

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 46 Years

A Message from Our President

It was a joyous, bittersweet weekend for all of us here in the Beacon Sloop Club. Thank you to everyone who turned out to join us in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of our founder.

Special thanks to Craig Wolf, Ken Miller, and Lydia Adams Davis, for organizing and producing our spectacular co-celebration Centennial concert at the Howland Center, "Oh My Gosh!", and to all the amazing performers who shared their songs and stories of Pete. Ken also organized and led our annual Pete's Birthday Song Circle at the Sloop Club! Thanks also to our old friend Bob Killian, original Sloop Singer and long time Clearwater Pumpkin Sailor, who came to us from Florida and closed our Centennial Sloop Club Meeting with a wonderful sing-along in Pete's honor.

Between the River Sweep, harbor and Woody work parties, and Centennial celebrations, this was a packed weekend for us all. Hold onto your hats - Strawberry Festival, Revival, Woody sailing season and our 50th Anniversary Celebration are coming right down the pike!

Let's all take this opportunity to celebrate Pete's 100th by taking stock of our own roles in defending peace and social justice, as we continue to work together to carry out Pete's dream of a clean Hudson River. People all over the world are so deeply affected by Pete's work that they filled this weekend with celebrations of his life. At the Beacon Sloop Club, everything we do every day is a celebration of Pete's life.

Inside this issue:

Honoring Pete, annual riverfront cleanup, preparing for strawberry, and much more.....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, May 28, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY, June 7, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

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Membership donation \$ _____ Renewal ____ New Member ____ Save Our Sloop Fund donation \$ _____

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: <http://beaconsloop.org/Join.html>

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, May 3, 2019, recorded by Gail Moran

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The meeting opened with the song 'Up & Down the River'

Susan opened the Centennial Club meeting. Today is the 100th anniversary of our founder, Pete Seeger's birth.

Newcomers introduced themselves and were welcomed. Hayden was brought by his Grandma. Tom Elliot came to Beacon from Cobleskill. He is taking the sailing class. Tim from Sleepy Hollow who is working on a project about Pete's legacy. Bob Dillion who is back after a long absence. He remembers the diner. Janet retired from the Coast Guard. She has 7000 hours on the Hudson. Worked with the Fire Dept. Now is a member of Ferry Sloops, learning to sail the Wimball. Chris Tolan who has a little sail boat.

Susan got volunteers to take home the garbage & recycling.

Treasury Report

-Aaron Verdille gave the March report, where the opening balance was \$68,071 and the closing was \$68,307. See the complete report elsewhere in this newsletter. The Bonnie & Saul Rozinsky Fund for the Woody has \$12,193.

-The Woody Dinner made \$3,193.

-The Beacon Open Studio is in 2 weeks, May 17th & 18th.

May 4

River Sweep – Rain or Shine – Meet at the BSC at 8. This is an annual event. The partner with many organizations up & down the river. It takes about 3 hours. Bring a reusable water bottle, gloves if you have, a snack...

This will be followed by the Woody Work Party at 9.

A centennial song circle at 2 by the Ferry Dock. Part of Pete's persona was to be inclusive. Everyone welcome. Sing, try an instrument...

Howland Center Art Show, 2:30, which is sponsored by Howland Center & BSC, who united to create another event.

Music performances at 8 – 14 acts/ 2 ½ hours, including Betty Boomer, Pat Lamana, Lydia and others. Proceeds will be shared between the BSC and the Howland Center.

Strawberry Festival

This, our next event, is our biggest festival.

Tom LaBarr reminded all of the pre-festival prep party at his house Saturday with a barbeque, strawberry smoothies, chocolate strawberries and rum. We will be hulling strawberries before lunch and preparing shortbread mix after lunch.

The same day, there will be setting up at the park in the morning. They will join for lunch.

At the end of the day, the trailer needs to go to the festival site. Keith and Christine will sleep over at the site to keep an eye on things.

The day of the festival, set up begins at 8:30. An orientation meeting will be held at 10:30am.

Volunteers are needed for that and for helping at the Festival. Even an hour is a help.

Contact rmthomas99@yahoo.com or 845-463-4660 for more info.

Clearwater Revival

It almost didn't happen this year. Volunteers are still needed. Ask Susan about volunteering.

The BSC will be at the Festival giving sails. It requires a big effort and volunteers are needed. There are two ways to volunteer, as an official Clearwater volunteer or as a Woody sailor only volunteer.

Lecture Series

The last lecture is Thursday May 9, 7pm. Lance Ashwood will talk about the Fishkill Supply Depot.

Woody Report

The boat is still being rigged. There is a work party tomorrow.

Sailing classes

There were some enthusiastic students. The classes are about done.

Announcements:

-Sunday at Tomkins Cove will be music and a buffet and Toshi Seeger's stone soup prepared by Karen Hinderstein.

-Sunday at the Bardavon a music performance that includes the MLK Parade Southern Dutchess Gospel Choir.

-RiverPool at Beacon

Part of Pete's dream. The 11th annual Newburgh to Beacon Swim is Saturday July 20. The Coast Guard shuts down the river for this. \$75 registration and \$100 in donations. Swimmers, Kayak volunteers and other volunteers are needed. See Rachel.

-The Seed Song Farm in Kingston will have a potluck and Pete memorial Monday

-Ken Miller's annual party is May 25th starting at 2 PM. 187 Strawtown Road, West Nyack.

-Mary Poppins is knitting Strawberry hats. \$13 for adults, \$10 for little children.

-Gail spoke about the change in the electrical grid territory which allows more small power plants to be built. Local towns can make zoning restrictions. Contact Riverkeeper for their Power Point presentation.

-Wayne - 5G is very dangerous cell towers that will affect every cell in your body with radiation.

-Kaitlyn spoke of how eating a Vegan diet helps the environment.

The meeting was adjourned.

To commemorate Pete Seeger's centennial and the [Hudson River Sloop Clearwater](#)'s 50th anniversary this month, both houses of the New York State Legislature are adopting a resolution honoring the achievements of the legendary folksinger/activist and the iconic sailing sloop and environmental organization he founded.

Honoring Pete Seeger on the 100th Anniversary of his Birth, Beacon Sloop Club Style



Pete Seeger — 'Participation - that's what's gonna save the human race.'

Photos by Ralph Szur and Alan Thomas

STRAWBERRY WORKERS of the WORLD UNITE

The Strawberry prep party for this year's **Strawberry Festival** will be on **Saturday, June 8th** at the LaBarr's house. Please plan on helping us prepare for the festival. The Local Strawberries will be delivered about 10:00. We need to wash, hull, slice and freeze about 1/3 of the berries. Lunch will be served when we are finished with the berries. Then we have to mix all the dry ingredients for the biscuits. We will be serving **STRAWBERRY DRINKS** and **CHOCOLATE COVERED STRAWBERRIES** all afternoon and into the evening. Then we have dinner, clean up and party till we drop. We are located at 1347 Route 9D, 5th houses north of Route 84 on the riverside. It is a red house.

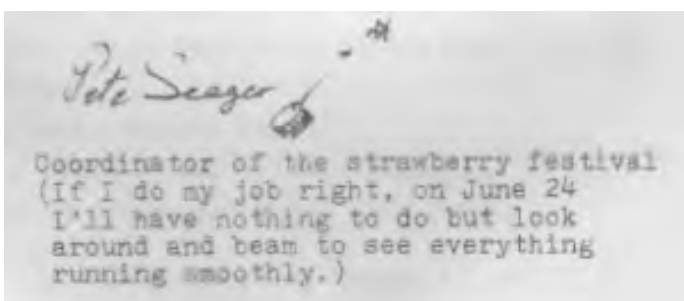
NOTE: This is not a potluck; all food and drink are provided. Musicians bring your instruments for the party.

Please call or email us if think you are going to be able to make it. We need to know the number of people, so we can have more than enough food and drink available.

**Tom & Aimee LaBarr at 831-4267
labarrt@gmail.com**



From the Archives – 1984
Something to aspire to



Highlights “Zone Out Fossil Fuel Power” Panel Discussion

It was refreshing to attend the April 17th “panel discussion at SUNY New Paltz to hear a student and local politicians talk about power plants, global warming, and how we can partner against these threats, even with our busy lives. The opening speaker was New Paltz student Brenna Rathbone member of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG). She explained that power plants are looking for business in the Hudson Valley as we are in “Power Zone G” along with New York City. Therefore we pay higher fuel prices, and power plants in our zone can make more money. She was pleased that the Town of Ulster just created a moratorium against a proposed plant.

Jan Metzger, State Senator, whose 42nd District, includes all of Sullivan and parts of Orange, Ulster, and Delaware Counties, said that town moratoriums are one way to delay fossil power plants. “We must also change the way we live,” repeating the phrase “repair, reuse, rethink.” She supports using repair cafes for repairing household items, and using food waste, as 40% of our food is wasted. This creates 15% of all greenhouse gases while 2.5 million people in New York are “food challenged.”

Senator Peter Harekham, whose 40th district covers a wide range of Westchester, said that \$90 billion was spent this year on weather related recovery due to increasingly stronger storms in the U.S. “There are those who think other sources of energy are needed if Indian Point Power closes, but because of its age, this plant has closed down in the past and New York City lights stayed on.” He stressed educating the public as he found some college students who did not know benzene is carcinogenic. He understood that many people work several jobs, or have a long commute reducing their time.

Manna Jo Greene, Environmental Director of Clearwater, supports rethinking construction projects to include green construction, and the need to protect forests, wetlands, and oceans, which draw in carbon. Refrigerators must to be checked to avoid HFC leakage. Heat pumps may leak. She invited people to call Clearwater who will train folks in climate change and solutions.

Attorney Hayley Carlock, Scenic Hudson Director of Environmental Advocacy, said it is easier for power plants with small outputs to get permits so they are. She suggested town-zoning codes regarding air pollution, storm drainage, water pollution, noise, potential for explosions and fires, vicinity to schools, and air particulates. Also, a certain time period moratoriums while these issues and others are scrutinized. The Town of Lloyd delayed a power plant this way.

Even though folks are busy, they can vote for politicians who have a record of supporting non-fossil fuel energy. Call Governor Cuomo and urge him to stop the Newburgh Danskammer fracked gas power plant (888-925-7006), and attend local town meetings when the subject of clean energy is discussed. There is a free NY State “Energy Star Program” which will inspect your home to suggest how to save energy. They will also advise developers and new builders.

Nora Gallardo, Member of Beacon Sloop Club



Beacon Sloop Club Youth Sailing Program

It was announced at the general meeting of the Beacon Sloop Club that the club will be sponsoring a Young Sailors Program with the intent of creating a program to acquaint young people in the arts of the sailor, to instill in them a sense of stewardship for the environment and to train them in the sailing of the Woody Guthrie.

The ultimate goal of the program will be to recruit, train and put on the water a cadre of youth, both boys and girls, between the ages of 13 and 18 who can fulfill all crew positions required for sailing the Woody Guthrie. Although the exact dates have not been finalized it is proposed that beginning in late May meetings will take place on Saturdays at the Sloop Club clubhouse from noon to 4 PM. Each meeting will include approximately one hour of instruction in the arts of the sailor and weather permitting, sailing on the Woody Guthrie.

Michael Barnett, who is heading up the project, is looking for adults who are proficient in sailing the Woody and are able to devote some time on Saturdays to help out with the training and sailing and of course we are looking for young people who would be interested in participating in this exciting new program.

For more information, both adult volunteers and interested youth are encouraged to call Michael at 646-641-9455 or email him at MICHAELGHH2@gmail.com

Winter Lecture Series

The Winter Lecture Series wrapped up with two great speakers. In April Will Kaufman brought his ‘live documentary’ to the sloop club, tracing the evolution of Woody Guthrie’s views on race and class, from his youth in Oklahoma through his battles with his landlord in NY (Old man Trump).



In May Lance Ashworth from the Friends of the Fishkill Depot took us through the history of the revolutionary war site and the efforts to protect the remaining portions from development. Not as well known as the battle sites, it played a key role in the war.

We’d like to thank everyone who helped throughout the series, setting up and cleaning up, bring snacks, posting flyers, and contributing to lively discussions. They best events are the interactive ones and you all make it happen.

Governor Cuomo Bans Plastic Bags in New York on Earth Day

KINGSTON, NY – At a press conference on Monday, April 22 at Clearwater’s Kingston Home Port and Education Center at the Hudson River Maritime Museum, Governor Cuomo announced his signing of legislation banning single use plastic bags in New York State.

The Woody Report



The Woody is back in Beacon and preparation for the sailing season has begun in earnest, with each crew starting weeknight activities along with the weekend work parties. Rigging has begun, as well as prep and painting of the spars, notably the new boom.

We are still waiting for space to open up at White’s Marina to be able to haul out and inspect and paint the hull. Stay tuned, as that will require a coordinated effort among many people to get her turned around and ready to sail.

Treasury Report - March

5:21 PM
04/21/19
Cash Basis

Beacon Sloop Club, Inc.
Profit & Loss
March 2019

	<u>Mar 19</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	125.00
Corn Festival	
Vendor	165.00
Total Corn Festival	165.00
Investment Income	
Interest-Business	29.70
Interest-Checking	2.29
Interest-Money Market	10.68
Total Investment Income	42.67
Membership	
Paypal	50.00
Snailmail	245.00
Total Membership	295.00
Pumpkin Festival	
Vendor	220.00
Total Pumpkin Festival	220.00
Special Event	
Woody Dinner	
Woody Dinner Raffle	1,280.00
Woody Dinner - Other	3,128.71
Total Woody Dinner	4,408.71
Total Special Event	4,408.71
Strawberry Festival	
Vendor	365.00
Total Strawberry Festival	365.00
Total Income	5,621.38
Gross Profit	5,621.38
Expense	
Bank Expense	
Paypal	54.05
Total Bank Expense	54.05
Facilities	
Harbor	1,540.36
Utilities	138.50
Woody Maintenance	446.29
Total Facilities	2,125.15
Other Expenses	
Membership dues	100.00
Total Other Expenses	100.00
Printing, etc.	
Broadside	147.52
Total Printing, etc.	147.52
Special Events Expenses	
Woody Dinner	2,958.21
Total Special Events Expenses	2,958.21
Total Expense	5,384.93
Net Ordinary Income	236.45
Net Income	236.45
Opening Cash Balance 3/1/19	68,071.37
Closing Cash Balance 3/31/19	68,307.82
BSRF Opening 3/1/19	\$ 12,044.84
Contribution	
Change in Investment value	\$ 148.23
Bonnie and Saul Rozinsky Fund 3/31	\$ 12,193.07



Movies that Matter Beacon Friday, May 31, Doors Open 6:45 Film starts at 7:30pm At McKinley Hall, 50 Liberty St., Beacon. Free.

Current Calendar



Executive Committee meeting, Tues., May. 28, 7:00pm.

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting, Jun. 7— potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m

Movies that Matter Beacon- And Then They Came For Us, Friday, May 31, Doors Open 6:45 Film starts at 7:30pm At McKinley Hall, 50 Liberty St., Beacon. Free.

All Hands On Deck for Strawberry Festival!!

Volunteers of all kinds are needed on both Saturday and Sunday. You can volunteer for 20 minutes or two full days. Whatever is good for you? Bringing friends encouraged, especially for hulling. For more information, call Rosemary at 463-4660.

Saturday June 8:

9AM Riverfront Park – set up Strawberry Tent, move folding tables, chairs, 10x10 tents, 10x20 tents, and other equipment under the tent.

10AM till done (3pm? Tom and Amiee LaBarr's home – Prep party

Sunday June 9:

9:00 AM – 11AM setup continues in Riverfront Park. Setup the 10x10 tents, tables, chairs, 10x20 tents, signs, tablecloths, serving stations, and so on.
10:30 AM Volunteer Orientation
10:30 AM-4:30 PM – hull berries. This is a very social activity and many people needed; serving; baking; Earth Care, and more!!!
4:30-6:00 PM Cleanup (take the tents down, move tables/chairs back to clubhouse, and so on)

Anyone wishing to join a Woody crew can contact any captain or Jim Birmingham to sign up. No experience is required. We will train you.

Hold the date:

Strawberry Festival, June 9

Corn Festival, August 11

Pumpkin Festival, October 20

Clearwater Festival, June 15-16

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

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

Strawberry Festival

Sunday June 9th

Noon-5:00 pm

Pete & Toshi Seeger

Riverfront Park, Beacon, NY

**Strawberry
shortcake**

**Arts & Crafts
Live Music**

Food



Free Admission

**Free Sails
on the
Woody Guthrie!**

Metro-North to Beacon Station – For more info visit www.beaconsloopclub.org
Rain or Shine