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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 56 Years

A Message from the President

In June the Beacon Sloop Club launched its 2025 festival season with our infamous Strawberry Festival 2025! We welcomed well over 2,000 guests. It was a huge success because of our fabulous volunteers! All our festivals are powered by 100% Volunteer participation. The energy was incredible! Guests came from far and wide to feast on our delicious home-made on-site Strawberry Shortcakes! Pete Seeger's shortcake recipe still plays on!

Get ready for the up upcoming Corn Festival, Sunday, Aug 10, 2025, at the Pete and Toshi Memorial Park, Beacon, NY near the Metro North train station down by the riverside. Admission is FREE! Center of attention is the delectably sweet, delicious corn freshly picked in the early morning hours day of the festival! Bring a blanket and chair and get ready to be entertained by our local musicians. We offer children's music, ecology tent, crafts, food and craft vendors and a variety of activities to entertain and spark imaginations!

Volunteerism is essential.....all our Festivals are Volunteer driven. Consider volunteering! We need YOU! We especially need help at the end of the festival to break down the site. Please reach out to us at 845-870-0048 and or be on the lookout for Sign Up Genius in your email. Volunteering is a great way to support the BSC mission and dedication to being stewards of the Hudson River and to promote sailing on our beloved Hudson River.

You are cordially invited to the Beacon Sloop Club monthly meetings held on the first Friday of the month potluck dinner at 6:30. First, we share a meal then we discuss business of the club then the music begins at approximately 8:30 with a song circle. Bring your musical talents beginner or pro all are welcome to come and share your song! Last month we welcomed wonderful new faces from Fareground! Thank you for joining us and sharing!

In these trying times make a conscious effort to spread good will not hate! Patricia

Inside this issue:

The sailing season begins, upgrade to the long dock, call for corny people, and much more...



The work doesn't end when we leave the park. Thank you to all our volunteers who cleaned, stowed and helped clear the clubhouse.

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Wednesday, July 23, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, August 1, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

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 _____

_____ 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](#)

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, July 4, recorded by Trish Murphy

Opening Music: Ken Miller opened the meeting with a wonderfully performed folk song. He explained to attendees, with a detailed description, the meaning of a "sawyer". He then sang an enchanting song, accompanied by Corinne Leloup on violin, about the "Hudson River Sawyer".

Opening Announcements: After the crowd was canvassed for newcomers, new attendees Amy from New Paltz and Lisa were welcomed warmly.

Fareground: Amy introduced herself as the executive director of "Fair Ground " and thanked the Beacon Sloop Club for their support. She spoke of some valuable outreach work that her organization does for the community, such as providing groceries for up to approximately 200 households every week and hosting free lunches and dinners to the community at various locations. The program currently serves the residents of Beacon, Wappingers, Newburgh, and a small portion of Poughkeepsie. The meals at the Beacon location are provided at the Presbyterian church located at 50 Liberty Street from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Treasury Report: Aaron gave a detailed treasury report for the month of May. (See treasurer's report for full details). Aaron lamented that, after nine years, his term is treasurer would have to come to an end due to newly imposed workplace regulations. Aaron asked for anyone interested to reach out to him. Training and support will be provided to anyone willing to run.

Strawberry Festival: This year's Strawberry Festival was once again a success due to the dedicated volunteers that made it possible. It is hoped that volunteerism will be increased for next year. Gratitude for the volunteers was expressed.

Corn Festival: The Corn Festival is set to take place on Sunday August 10th from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Volunteers are greatly needed, especially for set up and break down. Anyone interested in joining the team to make this year's Corn Festival a successful event for the community is welcome to come the day of the event or to reach out to a Sloop Club representative in advance.

Woody Maintenance: The Woody is currently actively sailing. Captain Steve explained the development of the Woody maintenance plan and gave a description of what the current seventh year will optimally look like. This possibly includes winter touch up repair work being completed on the hull, work on the center board, the motor hatch carlins, the repair of outside boards, the replacement of the decades old cutlass bearing, and the adding of drainage holes. The Woody currently needs some minor work but is an overall good condition and is taking out guests.

Harbor Report: Captain Steve opened by speaking of the development of the pilings securing Long Dock. The astonishing forty-seven-foot-long steel pilings are now safely secured forty feet down into the earth. Captain Steve explained that the Beacon Sloop Club currently has a one-year agreement with Bannerman's Island in relation to usage of our dock by their vessel called the "Estuary Steward". He explained that the extra length added to the dock to accommodate the Estuary Steward benefits everyone by adding extra strength to the dock.

It was learned that Metro-North recently expressed that they will likely not restore ferry service to Beacon and Newburgh. The ferry greatly helped prevent silt buildup in the harbor. If ferry service does not restore, other options such as extending the dock to allow in larger ships, will be explored to control the silt problem.

Environmental Report: Captain Tom opened his report with the positive news that a solar powered boat is now taking out guests in Kingston. He shared the interesting fact that some of the indigenous people of the Amazon are now choosing solar boats over diesel powered. At least eight tribes have switched to solar powered over fossil fuels. Captain Tom then shared the devastating news that our governor would like to open a new nuclear power plant approximately half the size of the infamous Indian Point plant. He strongly encouraged listeners to write to the governor and object to this terrible possibility. Captain Tom expressed his sincere concern for future generations to come.

Building Committee: Progress has been made to the section of roofing over the children's area. The Multrum lock must also be looked at. The latter is directly due to the startling revelation that a vandal has destroyed four locks in the past three weeks in order to illegally access the Multrum. The culprit is currently unknown and is at large. Plans to weed the area along the left outer clubhouse wall were revealed.

Hudson River Swim: Bonnie Champion informed listeners that the River Swim will take place on Saturday July 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers determine the number of participants being as safety protocol requires one volunteer kayaker for every two to three swimmers. Bonnie showed her full support for the event by revealing this will mark her fifteenth year of participation. She explained that the River Swim is not a race, and participants are welcome to swim at a safe and leisurely pace for the entire duration of the swim. Bonnie offered to pass around a signup sheet for those wishing to volunteer to ensure another successful Hudson River Swim. Volunteer jet skiers, kayakers, and other positions are greatly needed.

Closing Announcements: President Patricia Finnerty reminded all that the Beacon Sloop Club is a carry in and carry out facility. **Danielle** introduced herself and generously offered free tomato and ornamental plants to anyone present who would like one or more. **John McLaughlin** invited volunteers to join him at the Chelsea yacht Club at 9:30 a.m. to collect fish and crabs for the Corn Festival E-Tent in August. **Wayne** shared his experience of meeting with people in Fukushima (where the 2011 Fukushima nuclear accident occurred) and urged listeners to reject the idea of nuclear power. A member spoke of the Cragmoor Bear Festival on August 10th. All proceeds from this fun and unique event benefit Bear Hill. Flyers were made available to members. President Patricia Finnerty volunteered to clean the Multrum. A new volunteer is needed for next month.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 8:23 p.m.

*Amendment

In the previous May membership meeting minutes, the name "Wayne" should be omitted from the closing announcements being as another party spoke about River Pool.

Improvements to Our Long Dock

Thank you to Captain Steve and our volunteers who hauled out the old dock-builders t-shirts and joined the folks from the Bannerman's Island Trust to install piling brackets and the new dock sections.

We were able to make much-needed improvements to the security and stability of the dock, enabling a home for the Estuary Steward, while a solution to the ferry dock issue is pursued. Much of the expense was funded through Bannerman's, saving us much time and energy seeking and administering grants.



Corn Festival Call for Volunteers

August 10

Set-up 9:00 AM

Festival 12-5 PM

We need people to help with:

Set-up of tents, stages, etc

Husking

Corn serving

Earth Care

Take down and cleanup

(We always need help at the end)

Membership and Merchandising

And

Many, Many, More tasks

Keep a lookout for volunteering opportunities.

We will be using SignUpGenius again.

Please come out and support the community and the Sloop Club and have a little fun down by the riverside.



The Woody Report



We're sailing! Nightly guest sails began shortly after the Strawberry Festival. What better way to cool off that get out on the beautiful Hudson River.

Sail training opportunity:

Last Fall/Winter at the Woody Sailor's meeting I brought up the idea of sail training on the weekend. Many of the new crew thought that was a good idea. Some new crew approached me wanting to know if this was going to happen. Yes, it is happening. I'm willing to do it 1 or 2 Saturdays a month. The dates I have in mind are July 19th, August 2nd and 16th, September 6th and 20th and possibly October 4th. The sail would run from 16:00 to 20:00. I have reserved the Woody for this function, sail training. It's open to all new sailors.

I am the contact person / Captain for this. If you are interested please let me know the dates you'll be able to sail, please email me ASAP.

I hope to have a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 18 crew. Half the crew will sail one way, and the other half will sail back to Beacon, depending on the tide. We'll anchor, have a bite to eat. The other half of the crew will raise the anchor and sail back to Beacon.

Thank you,
Captain "Buck-an-Ear" Tom,

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2025 River Swim

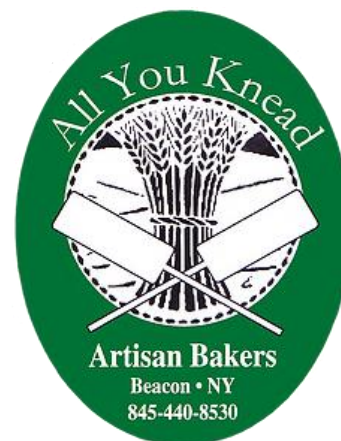
Sat July 26, 2025

Rain Date: Sun July 27, 2025

UPDATE: Sat July 26th check-in time moved earlier to 7:30 AM (was 7:45 AM). Swim organizers strongly felt the extra time was needed to get swimmers in the water during most favorable tidal currents.

The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.
25-May

Distribution account	Total
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	383.47
Legacies and Bequests	100.00
Total for Contribution, Gifts, Grants	\$483.47
Corn Festival	0.00
Vendor	506.00
Total for Corn Festival	\$506.00
Investment Income	301.43
Total for Investment Income	\$301.43
Membership	0.00
Paypal	75.00
Snailmail	75.00
Total for Membership	\$150.00
Other Revenue	0.00
Harbor Mooring Fee	250.00
Sailing Class	300.00
Total for Other Revenue	\$550.00
Pumpkin Festival	0.00
Vendor	531.00
Total for Pumpkin Festival	\$531.00
Strawberry Festival	0.00
Shortcakes & Smoothies	3.00
Vendor	1,567.00
Total for Strawberry Festival	\$1,570.00
Total for Income	\$4,091.90
Cost of Goods Sold	
Gross Profit	\$4,091.90
Expenses	
Bank Expense	0.00
Paypal	67.39
Total for Bank Expense	\$67.39
Cost of Inventory	2,784.25
Facilities	0.00
Building	274.44
Festival	291.87
Woody Maintenance	1,349.97
Total for Facilities	\$1,916.28
Other Expenses	0.00
Donation	800.00
Sailing Class	81.41
Tax filing fees	100.00
Website	41.21
Total for Other Expenses	\$1,022.62
Printing, etc.	0.00
Broadside	161.82
Total for Printing, etc.	\$161.82
Strawberry Expense	43.09
Total for Expenses	\$5,995.45
Net Operating Income	-\$1,903.55
Net Income	-\$1,903.55
Opening Cash Balance 5/1/2025	\$ 148,508.85
Closing Cash Balance 5/31/2025	\$ 146,605.30
Change in Investment Value	1,051.05
Total Balance 5/31/2025	\$ 147,656.35
Unrestricted & soft	\$ 117,505.80
Hard Restricted (total)*	\$ 30,150.55
B & S Rozinsky Fund (hard)	\$ 26,219.07 plus \$1k moved 6/23
Board designated funds (soft)	\$ 16,973.66



JOIN US **TUESDAY, JULY 29 AT 6:30 PM** TO RALLY FOR OUR BELOVED NEWBURGH-BEACON FERRY, WHICH IS AT RISK OF BEING SHUT DOWN. COME OUT, SPEAK UP, AND HELP PROTECT THIS VITAL PART OF OUR COMMUNITY. LOCAL LEADERS WILL BE THERE TO LISTEN, AND YES, YOU'LL GET FREE ICE CREAM AS A THANK-YOU FOR SHOWING UP.

Current Calendar

Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting
Friday, Aug. 1, 6:30 – 10:00pm
At the Clubhouse

BSC Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 23, 7:00 pm
At the Clubhouse

Annual Great Newburgh to Beacon Hudson River Swim

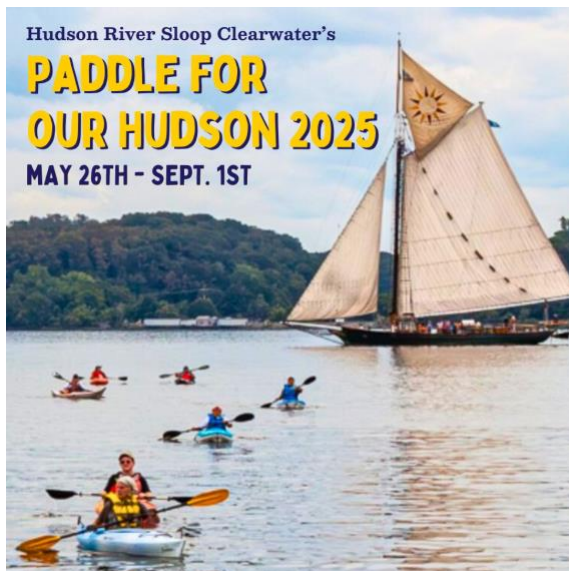
2025 Dates/Times:
Sat, July 26, 2025
Check-in 7:30am–9:20am
No check-in past 9:20am
Allot time for parking and check-in process.
(Check-in can take up to 30 minutes)

Rain date: Sun, July 27, 2025
Check-in 8:30am–10:05am
No check-in past 10am
Allot time for parking and check-in process.
(Check-in can take up to 30 minutes)

Splash in times
Saturday, July 26, 2025: roughly 10:10am
(rain date) Sunday July 27, 2025: roughly 10:53am



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