room joined in on Goodnight Irene. It really brought the meaning of our humble little club home to him.

Owen is a young man of immense talent, and we wish him well, as he embarks on the next stage of his career in Asheville NC. I think we will be hearing his name again.

If you missed it, you can see a bit of Owen’s work on YouTube. [https://youtu.be/41LcIE4fWLI](https://youtu.be/41LcIE4fWLI), or [https://youtu.be/AH2rTlocYpo](https://youtu.be/AH2rTlocYpo)

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**BEACON SLOOP CLUB WINTER EDUCATION SERIES**

**Stephen Mallon**

**Industrial Landscape Photography**

**Thursday, February 23**

**7:00 PM**

The Beacon Sloop Club

(2 Red Flynn Dr., Beacon)

**Featuring**: SEA TRAIN: SUBWAY REEF PHOTOS

Between August 2001 and April 2010, MTA New York City Transit deployed more than 2,500 decommissioned train cars to underwater locations off the coasts of New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, and Georgia.

Most people look at construction sites and machinery and see nothing more than concrete and steel. Stephen Mallon looks at them and sees both a surreal beauty and the wonder of their engineering.

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Stephen Mallon is a photographer and filmmaker who specializes in the industrial-scale creations of mankind at unusual moments of their life cycles. Mallon’s work blurs the line between documentary and fine art, revealing the industrial landscape to be unnatural, desolate and functional yet simultaneously also human, surprising and inspiring. He has been featured in publications and by broadcasters including The New York Times, National Geographic, NBC, and The Wall Street Journal.

Mallon served as a board member of the New York chapter of the American Society of Media Photographers from 2002 until 2010, and served as president from 2006 to 2008. He is represented by Front Room Gallery in New York.

He lives in Hudson Valley with his wife Sarassa and their daughter Josephine.

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**Beacon Photography Group 2023 Members Showcase**

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**Save the Date**

Friday, March 24 4-10pm

Newburgh Brewing

The Beacon Sloop Club will get 10 percent of the evenings profit so come and have a beer and something to eat.

Please share with friends.
City of Kingston 9th Annual Earth Fair  
May 13th, 2023  
10am-5pm at TR Gallo Park

The City of Kingston's Annual Earth Fair is returning in 2023. This popular family friendly event has been reimagined for the Kingston Waterfront, 30 Rondout Landing, Kingston, New York!

Kingston Parks & Recreation is seeking out local exhibitors who prioritize sustainability and green business practices to join the City’s 9th Annual Earth Fair. This year they are partnering with Clearwater and the Hudson River Maritime Museum to bring the reimagined waterfront Earth Fair to TR Gallo Park. 

This year’s Earth Fair will include live music, food trucks, children’s games and activities, a free swap market, electric vehicle displays, green education, sponsored boat rides, and more.

As always, this is a FREE event!

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| Opening Cash Balance 12/1/2022             | $101,084.86 |
| Closing Cash Balance 12/31/2022            | $103,712.18 |
| Change in Investment Value                 | -$741.37    |
| Total Balance 12/31/2022                   | $102,970.31 |

| Unrestricted & soft                        | $79,960.23  |
| Restricted (hard total)*                   | $23,010.08  |
| B & S Rozinsky Fund (hard)                 | $19,264.11  |
| Board designated funds (soft)              | $15,005.80  |
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.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
General Interest Meeting
Saturday, Feb. 25
3:00 – 4:30 pm
Pamela’s on the Hudson, Newburgh

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