Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 54 Years

A Message from Our President

Just as a thriving garden is the result of careful soil and seed preparation, a successful sailing season depends on painstaking and thorough planning and action beforehand. So, our work has already begun.

Captain James Malchow has conducted the first sailors meeting of the season and others may be in the offing. Max Smith is spearheading our maintenance efforts, fine-tuning our vessel for trouble-free, high-performance sailing throughout the summer and fall. The first step was repairing our sloop's blocks at our annual block party. Thanks to all who participated. If you missed the party, contact Max for other opportunities to help.

We tip our hat to Mary Arnold for organizing our spring sailing classes, and we thank our knowledgeable and seasoned captain/instructors, Steve Schwartz, Tom LaBarr, Ben Mazer, Betsy Garthwaite and James Malchow for teaching the classes. You can register here if you are interested in attending.

Dovetailing with the instructional component of sailing preparations, Coordinator Vanessa Nisperos, is overseeing our newly launched Community Sailing Program, designed to bring the joy and mastery of water safety and sailing to those in traditionally underserved communities. Towards this end, the Beacon Sloop Club is offering transportation and full scholarships to our sailing classes, to five deserving local candidates. Vanessa is also coordinating with Alan and Rachel Zollner to provide water familiarity and basic swimming instruction in the River Pool. We acknowledge the efforts of Tom Elliott and Steve Schwartz in working with Vanessa to augment this Community Sailing Program.

Meanwhile, the Harbor Committee led by Ben Fiege is hard at work repairing our docks in anticipation of a busy sailing season. Towards the end of the month Ben will arrange to have floating docks returned and installed for the season.

While all this is going on, Club members and their guests have been privileged to enjoy the work of two extremely talented and thoroughly entertaining artists in the Winter Artist and Lecture Series, organized by Alan Thomas and Steve van der Merwe. In January, gifted young singer-songwriter Owen Walsh enthralled a spellbound audience with his beautiful songs, providing a rich sampling of the next generation of folk singers. Last month, widely acclaimed professional photographer Stephen Mallon presented his distinctive and arresting images of industrial sites that find beauty and power in unexpected places. Make plans to attend the next lecture which will be a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act.

Rob

Inside this issue:
New environmental challenges, the sail class returns, waking up the Woody, upcoming events and much more….

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Wednesday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.
NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, April 7, 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.

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

Call to Order 7:30 PM. Music by Max Smith, Rob May, Ben Mazer with “Do Re Me” and “Deep Blue Sea.” Rob May announced this is a Take-in/Take-out facility and asked for volunteers to take home the recyclables (Tom Elliott) and trash (Rob). Thanks to Mullrom Heroes Vanessa Nisperos (February), and Marcell Song? (March).

Treasurer Aaron Verdiie reported income and expenses for January, including $800 income for the sale of the strawberry trailer. Investments are in socially responsible funds, 60% in equities, 40% in bonds. There is a $15,000 variable rate CD—funds set aside for major expenses and Woody maintenance.

Community Sailing Program: Jamie Cupolo reported Newburgh/Beacon Coast Guard Flotilla has been established. Vanessa Nisperos thanked club members for input and collaboration to developing a Community Sailing Program that was approved by the Executive Board for youth and underserved communities The program includes community partners, water safety and sailing education. Harbor boat owners will participate with coast guard approved and insured boats. Families will become BSC members.

Woody Report: Max Smith is testing new information and sign-up sheets on SignUpGenius, Facebook, and WhatsApp. “I am trying to reach the broader sloop club community and get more interest with people helping out to maintain the boat.” Max is using a WhatsApp group to communicate activities, in addition to emails and the Beacon Sloop club Facebook page. The Woody “Block Party” is Saturday March 4. It will be a potluck and there will be beverages. The Woody will be back to Beacon from Haverstraw will April 4, 5 or 6, depending on weather. A grant application to pay for a new charging cable was not successful this grant cycle, but we will apply again. Alan Thomas said the same package can be used for other foundations.

Harbor: Mary Arnold reported Winter harbor projects include repairing the aluminum Long Dock ramp which requires a TIG Welder. Docks are anticipated to come back from White’s Marina at the end of March, weather permitting. There was discussion of shared info between the Woody and the Harbor email lists. To get onto the Harbor mailing list, contact Ben Fiege.

Sailing classes: Mary Arnold reported the Sailing Class will run from April 12 to May 31, 7-9 p.m. Alan Thomas has created an online registration site, and the event has been posted on Facebook. Class info will be shared with the Harbor and Woody email lists. Instructors include Woody Captains James Malchow, Steve Schwartz, Tom LaBarr, Ben Mazer, and former Clearwater Captain Betsy Garthwaite. Ben Fiege and Vanessa Nisperos will provide info on the Harbor and Community Sailing Program.

Clearwater Report: Rosemary Thomas reported the boat is finishing up winter maintenance. The first sail will be April 16. Many former crew members attended an open boat last weekend.

March 19 is the 8th Clearwater Gala. Honorees include Ronald Zorilla (Spirit of the Hudson Award), and Betsy Garthwaite (Lifetime Contribution). BSC took out a full-page ad and is offering a sail on the Woody for the auction. Riverpool is a sponsor. There will be both silent online auction (open now) live auction. Clearwater has large budget gap they are trying to close this year.

Environmental Report: John McLaughlin reported Clearwater’s monthly environmental action report, will focus on the Round Goby, an invasive bottom feeding fish that has invaded the Great Lakes and is now in the Hudson through the Erie Canal. Managing the problem is complicated by the agencies that have ownership and authority over the canal. He recommended putting pressure on Governor Hochul, to mitigate the entry of invasive species. John also reported that the River Pool is expected to go in the water as early as May and the River Swim is on August 5.

General Announcements
Joyce Hanson: Thanked everyone who came out in December to Newburgh Brewing Company. BSC made 10 percent. Next chance: Friday, March 24, Newburgh Brewery, 4-10 p.m. with 4-6 happy hour.
Vickie Fox: Raised attention to the human rights crisis at the Southern border. Trump’s immigration restrictions are due to expire, but President Biden has proposed new rules that deny asylum from anyone except people from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela, and will crack down on those who fail to use the plan’s legal pathways. The last day to comment is March 27. She urged people comment and contact representatives. Vickie also remembered Bill Hainey who died unexpected this past year. Joyce Hanson stated, “He was a wonderful volunteer.”

Judy Allen, representing Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition, reported the Holtec International is planning to dump 1 million gallons of radioactive water in the Hudson. She urged members to contact Governor Hochul, House representatives, and senators Schumer and Gillibrand. Judy advocated leaving the water in storage tanks for the radiation to dissipate through half-life. John McLaughlin noted that water releases for years on a small scale, but this is a major single release. Rosemary Thomas noted that the town wants to redevelop the property. Contact Judy for more information: judya845@gmail.com
Wayne Kocher discussed the environmental impact of the Ohio Train derailment, and concerns about chemicals being transported by rail in the Hudson Valley. He also discussed issues related to fracking.
Vanessa Nisperos asked City of Newburgh residents to support young people in Newburgh who are trying to get on the city council ballot.
Rob May auctioned a Pete Seeger T-Shirt. “Sold to Joyce Hanson for $20”!
Vince Farina made motion to adjourn, second by Wayne Kocher. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.
We had a great turnout for the Block Party Saturday March 4. Thank you to all who came, brought food, sanded, lubed, reassembled and repaired, stoked fires, cleaned up, and otherwise made this an enjoyable day. This really marked the kickoff to bringing the Woody back from a long winter’s nap.

The fun has just begun. Max and Steve have many more activities planned for our valiant crews and volunteers. Since we pulled the mast this year (after 5 years), the Woody prep is more challenging. The boat is in Haverstraw, the mast is in New Hamburg, and the spars are in Beacon. Max has set up parallel activities which we need to coordinate, making sure that we have enough people in the right place at the right time. He has setup SignUpGenius so that volunteers can indicate their availability online.

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the tent and frame will be removed.

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**Saturday 4/1**
Mast maintenance 10am-4pm, sign up online or contact Max. (484)336-6569

Charging Dock installation 4/1, 6am-noon. sign up online or contact Max.

**Saturday 4/8, 10am – 4pm,**
Boom and gaff prep. sign up online or contact Max.

Mast Stepping.
You can sign up online or contact Max.

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**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

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**Clean Water Act Symposium**
Friday, April 14, 2023
9am - 1pm
SUNY Orange, Kaplan Hall
Newburgh, NY

Register Here

Discussions around swimable, drinkable, fishable waterways in our communities.

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On Saturday, May 13, 10 AM-5 PM, Clearwater will renew its legacy of promoting environmental awareness with music, presenting performers on two stages during the City of Kingston’s Earth Fair along the Rondout Creek.

Check our website for information on artists and visiting/sailing on the sloop at this event.

Thanks to Radio Kingston/WKNY, the 8th Step at Proctors, and the Hudson River Maritime Museum for generous support.
Hudson Valley Environmental News

From Clearwater’s March EA update:

**Indian Point: Holtec proposes release of contaminated water into the Hudson River.**

At a February 2 meeting of the NYS Decommissioning Oversight Board, Holtec International announced its plans to release treated – but still radioactive – water into the Hudson River beginning as early as August 2023. Clearwater supports the community’s call to store the fuel pool water on site. In response to Hotec’s announcement and the Covergece organizing efforts, NYS Senator Peter Harckham and Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg have introduced legislation (S5181) to prohibit the discharge of radiological agents into waters of New York State. [Read the bill here.](https://www.chronogram.com/hudsonvalley/Chronogrammies/Page#/gallery?group=441646)

On March 6, the Westchester County Legislature passed a Memorializing Resolution opposing Holtec’s proposed releases of radioactive water into the Hudson. And on March 8 in a 16-0 vote, the Rockland County Legislature unanimously approved a resolution calling on Governor Hochul and relevant agencies to prevent Holtec International from discharging radioactive water into the Hudson River. Many other municipalities are considering taking the same action.

**What is Tritium? (source EPA, NRC)**

Tritium (abbreviated as \(^3\text{H}\)) is a hydrogen atom that has two neutrons in the nucleus and one proton. Tritium is produced naturally in the upper atmosphere when cosmic rays strike nitrogen molecules in the air. Tritium is also produced during nuclear weapons explosions, and as a byproduct in nuclear reactors. Although tritium can be a gas, its most common form is in water because radioactive tritium reacts with oxygen to form water.

Tritium emits a very weak beta particle. People are exposed to small amounts of tritium every day, since it is widely dispersed in the environment and in the food chain. Tritium primarily enters the body when people swallow tritiated water, inhale tritium as a gas in the air, or absorb it through their skin. Once tritium enters the body, it disperses quickly and is uniformly distributed throughout the body. Since tritium is almost always found as water, it goes directly into soft tissues and organs. Tritium is excreted through the urine within a month or so after ingestion. Organically bound tritium (tritium that is incorporated in organic compounds) can remain in the body for a longer period.

The current EPA standard for drinking water is 0.02 microcuries of tritium per liter.

The NRC requires that nuclear plant operators must keep offsite radiation doses from gas and liquid releases as low as reasonably achievable. For liquid releases, such as diluted tritium, the ALARA annual offsite dose objective is 3 mrem to the whole body and 10 mrem to any organ of someone living close to the plant boundary. This ALARA objective is 3 percent of the annual public radiation dose limit of 100 mrem and a small fraction of the natural background radiation dose.

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](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](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](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
At this past Saturday’s meeting we made history for CGAUX by saving, reviving, and creating Flotilla 10-6 Newburgh. Sounds like a noteworthy rescue to me!!! 15 people showed up in support and many signed up! Enough to make it happen :))) Those who did sign up you will be contacted shortly for applications and processing by Peter or Chris.

Thanks all of you who turned out, even on a snowy day. If you have not done so already you are still welcome to come aboard! The door is always open.

2 District Ten Commanders came out Chris Scarlata & Peter. We even had NYS Assemblyman Chris Eachus, his wife Kim and Veteran Liaison Vania Czumak come pledging support to the creation of this new Flotilla. Many Thanks for Pamela for Hosting us. Sincere Thanks going out to all of them!

The next meeting will occur Tuesday, March 28, 7pm at The Giving Tree Cafe 136 Lake Street, Suite 3, Newburgh NY 12550

Interested in joining Coast Guard Auxiliary? You can read benefits and requirements - and email division commander Chris Scarlata at cmscarlata1@aol.com for an application.

Many Thanks,
Jamie Cupolo
Member CGAUX

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Thank you to Stephen Mallon.

Our thanks again to our February guest lecturer, Stephen Mallon, industrial landscape photographer. His talk was lively and informative. He offered a perspective on things we may take for granted. His work is truly on a grand scale, and much of it features our area and the Hudson River.

His timelapse video of the delivery of the Willis Ave. bridge was mesmerizing. People are still talking about it. He is local, living in Beacon, so we hope to see more of him in the future.

If you would like to see some of his prints in person, there are two at the Rhinebeck Savings Bank on Rte 9D, just north of Beacon. More of Stephen’s work and info on upcoming exhibitions may be found on his website: https://www.stephenmailon.com/.
Bill Haigney: A Generous Spirit

Our dear friend Bill Haigney suddenly died after a short illness February 7, 2023. He was only 66.

Bill moved here to the mid-Hudson only recently, but he made his presence known at the Club pretty quickly. Some may remember Bill's indefatigable volunteering at the Corn Fest this summer, his cheerful banter, or his clear tenor singing voice that made Lydia say, "You've got to come sing with me, sometime!"

Less known to BSC members who only knew him for a few months was Bill's many years saving hundreds -- perhaps thousands -- of lives. He was an emergency medical technician with FDNY in the Bronx for 31 years. But for 35 years, he volunteered with the South Orangetown Ambulance Corps in Rockland County, and during that time, was also a volunteer firefighter.

Not surprisingly, Bill opted to be an organ donor, so even his death could save lives.

Nothing made Bill happier than giving presents and helping others. When he moved to Highland Falls, he devoted much time to helping a solitary elderly woman undo a scam-artist, clean out her house, sell it, and move into an apartment. A smile or a chuckle was Bill's favorite reward.
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.

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