Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 54 Years

A Message from Our President

“Our goal is to create waterways that would be fishable, swimmable and drinkable.”
- Manna Jo Greene, Clearwater Environmental Action Director in her address to the Beacon Sloop Club, marking the 50th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act

50 years after the passage of the Clean Water Act, we face many daunting challenges. From Holtec’s unconscionable plan to discharge up to a reported one million gallons of radioactive water into the Hudson River, to the Supreme Court’s regressive decision to strip environmental agencies of their regulatory powers, these are discouraging times for those devoted to the protection of the Hudson River and its natural surroundings. But, as Manna Jo reminds us, successful actions safeguarding the river over the years give us hope.

For example, resolute and determined actions halted Con Ed’s brazen attempt to install a hydroelectric pumped storage power plant on stately Storm King Mountain and stopped General Electric’s ruinous and indiscriminate dumping of toxic PCBs into the Hudson River. More recently, in 2014, conscientious activists forced Pilgrim Pipeline Holdings to abandon their irresponsible scheme to construct a 178-mile oil pipeline along the Hudson River. Two years later, quick and decisive action from river protectors everywhere thwarted a potentially catastrophic proposal to allow up to 43 crude oil barges to permanently anchor along the Hudson River. Even more recently, relentless and uncompromising activism pressured the energy behemoth Entergy into shuttering its flawed and dangerous Indian Point nuclear power plant. And just two summers ago, the Beacon Sloop Club, Clearwater and others, led a spirited and effective flotilla pressuring Danskammer to abandon its ill-conceived power plant expansion designs. More good news came last month when the Beacon City Council passed a bill prohibiting the use of natural gas in nearly all newly constructed buildings.

History demonstrates that as long as individuals and organizations remain committed to protecting the Hudson River, there are reasons to be hopeful that one day, it will once again be completely “fishable, swimmable and drinkable.”

As singer/songwriter and friend of the Club, Laurie Siegel has written in her anthem, “Song of Hope”:

Keep the fire burning,
Keep your head held high,
As you look into the eyes
Of those who’d bring us down.
They cannot bring us down.

Rob

Inside this issue:
Waking up the harbor, the CWA, now and then, new sailors, upcoming events, and much, much more…

Photo by Mary Arnold

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.
NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, May 5, 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 ________________________________

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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 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, April 7, recorded by Mary Arnold

Call to Order 7:30 PM: music by Ken Miller, Lydia Adams Davis, Rob May, Ben Mazer: “Sailing Down My Dirty Stream”

President Rob May: This is a Take-in/Take-out facility. Chris Tyrone volunteered to take home recyclables, Lindsey Dannenberg to take home the trash.

The April Multrum Hero is Dean Bredhauer. Rob welcomed first time attendees Lindsey Dannenberg and Steve Cobb, wife Corina, son Wesley.

Treasurer’s Report: Aaron Verdile: Investments were down a little bit. Vendor checks are starting to come in for the 2023 Strawberry Festival. Aaron clarified restricted vs unrestricted funds. Unrestricted funds can be used for general Sloop Club needs/mission. Restricted funds are earmarked for specific use: the Bonnie and Saul Rozinsky fund for the Woody, the Festival Environmental Tent in memory of Betty Harkin, the Volunteer T-Shirt fund.

Woody Report: Steve Schwartz: the Woody’s charging dock was installed on Tuesday after weather related delays in getting the docks back from White’s Marina. The Woody is in the harbor but doesn’t have its mast or rigging. Weeknight crew meetings will start this week at White’s Marina to get the mast unwrapped, sanded, and oiled. “When we are ready to raise mast, we will need a big work party.” The mast will be rigged before it is put in the boat. Goal is to be ready for the Cornwall Festival the first weekend of June, our festival the week after that.” Max Smith manages the WhatsApp communication thread.

Harbor Report: Mary Arnold: Harbor Work party is planned for April at 9 a.m. Questions about moorings and the harbor can be sent to Ben Fiege. Harbor fees can be paid online on the membership section of the Sloop Club website. Alan Thomas noted that the Club house has a new paint job connected to harbor work.

Spring Sailing Class: Mary reported the class is sold out, and there is a waiting list. The class runs Wednesdays April 12 through May 31. Instructors include Woody captains Tom LaBarr, James Malchow, Steve Mazer, Steve Schwartz, and former Clearwater Captain Betsy Garthwaite.

Community Sailing Program: Steve Schwartz: The program has been revised to fit in with our plans and sailing boats. There are partnerships with Newburgh Rowing Club, Riverpool, and the newly formed Coastguard Auxiliary. Scholarships were offered for the Spring Sailing Class. The Woody Guthrie has invited Newburgh Rowing Club to participate in Woody sails. We are working with the Sloop Club’s marine insurance agent to address needs of this program. Vanessa Nisperos is contact person.

Winter Lecture Series: Alan Thomas reported the zoom lecture on March 30 on the Clean Water Act with Manna Jo Greene had 42 people participating. He will attach slides to the Broadside. Manna and John Cronin will be leading a symposium on the Clean Water Act hosted by Clearwater on Friday April 14.

Next Lecture: Thursday, April 20, New York State Cider Association Executive Director Scott Ramsey and Cider Maker and Pomologist Elizabeth Ryan of Hudson Valley Farmhouse Cider. “They have hinted they are going to bring samples.”

Other Business: Alan encouraged people to renew Beacon Sloop Club memberships, and to renew membership or join Clearwater. Club bylaws require at least 10 Clearwater members.

Jamie Cupolo thanked the Club for supporting the new Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-16. CGAUX meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month at The Giving Tree Café in Newburgh.

Announcements:

Joyce continues to fundraise for T-Shirts for festival volunteers who work at least four hours at an event.

Lydia Adams Davis promoted an art show by Steven Worthy held at the Peekskill Artists Spot with a reception on April 15 and concluding party on April 30.

Wayne encouraged monitoring the chemicals transported on freight trains and distributed a book that identifies placards that train cars display when they are carrying chemicals.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33
The Woody Update

Boat work has been moving forward at a rapid pace, in spite of some weather-related uncertainty. We have had multiple work parties in Haverstraw, Beacon and New Hamburg, sometimes at the same time in more than one place. Max and Steve have kept our sailors on their toes due to several false alarms of dock deliveries.

The tarp and frame were removed and stowed away. The Woody was transited to Beacon. The charging cable was tested. The Woody dock was installed. The top-mast lights were debugged and repaired. The top mast was sanded, painted and installed. The boat was transported to White’s where the mast was stepped, and then brought back to Beacon. All that by Tax Day, Wow!

Knock on wood, but it sure looks as if we are in for an early start to the season. Let’s keep it up! So many people have come out in so many different combinations it’s impossible to thank you all individually.

Can you say, “Pent up Demand?”

Kudos to Mary Arnold and our captains for bringing back the sailing class after a Covid hiatus. We had set the online registration limit at the lofty goal of 25 students, to accommodate extra folks from the community sailing program.

As the waiting list grew and grew, it was decided that we couldn’t turn anyone away, after all promoting the art of sailing is part of our mission. On April 12 captain James Malchow kicked things off to a class of 37, many who are new to the waterfront and the Sloop Club.

It is heartening to see this level of interest in sailing. This a great opportunity forge new relationships. Please join in welcoming our visitors.

Thank you to all who came out and supported the Newburgh Brewery event and even purchase to go beer from Newburgh Brewery on Friday, March 24 the total from the brewery was 398.15 and donations and raffles were $186. Total 584.15

A special appreciation to Konstantin Doran who sold tickets throughout the event and Vincent Farina and
Indian Point: Holtec announces a “voluntary pause” in release of tritiated water into the Hudson River.

It is fair to say that this was anything but a voluntary move after the outcries from citizens, government entities and politicians after Holtec’s announcement that they were moving up plans to release radioactive wastewater into the estuary. This does not mean that they have given up and they have threatened layoffs and delays to pressure local officials.

Holtec’s plan of record still calls for the discharge of more than 1 million gallons of filtered wastewater into the Hudson, so this may have been a short-term victory, but it was only a skirmish in the 15-year decommissioning process. Constant vigilance and the latest in scientific understanding will be required to ensure the safety of the ecosystem and the public.

The next Decommissioning Oversight Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27 at the Cortlandt Town Hall at 1 Heady St., Cortlandt, New York from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. The public is encouraged to offer comment or attend a rally outside the Town Hall from 4:30pm to 5:30pm to protest the proposed discharge of radioactive water into the Hudson.

Town of Cortlandt Rally and Flotilla to Oppose Holtec's proposed discharge of radioactive water into the Hudson from Indian Point Fuel Pools
WHEN: Saturday, May 6, 2 - 6 pm
WHERE: Town of Cortlandt Waterfront Park, located at the end of Broadway at 77 Riverview Avenue, Verplanck

Other Events of Interest:
WHEN: Wednesday, April 19, 8am- 5:30pm
WHERE: Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, 181 Sharon Turnpike, Millbrook, NY 12545

The symposium will explore the landscape tradeoffs as New York transitions to renewable energy, including: New York State’s renewable energy goals and their importance; identifying the potential impacts this transition is having on natural resources and the landscape; examining the research underway to identify potential impacts and management options to minimize impacts; and presenting what is being done to assure these impacts and tradeoffs are minimized or avoided.

8th Annual Wallkill River Summit
WHEN: Wednesday, May 3, 5-7:30pm
WHERE: College Terrace at SUNY New Paltz
REGISTER: https://tinyurl.com/wallkillriver

Attend the Wallkill River Summit for updates on: DEC’s progress in developing a "Total Maximum Daily Load" for the Wallkill River and Sturgeon Pool; Orange County Soil & Water District’s farm conservation and riparian restoration projects; and updates from the Wallkill Alliance recent efforts, and how to get involved.
A Beacon Sloop Club Earth Day tradition for more than 40 years. We will partner with Riverkeeper again this year. Join Metal Winter, the Beacon Sloop Club and Riverkeeper for a Hudson River cleanup project at the Beacon Waterfront for the 12th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep.

Volunteers will meet at The Beacon Sloop Club. Prior to the cleanup, we will have a guest discussion by Jodianne Lindhj, owner of the REFILL RESTORE at 480 Main Street, in Beacon, NY. Jodianne will discuss the concept of her store and the impact on reducing packaging and waste and will join us for the cleanup after. Trash collection is from 8:45am to 11:00am. We will then bring trash and recycling to transfer station at 11am-11:45am.

Please register in advance at:

https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/sZSWBg?parent_id=793578&team_id=118556&team_page=true&vid=yb7is

We need a driver and truck for Riversweep to bring trash to transfer station from 10:30 - 11:45 Sat. May 6th

Contact Joyce at (914) 907-4928
Clearwater Action Alert
Aquatic Invasives and the Erie Canal (Round Goby)

Learn More about this voracious feeder from the Black Sea, [Here](#).
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.

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