



Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 56 Years

A Message from the President

Spring has sprung! Crocuses are blooming, daffodils are showing their yellow glory, and gardeners are welcoming their sprouting seedlings! Best of all, days are longer!

Our beloved Woody Guthrie has been unwrapped! A team of Woody maintenance volunteers removed the protective tarp that kept the Woody cocooned and protected over the harsh winter. Thank you to all who helped out! Once again, the BSC volunteers at their best! Maintenance will continue throughout the coming months. There will be upcoming opportunities to volunteer (Contact Capt. James). Generally, weekly sails begin the week after our Strawberry Festival.

“Searching for New York's Rare Fireflies” was well attended and so informative! Keep your piles of leaves that have accumulated in your garden as this is the perfect environment for the females to lay their eggs! You will be glad you did when the light show makes an appearance in your yard this summer! The Lecture Series concludes with “God Bless Benedict Arnold”, with Jack Kelly., April 17. Thank you to Alan Thomas and Steve Van for their hard work and dedication to this wonderful winter series!

Our Spring Sailing Class is being offered at the Beacon Sloop Club beginning Wednesday, April 16. All classes are taught by our renowned Captains, Tom LaBarr, James Malchow, Ben Mazer, and Steve Schwartz.

Strawberry Festival coordination is in full swing! We are all anticipating the delicious and I'll repeat DELICIOUS on site baked strawberry short cake with fresh strawberries and cream! Strawberry Festival is Sunday, June 8. If you would like to volunteer come to our general membership meeting the first Friday of each month at 6:30 and see where you are needed! Thank you in advance.

Thank you to all our VOLUNTEERS!
Volunteerism keeps us going!

Best! Patricia

Inside this issue:

Woody prep has begun, the impact of light pollution, remembering a friend, and much more...



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, April 22, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, April 4, 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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Tom LaBarr, James Malchow,
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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, March 7, recorded by Trish Murphy

Opening Music: Lydia Adams Davis, Ken Miller, Rob May, Bonnie Champion, and Ingrid Anderson performed a charming classic folk song.

Treasurer's Report: Aaron gave a detailed treasury report for the month of January (see treasurer's report for full details). Gail inquired about the money raised from the Woody dinner. Aaron responded that the details of such would be included in the coming February report.

Woody Dinner: Susan Berliner joyfully explained that the Woody dinner was a great success. She thanked everyone involved in making the dinner such a wonderful experience.

Les Soeurs Club: The Les Soeurs Club has chosen the Beacon Sloop Club to be an award recipient. The Sloop Club has expressed their gratitude and are honored to be part of this event, which will take place on May 3rd from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Les Soeurs Club is a treasured and valued organization in the community that has provided scholarships and opportunities as part of their focus on the advancement of women of color since 1948.

Spring Sail Class: Mary Arnold, who for the third year has offered to coordinate the sailing class, explained that sailing classes begin on April 16th and last until June 4th. The classes will take place on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. James, Steve, Tom, and Ben will all take part in making the sailing classes a successful learning experience. Family members taking the class together or those taking the course as a refresher should inquire about possible promotional discounts. The class focuses on sailing theory and is an invaluable tool to refresh or expand sailing knowledge. Novice and seasoned sailors alike are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

Clearwater Report: Rosemary stated that the first official sail of the season is set to take place out of Kingston on April 12th. The boat will be in Beacon on May 3rd. M&T bank benevolently sponsored the first "Pay What You Can" sail. The annual gala is set to take place on April 6th. Tickets are not required to participate in the online auction. Alan explained that those that register will be notified once the auction goes live. The "Paddle for the Hudson" event is set to take place from May 26th to September 1st. The event is a fun and unique way to earn money for charity by paddling or sponsoring someone to paddle. A suggestion was made that the Clearwater sail during the next Sloop Club festival. Rosemary explained that the priority of the Clearwater organization for the spring is getting fifth graders on the boat.

Building Committee:

The first meeting of the building committee has taken place. John Greener informed listeners that they were welcome to make suggestions on improving the clubhouse and all were encouraged to volunteer. The next meeting is set to take place on April 2nd. Mary Arnold brought to John's attention the uneven state of the entryway to the clubhouse. Ken Miller provided a helpful suggestion for alleviating the smoke from the fireplace in the clubhouse.

Strawberry Festival: Rosemary said that the Strawberry Festival Committee held their first meeting. It is likely that a large tent will be rented this year to reduce stress on volunteers. Another measure taken to decrease stress on volunteers is the replacement the heavy black tables with lighter ones. Rosemary emphasized the need for volunteers. The next Strawberry Festival Committee meeting is set to take place on Monday March 24th at 5:00 p.m. at the 84 diner.

MLK Parade: Bonnie Champion lamented that the parade was canceled after being postponed. There was some difficulty in alerting those attending to the cancellation. Captain Tom expressed his dissatisfaction that articles mentioning the parade did not directly reference or credit the Sloop Club. Matt Bowen was credited for all his efforts in making last year's parade and essay contest a success. Bonnie shared the heartbreaking news of his recent abrupt passing. Matt Bowen was an active and valued member of the Beacon Sloop Club who will be deeply missed by many. On March 31st, at Beacon City Hall, the MLK essay winner presentation will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the presence of the mayor. For the 11th year the Rhinebeck Bank has sponsored the event and provided prize money for the contest winners.

Postal Protest: A protest against the privatization of the postal system is set to occur on March 23rd on the corner of 17K and Route 300 in Newburgh and also at the Beacon post office from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Environmental Report: Captain Tom opened his report with the disturbing fact that levels of phytoplankton have drastically decreased in the ocean. He worried of the chain effect this will cause and the number of ways the consequences could potentially impact the environment. Captain Tom encouraged listeners to start their own gardens at home or rent a small plot of land, from Stony Kill farm, for example. He then provided very helpful gardening tips.

Open Announcements: **John McLaughlin** stated that **Lydia Adams Davis** will be performing at the Howland Center on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. doing a puppet show by "One Earth so Green and Round." The show is at no cost to the public. **Mary Arnold** provided flyers for her opera performance. The Walkabout Clearwater Coffee House will take place on March 22nd at the Universalist Organization in White Plains. **J.C. Calderon**, local architect, stated that he is chair on the committee for the one mile stretch of Fishkill Avenue that begins at Ron's Ice Cream Shop. An event for the latter will be held at the Industrial Arts building on Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Complimentary snacks will be provided. **Wayne** came forward to emphasize the negative impact of lights at night on migratory birds. He urged members to be compassionate towards migratory birds by limiting light usage at night to occupied rooms only and eliminating light usage at night outside the home when not utilizing outdoor spaces. **Glenn Arnold** added to the discussion by stating that light pollution also detrimentally impacts nocturnal predators. **Wayne** also pointed out the drastic increase in asthma due to air pollution. **President Patricia Finnerty** reminded all that the Sloop Club is a "carry in and carry out" facility.

Adjournment

CONGRESSMAN PAT RYAN LEADS 15 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IN URGING EPA ADMINISTRATOR LEE ZELDIN TO RULE ADDITIONAL HUDSON RIVER PCB CLEANUP IS NEEDED

Specifically, they are calling on the EPA to begin the addendum process immediately and issue a “not protective determination,” Over three decades, General Electric dumped millions of pounds of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) into the Hudson River, causing mass pollution and disruption to the river’s ecosystem. Samples taken from the river since the cleanup concluded in 2015 continue to demonstrate that the cleanup has failed to achieve PCB concentration benchmarks within a timeframe established by the EPA. Additional Signatories:

- Congresswoman Yvette Clarke (D-NY)
- Congressman Daniel Goldman (D-NY)
- Congressman Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ)
- Congressman George Latimer (D-NY)
- Congressman Michael Lawler (R-NY)
- Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY)
- Congresswoman Grace Meng (D-NY)
- Congressman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY)
- Congressman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY)
- Congressman Josh Riley (D-NY)
- Congressman Thomas Suozzi (D-NY)
- Congressman Paul Tonko (D-NY)
- Congressman Ritchie Torres (D-NY)
- Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez (D-NY)

The full text may be found here:
[Press Release](#)



Searching for NY State’s Rare Fireflies

A huge thank you to Katie Hietala-Henschell and Matt Schlesinger of the New York Natural Heritage Program for taking us to the dark side. Everyone knows the joy of viewing their displays on a warm summer evening, but who knew there were so many varieties, not to mention their fascinating life cycle. So much is still unknown.

The Natural Heritage Network was created through the work of the Nature Conservancy and State Governments to collect, analyze and share scientific information that can be used to preserve native species and ecosystems. The NYNHP assesses the status of species and habitats of conservation concern, primarily within the NYS Park system.

Flying insect biomass has declined by 75 percent over the last few decades. Assessments of red list status of fireflies in the US and Canada have shown that 18% of species are threatened with extinction, but there is insufficient data to make an assessment on 70 percent of species. Too little is known about 25% of the 40 species within New York. The declines are due to many causes, habitat loss, overuse of pesticides, climate change, and light pollution.

Most of a firefly’s life goes unnoticed, as they spend 1-2 years in the egg, larva and pupa stages, living in natural - moist soil and leaf litter. Maintaining that environment is critical to their survival.

In the adult stage each of the species exhibit unique behaviors, flying at different heights, displaying different color lights and flashing at different frequencies and durations. We’ll all be out there counting flashes this summer.

How can you help:

Citizen Science: <https://www.fireflyatlas.org/>
<https://www.xerces.org/>

Turn out lights
 Create habitat, leave leaf litter

To learn more:
Silent Sparks, The Wondrous World of Fireflies – Sara Lewis

Fireflies, Glow-worms, and Lightning Bugs – Lynn Frierson Faust

The Darkness Manifesto – Johan Eklof



NYC will eventually have to abandon part of its water supply if it keeps getting saltier

A new report found concentrations of chlorides, an indicator of salinization, tripled from 1987 to 2019 in the Croton reservoir. Concentrations are on track to exceed the state’s maximum contaminant level for chloride by 2108.

Road salt is considered a main driver of the increase, along with sewage treatment plant discharges and water softeners. Millions of tons of rock salt is spread on U.S. roads each winter as a cheap and effective way to reduce accidents. City officials believe reducing the use of road salt locally is the most sensible option.

For more info:
[AP News](#)



In Memoria- Gail Moran 1950-2025

Participation! We know what Pete said about that. It's hard to think of a Sloop Club event or activity that Gail was not a part of. She was just always there doing whatever was needed with her signature passion for what was right and just, leading by example.

Gail was, at various times, a member of the Tuesday and Wednesday crews, club secretary, treasurer, nominating committee chair, festival volunteer, river-sweeper, marcher, kayak escort, and so much more. We will also remember the small tasks she took on because they needed to be done.

With all of that it's hard to believe that Gail had time to spend on other organizations and causes, helping neighbors in need with clothing and food. She was an avid outdoorswoman and will be sorely missed in our informal hiking group.

Our most heartfelt sympathies go out to Steve and to Gail's children, Brian and Dominique, and grandchildren Sara and Kaitlin.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks friends and family to consider making a donation in Gail's name to one of the following organizations:

The Beacon Sloop Club

Dutchess Outreach The Pantry <https://dutchessoutreach.org/>

New Paltz Community Gardens for Nutrition

<https://gardensfornutrition.org/>

[Clearwater's Public Sail Schedule is Now Online](#)



BEACON SLOOP CLUB WINTER LECTURE SERIES

God Bless Benedict Arnold:

The True Story of America's Most Hated Man
w/ Jack Kelly

A Free Event

Thursday April 17, 7:00 PM

At the Beacon Sloop Club, 2 Red Flynn Dr. Beacon NY



This spring marks the 250th anniversary of the beginning of the Revolutionary War...

The Hudson River and Champlain Valley was the scene of critical events in that conflict and played an even bigger role in the career of Benedict Arnold.

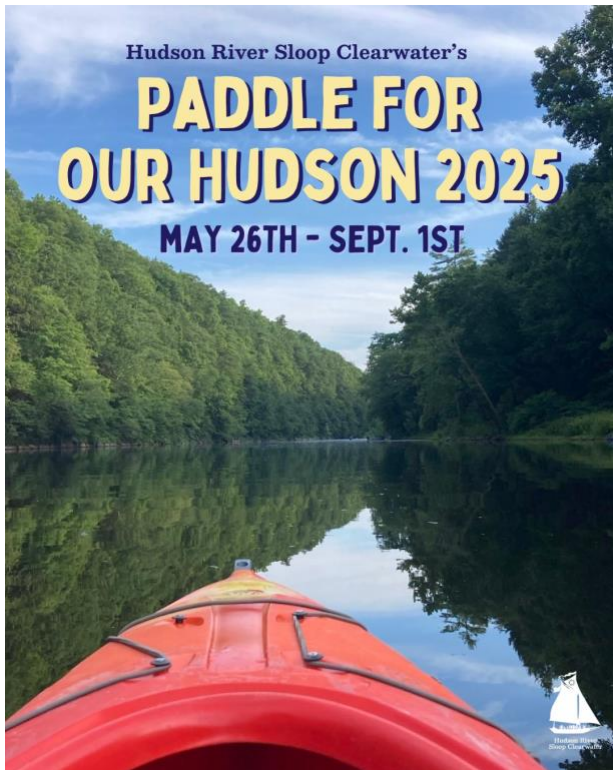
The True Story of America's Most Hated Man gives an eye-opening account of both the undeniable heroism of Arnold's early efforts for the patriot cause and his precipitous fall from grace. The combination has made him one of the most interesting figures of the Revolution.



Jack Kelly is an award-winning historian and novelist. His books about the Revolution include *Band of Giants* and *Valcour*. The *Wall Street Journal* said of his latest book, *God Save Benedict Arnold: The True Story of America's most Hated Man* that it "propels readers into the brutal action with vigorous prose and sentences that are often short and pugnacious—much like Arnold himself." Jack has received the DAR History Medal and is a New York Foundation for the Arts fellow in Nonfiction Literature. He lives and works in New York's Hudson Valley.

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Hudson River Sloop Clearwater's
**PADDLE FOR
 OUR HUDSON 2025**
 MAY 26TH - SEPT. 1ST

KINGSTON EARTH FAIR
 SATURDAY MAY 10, 2025 • 11am - 5pm • FREE ADMISSION
 TR GALLO PARK
 RAIN LOCATION: ANDY MURPHY NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER
kingston-ny.gov/earthfair - check for updates

FOOD
 ZERO WASTE EVENT
 KIDS ACTIVITIES
 CLEARWATER FESTIVAL MUSIC
 CLEARWATER BOAT TOURS

ENTERTAINMENT
 ARM OF THE SEA THEATER • TOM CHAPIN • CUBORICUA
 DRUMS&SONG ORCHESTRA OF THE HUDSON VALLEY
 KJ DENHERT • GAIL ANN DORSEY
 ENERGY DANCE COMPANY • BIG JOE FITZ ACOUSTIC TRIO
 LISA GUTKIN • JOE JENCKS • M' BOLLO
 MID-HUDSON JUGGLING CLUB • MATT MUNISTERI
 NATIVE AMERICAN WATER CEREMONY

SOLARIS BOAT RIDES
 GREEN EXHIBITORS
 FACE PAINTING
 HOMESPUN MERRY GO ROUND

FREE PAPER SHREDDING • BIKE VALET AVAILABLE
ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING + REFRIGERANTS DRIVE!
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION • EARTH DAY EXCHANGE
SHUTTLE FROM CORNELL ST. & KINGSTON POINT BEACH PARKING LOTS

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 NYS | Optum | A Still Small Voice | Kingstonwire | 8TH STEP | Hudson River Sloop Clearwater | Buy5forLocal.com | New York State Solar Farm

**earth day
 community
 clean-up**

Saturday, April 26, 2025

9am - 12pm	12pm - 3pm	Sponsored by
Community Clean-up & Pollinator Pathways Plantings	Environmental Fair at Hudson Valley Brewery	Beacon's Conservation Advisory Committee

Join forces with your community to help clean-up neighborhoods around Beacon. This year we'll be working on some pollinator pathway plantings as well!
 Head to www.greenbeaconcoalition.com to pick a site and sign-up:

Join Beacon Sloop Club for a cleanup at Beacon Waterfront and Riverfront Park for the Riverkeeper SWEEP on Saturday, May 3, 2025. 9:30am - 1:30pm EDT. This is a rain or shine event.

Volunteers will meet outside the Beacon Sloop Club at 2 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon, NY 12508.

We recommend that all Sweep volunteers bring a hat, sunscreen, a full reusable water bottle, insect repellent, work gloves and hand sanitizer.

This site is suitable for elementary-aged children with adult supervision.

Questions? Contact Riverkeeper at sweep@riverkeeper.org or Sweep leader Joyce Hanson at joycehanson@mac.com or 914-907-4928.

The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.
Feb-25

Distribution account	Total
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	1,000.00
Woody maintainance fund	25.00
Total for Contribution, Gifts, Grants	\$1,025.00
Gross Sales of Inventory	0.00
Paypal Here	450.00
Total for Gross Sales of Inventory	\$450.00
Investment Income	270.61
Total for Investment Income	\$270.61
Membership	0.00
Paypal	225.00
Snailmail	195.00
Total for Membership	\$420.00
Other Revenue	0.00
Harbor Mooring Fee	250.00
Total for Other Revenue	\$250.00
Special Event	0.00
MLK essay contest - donation	350.00
Woody Dinner	5,830.00
Woody Dinner Raffle	1,205.00
Total for Woody Dinner	\$7,035.00
Total for Special Event	\$7,385.00
Total for Income	\$9,800.61
Gross Profit	\$9,800.61
Expenses	
Paypal	104.17
Total for Bank Expense	\$104.17
Facilities	0.00
Harbor	600.00
Woody Maintenance	600.00
Total for Facilities	\$1,200.00
Other Expenses	0.00
Donation	250.00
Website	34.30
Total for Other Expenses	\$284.30
Special Events Expenses	0.00
Woody Dinner	4,882.35
Total for Special Events Expenses	\$4,882.35
Total for Expenses	\$6,470.82
Net Operating Income	\$3,329.79
Net Income	\$3,329.79
Opening Cash Balance 2/1/2025	\$141,341.49
Closing Cash Balance 2/28/2025	\$144,671.28
Change in Investment Value	-197.29
Total Balance 2/28/2025	\$144,473.99
Unrestricted & soft	\$115,191.80
Hard Restricted (total)*	\$29,282.19
B & S Rozinsky Fund (hard)	\$26,156.54
Board designated funds (soft)	\$16,783.95



**HUDSON RIVER SLOOP CLEARWATER'S
SPIRIT of the HUDSON GALA**

Sunday April 6th, 2025
3:00-7:00 pm @ The Garrison

Honoring Betsy Blair,
Venuri Atulugama & Pamela Wolff

Current Calendar

Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting
Friday, April 4, 6:30 – 10:00pm
At the Clubhouse

BSC Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 22, 7:00 pm
At the Clubhouse

BSC Building Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 2, 6:00 pm
At the Clubhouse

Music & Maps Family Program
April 5, 3pm
Howland Cultural Center, Beacon



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BSC Winter Lecture Series
Thursday, Apr. 17 @ 7:00 pm
“God Bless Benedict Arnold”
At the Clubhouse

BSC Festival Committee Meeting
Monday, April 21, 5:00 pm
At the 84 Diner

Beacon Earth Day Cleanup
Saturday, April 26, 9:00 – 12:00
greenbeaconcoalition.org

River Sweep
Saturday, May 3, 9:30 – 1:30
At the Clubhouse

Pete Seeger's Birthday – Circle of Song
Saturday, May 3, 1:00 pm
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.

[Upcoming Clearwater Public Sails](#)

Kingston | Hudson River Maritime Museum

Saturday, April 12, 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Saturday, April 12, 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Saturday, April 19, 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Saturday, April 19, 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Poughkeepsie | Victor C. Waryas Park

Saturday, April 26, 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Saturday, April 26, 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Kingston Earth Fair
Saturday, May 10, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm
50 Rondout Landing, Kingston

Pete Seeger Songs & Stories
Thursday, May 15, 7:00 pm
Towne Crier, Beacon

Paddle for our Hudson
May 26 – Sept. 1
Wherever there is water



Details of calendar events may be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

For more info about the BSC: www.beaconsloop.org, or www.beaconsloopclub.org