



## Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 53 Years

### A Message from Our President

The holidays are upon us, and preparations are underway to welcome in this special season. On a recent Sunday morning a diligent work crew spent several hours transforming our clubhouse from a dusty, cluttered space into a tidy and sparkingly clean home for us all. Many thanks go to Tom, Pat, Wayne, Pete, Gail, Konstantin, Page, Michael, Antony, Mary Poppini and Susan for their amazing work. All of this is in preparation for the much-anticipated traditional Holiday Sing. An impressive list of musicians has agreed to perform at this year's Sing, which starts at 5 pm on Saturday, December 10th. Thanks to Susan for reaching out to all the musicians who will perform at the celebration. Bring your singing voice, your holiday spirit and perhaps a dish to share. A collection will be taken during the Sing to benefit Common Ground Farm.

At the same time that a work crew was busily cleaning the clubhouse, another contingent was placing a protective tarp over the Woody and preparing our craft for winter. We are indebted to Max for organizing and recruiting volunteers and to Steve for masterfully leading the operations. We are grateful to Josh, Alo, Gail, Steve van der Merwe and Mary Poppini who braved the cold to secure the Woody for the inevitable inclement weather to come. We are also thankful to everyone who volunteered their time and effort over past weeks to make sure that our Woody is protected from the icy blasts of winter.

Many thanks to everyone who voted in our annual election. Thanks to Patricia and Vicki who ably

served as Vice-President and Secretary, respectively, and to Vince and Mary for replacing them for the new term. Thank you, Aaron, for agreeing to continue as our Treasurer.

On behalf of all the officers and the Executive Board, we thank you for your trust and your support. It is our honor to serve you and we resolve to prove worthy of the faith you have placed in us. We will continue to devote our very best efforts to improve the club for every member and will always strive to fulfill the mission of the Beacon Sloop Club.

Happy Holidays!

Rob

### ***Inside this issue:***

Buttoning up for winter, holiday spirit on the waterfront, and much more.....



*Photo by Tore Heskastadt*

**NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Wednesday, December 28, 7:00 p.m.**

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, January 6, 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.

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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**

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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](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org).

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Ben Mazer, Steve Schwartz,

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## Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, December 2, recorded by Tom Elliott

**Ken and Ben** gave us Woody Guthrie's *Hard Tavelin'* and Rob brought the meeting to order at 7:30pm, welcoming all. Terry agreed to take home the refuse and Mary the recyclables. Rob thanked Loren for being the Multrum hero this month. First time visitors included Jaime and Jordan from Goshen. Also, who Elaine sailed with the Woody 40 years back, and Kevin, who was with the club 20 years ago were both visiting. Wayne paid young Jordan's membership to the club. Thanks, Wayne! Next came reports.

**Treasurer's Report:** Aaron gave the Treasurer's report for October, which is in the newsletter, below. A member asked, "is the *Interest Earned on Investment* from a socially responsible source?" Aaron said, yes, it is! Rob thanked Aaron.

**Finance Report:** Alan told members that the committee recommended adding \$5,000 to the Woody Long-term Maintenance Fund, and also, to invest \$15,000 of those funds in a one-year CD, which will earn over 4 % starting next quarter. This will be included in the budget presented to members in January. Rob thanked Alan.

**Holiday Sing:** Susan told us the event is December 10 at 5 pm in the clubhouse. Aaron brought in posters for everyone to see. It's a free event, and our big Holiday show. Aaron will be decorating, and performers include Ben and Ingrid, David and Jake Bernz, Judith Tulloch, Lydia Adams-Davis, Mary Poppiins, Trouble Sisters, and Rob May, among others. Donations will be accepted at the event for Common Ground Food Banks. Bring finger foods (sweet and savory) and beverages of choice. Rob thanked Susan for her report.

**Woody Report:** Max reported that the Woody is now in Haverstraw, fully protected under its bolt-together covered frame. There will be a little maintenance in Haverstraw, and a Block Party at the clubhouse (maintaining blocks and rigging) which takes no experience (date to be announced). Spring transit should occur the last week of March or the following week in April. There is some prep to do before we put the mast back down at White's in New Hamburg, and then a lot of prep back in Beacon Harbor. Max sent a volunteer sign-up around and encouraged those who haven't to give it a try. Rob thanked Max for his report.

**Harbor Report:** Captain Steve told us the harbor moorings are all put away and tomorrow the docks will travel up to New Hamburg for the winter with Chris White in his dock caravan. We have some flotation repairs to do, but it should be a quiet winter. Rob thanked Steve for his report. Vanessa added that the Harbor committee plans to meet with the Board to discuss working with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, who seeks to form a Flotilla here. They hope to be able to use the clubhouse for their meetings. There is also interest in establishing a Beacon/Newburg Sea Scouts program, and Vanessa is willing to use her boat as a training vessel.

**Fireplace Insert:** Rob told the membership that the issue of removing the fireplace insert from the fireplace is on the ballot for tonight's voting. He asked for members to give their ideas about the choice before voting for officers goes forward. Ken, a chimney sweep and wood stove expert,

explained that inserts are wood stoves designed to fit into fireplaces, fitted with a motorized fan that blows heat into the room (but not smoke). Fireplaces are low efficiency, and inserts increase efficiency greatly. They also use a third of the wood a regular fireplace uses. Susan, who helped build the fireplace, spoke about the goal it fulfilled for club founder, Pete Seeger, in developing our Sloop Club community. In a song written by Pete and others, it provided a cozy and beautiful space where we could gather. The song's lyrics concluded with, "Friends and neighbors, lend a hand, Share the light, build our plans." Others spoke about safety, heating efficiency and smoke. Many spoke in favor of the insert, which changes, but doesn't disturb the actual fireplace structure. Some felt if Pete, an environmentalist, were here today, he would favor the insert.

**Nominations:** Nominations for Board officers can be made up until the time of the vote. Rob asked if there were any new nominations for Secretary(none); for Treasurer(none); for Vice President Vanessa was nominated and her nomination was seconded. She accepted the nomination. For President (Steve was nominated, but he declined). Rob asked the candidates if they would like to speak about their goals. Each candidate did so in turn. Secret ballots were collected for counting.

**Clearwater Report:** Rosemary told us that Clearwater is in Kingston for winter maintenance and suggested we organize a Sloop Club maintenance day (date to be announced) She told us it is annual appeal time for Clearwater, and suggested we give generously. Rob thanked her for the report.

**Election Results:** 2023 officers are: President, Rob May, Vice President, Vince Farina, Treasurer, Aaron Verdile, and Secretary, Mary Arnold. Proposition 1: The vote was No. The fireplace insert remains in place.

**Announcements:** **Alan Z.** announced that Beacon Riverpool will hold its annual meeting on December 10 from 10 to 12 pm at Stony Kill Farm. New leadership is needed, and he encouraged all interested to attend. Please RSVP on the Riverpool website. **Bonnie** spoke about the MLK walk, one of Pete's initiatives. The theme for essays this year is "It's Always Right to Do the Right Thing." Bonnie hopes to move the time of the walk to the early afternoon next year to conform to schedule changes with the Southern Dutchess Coalition. Please support the event. **Susan** told us Lydia had left some china plates as a donation to anyone who would like them. **J.C. Calderone** told us of a conference being hosted by the the Westchester Chapter of AIA, sponsored by NYSERDA, among others, and was looking for help in promoting it in environmental circles. The event, *Equity & the Environment: The Challenges for AIA & NOMA in 2023 & Beyond*, is on Dec. 14, with many interesting panelists involved. **Joyce** told us the Holiday Sing is a benefit for Common Ground, and any checks should be written to the Beacon Sloop Club with a memo to that organization. **Wayne** had one more stainless-steel bento box to sell and donate to the sloop club. Nancy took it for \$20. Thanks, Wayne and Nancy! Rob asked for a motion to adjourn. Steve made the motion, Tom seconded it, and it was carried unanimously at 9:15

### Have an Eco-Friendly Holiday

If you would like to avoid being swept up in the wave of holiday consumerism and waste, there are many things that you can do to reduce your environmental impact. In no particular order:

1. Switch to LED holiday lights. They use 80% less energy than incandescent lights. If everyone in the U.S. switched, we could save 9.9 B pounds of greenhouse gas emissions (USDE).
2. Take a tip from Toshi and make your own wrapping paper out of recyclable materials. 2.3 million lbs. of wrapping paper ends up in landfills every holiday season.
3. Shop locally and look for low-impact gifts. This also helps to support our community and supporters. Avoid plastic and plastic packaging.
4. Use local, organic foods when preparing your holiday meals.
5. If you travel, consider offsetting your carbon impact. There are several online sites that allow you to calculate your impact and purchase carbon offset products, such as, <https://terrapass.com/>

### The Woody Update

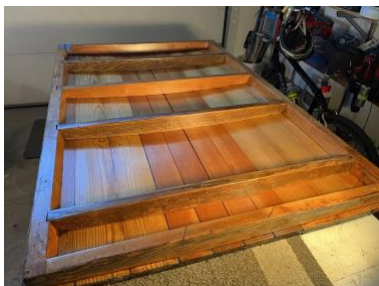


Our valiant (and bundled up) crews finished installing the winter cover on the *Woody* and disconnected the charging dock, readying it for transport to White's Marina for winter storage.

Everything is snug and secure for now, but stay tuned for volunteer opportunities Max is

planning, including the long-awaited Block Party. So be prepared with your dancing shoes and oily rags.

Meanwhile in Ralph's garage.....



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# BEACON SLOOP CLUB HOLIDAY SING



**SATURDAY, DEC 10TH, 2022, 5PM**  
FREE ADMISSION

FUNDRAISER FOR  
COMMON GROUND FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
CASH OR CHECKS ACCEPTED -  
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO : BEACON SLOOP CLUB (MEMO: C G FARM)  
PO BOX 527 BEACON NY 12508

### Election Results

Elections were held at the December membership meeting. The Officers for 2023 are:

- President: Rob May
- Vice-President: Vince Farina
- Treasurer: Aaron Verdile
- Secretary: Mary Arnold

In addition, the membership voted to keep the fireplace insert.



### Clearwater's Holiday Appeal

This is the time of year, between sailing seasons, that Clearwater most needs our support. If you are able to help with a donation, or by renewing your membership, it would be greatly appreciated.

[To Donate:](#)

**The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.**  
**October 2022**

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	407.00
Legacies and Bequests	400.00
<b>Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants</b>	<b>\$ 807.00</b>
<b>Corn Festival</b>	
Vendor	-55.00
<b>Total Corn Festival</b>	<b>-\$ 55.00</b>
Gross Sales of Inventory	710.00
<b>Total Gross Sales of Inventory</b>	<b>\$ 710.00</b>
Investment Income	14.54
Interest-Money Market	5.79
<b>Total Investment Income</b>	<b>\$ 20.33</b>
<b>Membership</b>	
Paypal	60.00
Snailmail	35.00
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>\$ 95.00</b>
<b>Pumpkin Festival</b>	
Pies/food	4,746.50
Pumpkins	1,053.00
Raffle	21.00
Vendor	1,420.00
<b>Total Pumpkin Festival</b>	<b>\$ 7,240.50</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 8,817.83</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 8,817.83</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Bank Expense</b>	
Paypal	43.24
<b>Total Bank Expense</b>	<b>\$ 43.24</b>
<b>Corn Expense</b>	
Chili	342.39
Corn	22.00
Hotdogs	118.23
Police	1,261.00
<b>Total Corn Expense</b>	<b>\$ 1,743.62</b>
<b>Facilities</b>	
Equipment	264.03
Festival	800.35
Woody Maintenance	626.57
<b>Total Facilities</b>	<b>\$ 1,690.95</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>	
Donation	2,000.00
Website	19.39
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,019.39</b>
<b>Printing, etc.</b>	
Broadside	105.56
<b>Total Printing, etc.</b>	<b>\$ 105.56</b>
<b>Pumpkin Expense</b>	
advertisement	72.78
Chili & Soup	509.39
Deposit	0.00
Electric & Water	150.00
Park Fee	300.00
Pies	250.00
Police	1,261.00
Printing and Copying	6.60
<b>Total Pumpkin Expense</b>	<b>\$ 2,549.77</b>
<b>Special Events Expenses</b>	
<b>Special Events Facilities</b>	
Environmental	98.87
Solar Trailer	478.91
<b>Total Special Events Facilities</b>	<b>\$ 577.78</b>
<b>Total Special Events Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 577.78</b>
<b>Strawberry Expense</b>	
Police	1,261.00
<b>Total Strawberry Expense</b>	<b>\$ 1,261.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 9,991.31</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>-\$ 1,173.48</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$ 1,173.48</b>
<b>Opening Cash Balance 10/1/2022</b>	<b>\$ 118,626.66</b>
<b>Closing Cash Balance 10/31/2022</b>	<b>\$ 117,453.18</b>
<b>Change in Investment Value</b>	<b>750.15</b>
<b>Total Balance 10/31/2022</b>	<b>\$ 118,203.33</b>
<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>\$ 94,511.23</b>
<b>Restricted (total)*</b>	<b>\$ 23,692.10</b>
<b>B &amp; S Rozinsky Fund 10/31/2022</b>	<b>\$ 19,025.05</b>
<b>Board designated funds</b>	<b>\$ 10,005.06</b>



**In Memoria**  
**Bob Hansen 1948-2022**



Bob passed away on October 17. He was an avid sailor on his own boats, as well as on the *Clearwater*, the *Woody Guthrie* and *Sojourner Truth*. After retirement he was first mate on the *Half Moon*.

We offer our condolences to his family. A full obituary may be found in the Highlands Current at:

<https://highlandscurrent.org/2022/12/02/bob-hansen-1948-2022/>

## Current Calendar

### BSC Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 28  
7:00 – 8:30pm  
At the Clubhouse

### Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting

Friday, January 6, 6:30 – 10:00pm  
At the clubhouse

### Holiday Sing

Saturday, December 10, 5:00 pm  
At the clubhouse

Bring finger food to share.

Donations by cash or check to the Beacon Sloop Club will support Common Ground Farm's food distribution program.

### Walkabout Coffeehouse Concert

The Kennedy's  
Dec. 17 @ 7:00 pm  
Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
468 Rosedale Ave, White Plains, NY 10605

### Benefit for the Beacon Sloop Club at Newburgh Brewery.

88 S Colden St, Newburgh, NY 12550  
Friday, Dec. 23, 2022, from 4-10pm



Ten percent of the evening's take will go to the Beacon Sloop Club. Be sure to stop in have a beer and a bite to eat. There will be a door prize, and a few special items to raffle and auction off.



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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