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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 56 Years

A Message from the President

Greetings:

The Pumpkin Festival 2025 was a great success with a wonderful attendance. We broke down the festival in a record time of 1.5 hour. only because of the awesome volunteers who rose to the occasion and got the job done! Thank you, thank you, thank you! I just can't say it enough to show my appreciation!

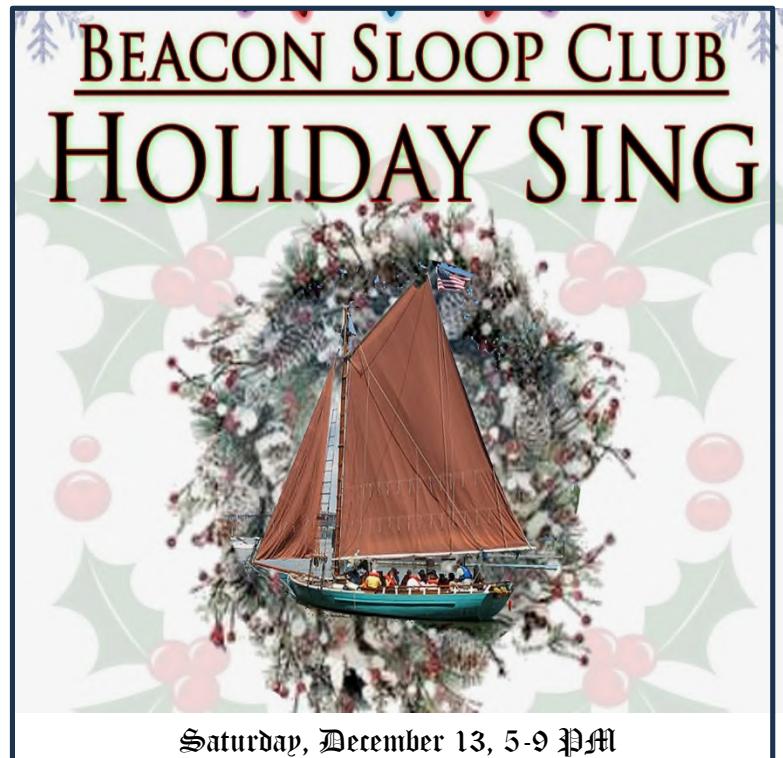
Many volunteers gathered at Beacon's Two Way Brewing Company for a drink on the house to celebrate! Our appreciation goes out to the proprietors of that fine establishment.

The Woody is out of the water and will be undergoing much needed repair. All are welcome to come out and join the BSC members for a maintenance party. Not only are they fun it's an opportunity to learn new skills, learn about the Woody up close, and meet new friends!

We take pride in the food we bring to share prepared by the many talented cooks of our members! The where, when, and how can be obtained by reaching out to Captain Steve Schwartz maintenance coordinator listed in the Broadside directory. Hope to see you there!

Saturday, Dec 13, 2025 5:00-9:00 pm is the date to put on your calendar to attend the Beacon Sloop Club Holiday Sing a fundraiser for Common Ground Farm Food Donation Program! Free admission folks! Then just around the corner the winter brings the BSC's much anticipated "Lecture Series" as well as a variety of other events with details coming soon! Enjoy the autumn colors!

Best, Patricia



BEACON SLOOP CLUB
HOLIDAY SING

Saturday, December 13, 5-9 PM

Board Elections

Elections for Executive Officers will be held on the December 5 General Meeting. You must be a member in current standing. Only those attending the meeting can vote.

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, November 25, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, December 5, 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.

Woody Captains:

Jim Birmingham, Patrick Gallagher,
Tom LaBarr, James Malchow,
Ben Mazer, Steve Schwartz,
Andy Fairbanks, Metal Winters

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Facebook Group:	BSC Facebook
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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, November 7, recorded by Trish Murphy

Treasury Report

Aaron gave a detailed treasury report for the month of September. (See treasurer's report for full details).

Mulch Room

Patricia passed around a sheet for those wishing to volunteer to clean the mulch room and become a "mulch rum hero".

Building Committee

John Greener opened his reporting by inquiring as to the location of the mulch room key. The key was located shortly thereafter. A member pointed out that the railing leading to the mulch room was loose. John replied that repair options to remedy such were being explored. Possible repairs to the entryway were discussed. Mary Arnold was credited with being instrumental in assessing the situation. She offered to contact various resources in an effort to ensure the entryway is properly handicapped accessible. John pointed out that, thanks to Tinya Seeger, Alan Zollner, Rachel Zollner, and Mark, the decorative mural on the rear wall of the club was clean and looked amazing. Tinya offered helpful suggestions on improving the lighting on the mural in order to optimize the display by reducing the glare. Further repair to the roof over the temporary storage area was discussed. After repairs to the roof are completed, the ceiling can be assessed. John stated that a large project the club would need to complete is the repair of the floor. Chris Rosen was credited with repairing the light in the mulch room.

Woody Maintenance

Captain Tom stated that the Woody was currently in Kingston at Hideaway Marina. A work party will be held in a couple weeks to move framing from the marina where it is located to the location of the Woody. A truck, trailer, and/or large van is needed for transport. WhatsApp was observed to be a useful resource to convey work party information as well as email. After the shed is erected, the next work party will be to remove the batteries from the vessel. The heavy batteries must be lowered approximately ten to twelve feet to the ground. Captain Tom explained that a cold shoot would be helpful. A member offered a plastic playground slide for assistance. Captain Tom said the matter would have to be discussed with Captain Steve. Captain Tom said that attention had to be given to cross trees. Metal provided clarity on the subject.

Harbor Report

Captain Tom explained that new pilings may be needed on the Woody dock. The party who installed the pilings on the guest dock might be contacted. Aaron stated that the previous pilings cost \$2,700.00 each. Due to the silt build up from a lack of a ferry, the dock will need to be extended. A grant may assist with the cost. A work party for the dock will take place the following day.

Pumpkin Festival

Danielle began her report by offering Pumpkin Festival t-shirts to members at the discounted rate of \$10.00 per shirt. President Patricia Finnerty said the Pumpkin Festival was a success and thanked all of the volunteers who came

forward to bring the festival together in such a positive way. Captain Tom remarked that 140 pies were baked in record time. Patricia stated that breakdown of the festival also set a new record of one hour and fifteen minutes. She also reminded all present that the Beacon Sloop Club is a carry-in and Carry out facility.

Environmental Report

Captain Tom opened his reporting by listening various methods to heat one's house. He explained the most efficient way to conserve heat is to insulate a house. He suggested quilted shades to reduce loss of heat through windows. He offered various suggestions to insulate a house more efficiently. He suggested setting the thermostat to the sixties and wearing heavier clothes. Captain Tom discouraged against heat pumps. Danielle pointed out that they are noted to be environmentally friendly.

MLK Day Parade and Essay Contest

Christine stated that she is working with Bonnie Champion and Joy Young on the project. This year will mark the 12th year of the MLK Day essay contest. Christine explained that the contest will be open to people outside of the local community. She said the quote that will be used this year is "We must use time wisely and the time is always right to do right." The Martin Luther King celebration is scheduled for January 19. A question was asked as to whether volunteers are needed to read and grade the essays. The response was yes. David Eberle was credited with having a "wonderful group of people" who volunteer yearly. It was suggested that a sign up sheet be passed around during the December membership meeting for those wishing to read some of the many thoughtful essays written by the children. A member inquired as to the well-being of treasured member Bonnie Champion. Christine provided uplifting feedback in response.

Membership Huddle

President Patricia Finnerty stated that on Sunday November 16, at 9:30 a.m. at the clubhouse, a "membership huddle" will take place. The huddle will be a meeting of the minds to discuss the direction of the club and any ideas members may have for improvement. A potluck breakfast will take place as well.

Holiday Sing

The Holiday Sing will take place on December 13, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Susan informed listeners that the event would be a finger food potluck. She asked that food brought please not require utensils. Members are also welcome to bring alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages. The event will once again be a fundraiser for Common Ground Farm. Susan explained there is no admission charge and all who attend are welcome to join in and sing along with the live music provided. The Holiday Sing will take place on December 13, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Susan informed listeners that the event would be a finger food potluck. She asked that food brought please not require utensils. Members are also welcome to bring alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages. The event will once again be a fundraiser for Common Ground Farm. Susan explained there is no admission charge and all who attend are welcome to join in and sing along with the live music provided.

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Board Nominations

President Patricia Finnerty opened by announcing that she would not be running for president again in the coming board elections. She nominated Konstantin Doren to be the next president. Rob May and Captain Steve Schwartz were also nominated for president. Patricia Murphy was nominated for vice president. Guy Garty was nominated for treasurer. Christine was nominated for secretary.

Closing Announcements

President Patricia Finnerty welcomed all new members and open the floor to anybody who would like to introduce themselves. A member was introduced and explained in detail why she felt this was the appropriate time to put pressure on Governor Hochul for change. A member explained how people could sign up for the Hidden Brook Coalition Group. The group impacts the thirty-five acre plot of land next to the monastery in Beacon. New member Jen Mora was introduced. She spoke in great detail of her regenerative organic farm that provides up to twelve-thousand total pounds of food to the community. The positive news that the club gained two new captains was shared. Many cheered at the joy of hearing this.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and passed at 8:28 p.m.



Dancing With Sarah

You are Invited to our holiday dinner & dance party (halfa & recital)

Starring You! Showcase your talent!

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Knights of Columbus

2660 East Main St Wappingers Falls. NY 12550

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Admission: \$59.00 (Dinner & Dancing)

PLEASE MAIL ADMISSION BEFORE DECEMBER 10th, 2025 NO WALK IN GUESTS.

All Style Dance Welcome!

Middle Eastern, Greek, Bollywood, Ballroom, Tango, West Coast Swing, Latin, ZUMBA. Country Line Dancing, etc.

Family Entertainment: Dancing for Guests/Something for Everyone!

To Include: Electric Slide, Cha Cha Slide, Cupid Slide, Oldies Tunes, Top 40, Frank Sinatra tunes & much more

Family Ethnic Dances:

Hava Nagila, Tarantella, Arabic Dabke, Greek Dancing

CASH BAR/ 50/50 RAFFLE

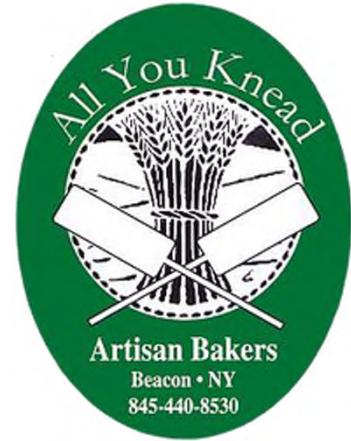
Solo, Duet & Group Performers:

Please keep dance routines to 3 1/2 minutes total in length. Please provide a brief description of your dance to be added to program.



Profit and Loss
The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.
September 1-30, 2025

Distribution account	Total
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	211.00
Legacies and Bequests	1,200.00
Special Events Contributions	726.00
Woody maintenance fund	325.00
Total for Contribution, Gifts, Grants	\$2,462.00
Corn Festival	
Corn	
Corn & other food	18.00
Total for Corn	\$18.00
Total for Corn Festival	\$18.00
Gross Sales of Inventory	
Paypal Here	35.00
Total for Gross Sales of Inventory	\$35.00
Investment Income	
Interest-Money Market	294.00
Total for Investment Income	0.09
Membership	
Paypal	250.00
Total for Membership	\$250.00
Pumpkin Festival	
Vendor	525.00
Total for Pumpkin Festival	\$525.00
Total for Income	\$3,584.09
Cost of Goods Sold	
Gross Profit	\$3,584.09
Expenses	
Bank Expense	10.00
Paypal	28.69
Total for Bank Expense	\$38.69
Corn Expense	1,076.44
Hotdogs	312.70
Total for Corn Expense	\$1,389.14
Cost of Inventory	800.00
Facilities	
Utilities	185.30
Total for Facilities	\$185.30
Other Expenses	
Donation	3,225.00
Website	44.92
Total for Other Expenses	\$3,269.92
Special Events Expenses	
Strawberry Expense	58.46
Eco supplies	-100.00
Total for Strawberry Expense	-\$100.00
Total for Expenses	\$5,641.51
Net Operating Income	-\$2,057.42
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Opening Cash Balance 9/1/2025	\$ 171,462.32
Closing Cash Balance 9/30/2025	\$ 169,404.90
Change in Investment Value	637.12
Total Balance 9/30/2025	\$ 170,042.02
Unrestricted & soft	\$ 136,499.20
Hard Restricted (total)*	\$ 33,542.82
B & S Rozinsky Fund (hard)	\$ 29,658.34
Board designated funds (soft)	\$ 17,227.85



Our trawl net was irreparably damaged after getting caught on a piece of derelict dock on the bottom of the river. The net is an important part of Clearwater's Sailing Classroom Program, a tool to help students learn about the life in the Hudson River. Together with our crew, students set the net, haul it back onboard, and then observe, identify, and gently return the creatures to the river.

Without a working net, we're temporarily unable to share a key hands-on moment that connects young people to the magic of the Hudson.

A new trawl net is \$1,000 - help us ensure students can continue "go fishing" onboard the Clearwater!

Donate

Current Calendar

BSC Executive Committee Meeting

The meeting date has changed to Tuesday, November 25, 7:00 p.m. to accommodate those traveling the day before Thanksgiving. It will be held at the Clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting

Friday, December 5, 6:30 – 10:00 p.m. At the Clubhouse



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.

A TURKEY ON EVERY TABLE
THANKSGIVING
FOOD DRIVE
 NOW until November 18th

NOW ACCEPTING

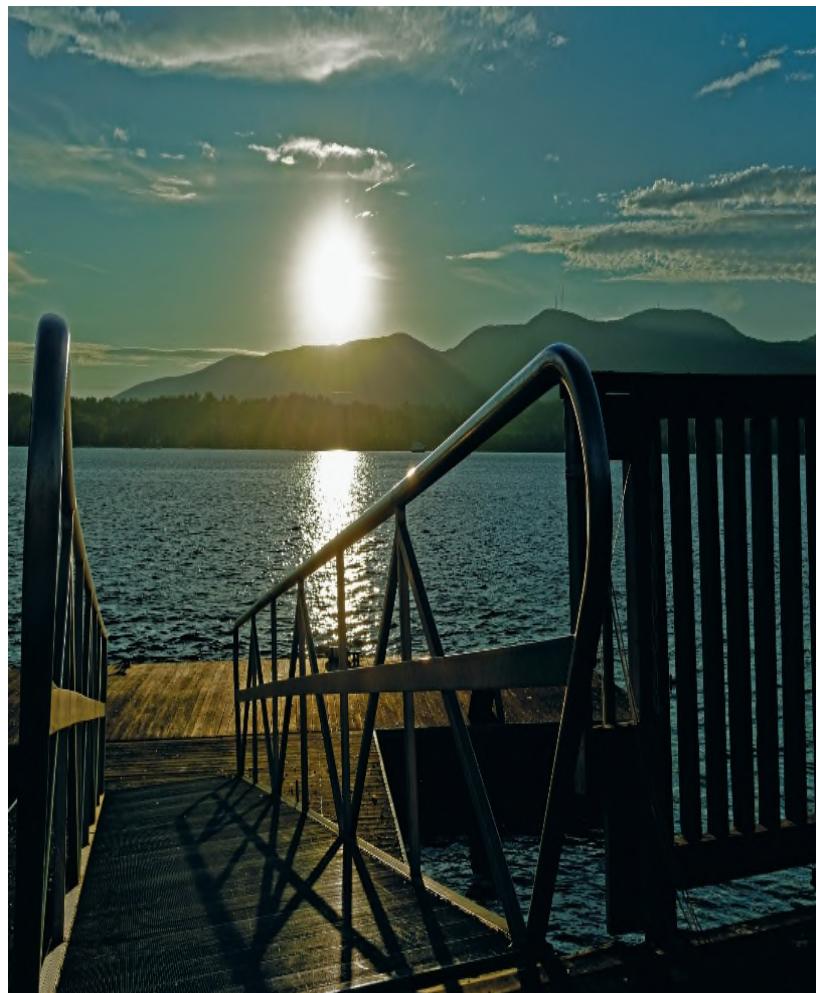
PEANUT BUTTER JARS	STUFFING BOXES
JELLY JARS	1LB RICE BAGS
CANNED YAMS	14OZ CANNED VEGETABLES
10-PACK HOT CHOCOLATE	3LB APPLE BAG
MIXES	BAKES PIES
MAC & CHEESE BOXES	REUSABLE GROCERY BAGS

SPONSOR A FAMILY MEAL FOR \$65

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EVERY FRIDAY
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Fareground Welcome Table
 50 Liberty St Beacon NY

FREE COMMUNITY DINNERS!
 5:30-7:30PM

First Presbyterian Church of Beacon
 Bridging Worlds, Encountering God, Healing Lives.
 fareground.org | beaconpresbychurch.org

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