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# Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 47 Years

# A Message from Our President

Once again, first and foremost, I hope this newsletter finds you all healthy and well during this strange and difficult time. Over the years, the Sloop Club has consistently rallied around our friends in times of trouble; please reach out to us now if you need help.

The river is still beautiful, and the Sloop Club is still here - waiting for us all to come back.

As we have now learned, Pete's Sloop Club meeting tradition continues to be unassailable. On Friday, we had our first virtual first Friday meeting, complete with an inspiring Circle of Song. Many thanks to our techno wizards, Alan Thomas and Dan Rozinsky, for providing the expertise and hours of behind the scenes magic that made it possible, and to Ken Miller for pulling together the music. It was a wild ride, but it worked! We had over 48 attendees since a number of you were couples sharing a screen. One silver lining to this surreal experience is that we were able to welcome back good friends who can't usually come to our meetings because they live in places like Florida and North Carolina.

Our events and programs are now on hold, in accordance with CDC and government guidelines, however we are looking into more virtual programming. Manna Jo will be bringing us environmental video updates from the Clearwater front lines, and lectures are in the works. We are also working on setting up our sail classes through our new Google Meet platform, which will be a wonderful opportunity for all of us to brush up on our *Woody* skills, or hop onboard for the first time!

The *Woody* itself is now ready for transit, thanks to the ongoing efforts of our socially distanced sailors. The docks arrived in Beacon Friday, with a little work to be done yet to get them fully installed and ready.

Amazingly, or not, we are on schedule. The *Woody* has future events scheduled from the Cornwall River Fest in June through the Ramble in September. Festival work is continuing remotely.

We are very fortunate that as an entirely volunteer organization with very little overhead, we are able to weather this time financially. As you know, Clearwater is facing its gravest challenge ever. If you are able to donate at this time, even the smallest amount helps. You just might be the grain of sand that tips the scale!

We will continue to update you electronically with Sloop Club news as it unfolds. I look forward to the time when we can all join together to celebrate our river again.

In peace and solidarity, Susan

# Inside this issue:

The virtual sloop club, opportunities to weigh in on Indian Point, and much, much more.....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, April 21, 6:00 p.m. NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, May 1, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

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# Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes, April 3, 2020, recorded by Tom Elliott

# [This meeting was conducted on Google Hangout/meetings, facilitated by Alan Thomas].

Participants listened to Ken Miller sing "Rainbow Race," for the opening song. Thank you, Ken!

President Susan brought the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. She welcomed everyone to our first virtual meeting of the general membership during these strange and difficult times. She asked members to please reach out to the club if they are in need of help and hoped all were well and safe. She also told us that Manna Jo Greene was with us tonight to give us an update on Indian Point decommissioning.

Given this new meeting format, Susan asked if there were participants who normally are unable to join the meeting when it is just in Beacon, and she heard from a number of members who were representing far flung places such as the Berkshires, Catskills, North Carolina, New Orleans, and Florida. Welcome all! In a nod to most regular meetings, Susan also noted no one will need to volunteer to clean the multrum this month, since no one will be using it, which is a shame, since the seat was beautifully repaired by Sam and Jim last month.

### Treasury Report:

Treasurer Aaron gave the financial report for February. Income of \$4,863 was received against \$994 in expenses producing income of \$3,896. The cash balance improved from \$100,063 to \$103,932 for the period. Susan thanked Aaron for his report.

## Cancellations/Postponements:

Susan gave us a list of programs and events that have either been canceled or will be rescheduled: the *Woody Dinner*, The *Women's Work* performance, *River Sweep*, *Revival* (Clearwater Community Celebration), and the Cougar Lecture by Christopher Spatz.

## Clearwater Report:

James Malchow, Clearwater's development director, updated us about the impact of the pandemic on Clearwater. A week ago, Clearwater alerted members and friends that these are very difficult times for the organization. Covid 19 distancing rules and stay at home orders have essentially halted all programming and postponed the sailing season indefinitely. Earned income is flat. Events have been canceled or postponed. Staff is reduced and all costs are being cut that can be. Fortunately, the plea for support has created a surge of donations - between \$55k and \$60k to date, which is huge, but the challenge still remains great. Manna Jo Greene, Clearwater's director for environmental action, added that many meetings are going on at the board level and forgivable-interest loans and payment protection plans available through the new federal stimulus are being considered. She hopes that some programs may be able to keep going, even if scaled down, through donations and the new programs. Bonnie Champion asked how people can donate and the answer was either by credit card at clearwater org or send a check to Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, 724 Wolcott Ave., Beacon, NY 12508.

## Indian Point Update:

Manna Jo Greene now took the podium and told us that the number of public comments received by the NRC against the sale of Indian Point to Holtec by the 3/25/20 deadline is still being tabulated. The number was large, though, and she thanked us for our help. Now there is an opportunity to send comments to the

New York State Public Service Commission on a related issue. The NYPSC is considering forgoing its oversight of the transfer of ownership by Entergy to Holtec (NYPSC Pet.# 19-E-0730). Holtec has proven itself to be a poor manager of nuclear decommissioning projects and she urges us to write to the commission asking them to retain their full jurisdiction in this matter and to oppose the sale. She feels the NYPSC is an ally that can help be convinced of this need by public sentiment. The deadline for public comments is now May 7th but act now if you can. Go to www.dps.ny.gov and look for Indian Point Sale Review to post. Keeping NYPSC involved will bring all stakeholders together on a quarterly basis through the decommissioning process, including both agency and community groups. She feels that Clearwater or Riverkeeper will be included as an agency group if the NYPSC stays in it. Also, people living in the communities around the Indian Point plant are now beginning to see Riverkeeper/Clearwater efforts in this question in a positive light and are viewing us as supporters of their interests, so our efforts are having a positive impact. Contact Manna Jo Greene with questions at office@clearwater.org.

Questions: Eugene asked if this information could be sent out on this and Alan said he would work with Manna Jo to get it our newsletter. Steve V. noted that this impacts City members as well as Hudson Valley members and wondered if the sloop clubs downriver could be included. Manna Jo responded that they can and will be contacted and asked to support the letter campaign against NYPSC 19-E-0730 and to support Clearwater in its time of need.

### Harbor Report:

Captain Jim reported that the docks were brought down from White's Marina and are temporarily attached in the harbor. They are OK for now but will still need stanchion work. This will have to wait for group gathering rules to loosen before it can go forward, but all is safe for now.

### Woody Report:

Captain Jim reported that the Woody is still at the Haverstraw Marina after having the cover and frame removed, the bowsprit installed, and the deck, crosstrees and cockpit sanded and oiled. We do not have to move the Woody right now, as Safe Harbors, owner of the marina, have no issue with us staying longer given the situation. We'll see how it goes. There will be no call for large work parties now, but some things may be able to be accomplished by one or two sailors. Dates for Woody involvement that have not yet been canceled or postponed include *River Swim* (July 25), *Cornwall Festival* (June 7), *Garrison Fair* (Aug. 15), and *Hudson River Ramble* (weekends in Sept.).

## Lecture Series:

Alan reported that the March "Cougar Lecture" with Christopher Spatz is still awaiting rescheduling, and the April lecture is also postponed. David Amram is still scheduled for May 21st, however. Alan and Steve V. are talking with speakers about the possibility of being delivered online. The decision in large part depends on how technically capable the speakers are. Alan extended his thanks for all the support club members gave the series in January and February.

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#### Woody Nickels:

Konstantin reported that our bottle return partner store thought they would be closed, but now are open, but with reduced hours. Please visit them but call ahead or go online for new hours. (845)476-7366 or bottlecanreturns.com.

### Opportunities to Volunteer:

Susan asked if anyone had ideas to share about volunteer opportunities during the coronavirus crisis.

- James suggested bringing some food ready to eat to sailors quarantined on the Clearwater in Roundout, Kingston. A basket of food would be a definite pick-me-up for them.
- Eugene suggested Mutual Aid Beacon, a website that seeks to connect people in Beacon who have an idea of a service they could provide or who are in need of something.
- Alan suggested donating unused processor time on your computer through World Comm Grid to support scientists working on COVID 19 research.
- Tom E. suggested people who can sew might make cloth masks for our senior community now that it is recommended everyone wear one when out of the house.
- Nora added they can be made using vacuum filters in the cloth layers to be more protective.
- Steve noted that 75% of restaurants in cities like NYC and Beacon might fail. Why not organize dinner parties and hire a restaurant to make the food to be picked up or delivered?
- Tom E. added that maybe some restaurants offer gift cards that could be purchased now for later use.
- Konstantin noted that Dutchess County is looking for volunteer drivers to deliver food to seniors and others shut in.

### Announcements:

- Susan asked all club members and friends to please reach out to the club if they are in need of help.
- Alan Z. noted that Clearwater board meetings are now being conducted online and the public can go to their site to attend. James said the next meeting is Thursday.
- Alan Z. thanked all of the people among us who work in the health industry; the nurses, EMTs, doctors, CNAs, and others for their hard work and courage during this crisis.
- Claudine asked us not to forget those dealing with emotional and mental health issues who are in need now, more than ever.

With no further announcements, president Susan adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.. . and the first virtual Circle of Song began!

Minutes recorded by Tom Elliott

# Plastic Pollution Earth Day Poster Contest.

In recognition of Earth Day, Beyond Plastics invites kids aged 5-18 to participate in a poster contest to celebrate the planet, raise awareness of our plastic pollution crisis, and promote ideas to stem the tide of plastic pollution.

# Enter by Earth Day Apr. 22 at:

https://beyondplastics.org/article/plasticpollution-earth-day-poster-contest/



We can use your help, even in these chaotic times, with various actions. This month it is sending comments to the PSC on a terrible proposal to transfer the licenses for Indian Point from Entergy to Holtec.

# Update on Indian Point Decommissioning

- Comments to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) were due March 25th. Clearwater submitted extensive, well-documented comments and many letters and emails opposing the proposed license transfer application (LTA) of Indian Point to Holtec. Thank you to all who helped.
- Now we need folks to submit comments to the Public Service Commission (PSC) on a similar case: PSC Proceeding <u>19-E-0730</u> – Proposed Transfer of Indian Point Energy Center To file comments go to: www.dps.ny.gov From Trending, select "Indian Point Sale Review" and click on "Post Comments" Urge PSC to retain their full jurisdiction over, and to actively oppose, the proposed license transfer of Indian Point from Entergy to Holtec, which has an unscrupulous track record of bribery, lying and corruption. Initial Comments to PSC are now due May 7. but please don't wait and risk forgetting -- please send them in now.
- Support for groundbreaking legislation: NYS Decommissioning Oversight Board sponsored by Assembly Member Sandy Galef, who represents the area surrounding Indian Point, Assembly Bill 10236. Call or write to your NYS Senator or Assembly member asap.

# The Virtual Sloop Club Some notes and hints

Who would have thought a month ago that the Sloop Club would be flirting with the frontiers of technology?

First of all, I want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding. While I have used most of these tools before, I have not had to set them up or deal with the multitude of devices and circumstances that all of you bring to the party. We are all learning together. I'd also like to thank Dan Rozinsky and Rosemary for helping to debug and assist those having trouble connecting. Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who joined early and debugged their issues before the meeting started. It wasn't our usual potluck, but it enabled the meeting to run more smoothly.

We have chosen Google Hangout Meetings as our primary platform. Many folks may be familiar with Zoom, and we have access to that as well. Google has made their premium version available to us free, as a non-profit, during the current crisis. It is more secure, allows more users and has no time limit.

You can join the meeting in many ways, as a full video conference, using your device's camera and microphone, dialing in on any phone as an audio only participant, or any combination of the two. So, everyone should be able to connect in some way.

For video conferencing we found that it works best if you use a Chrome browser, although other browsers do work. The following extensions can be added to Chrome to enhance the viewing:

Link to Google Chrome Extensions for gallery view and nod (raise hand):

https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/google -meet-gridview/bjkegbgpfgpikgkfidhcihhiflbjgfic/related

If using a phone or tablet for video conferencing, you need to download the app for your device.

https://support.google.com/meet/answer/7291339 ?co=GENIE.Platform%3DiOS&hl=en&oco=1

Help for Google meeting is available at:

https://support.google.com/a/users/answer/9300131?hl= en

Please observe a few simple etiquette rules: Mute when not speaking. Don't speak over people, wait your turn and raise your hand to be recognized. Use restraint in the chat window, too many threads can be a distraction.

I know that some people were unable to connect to the meeting. I don't fully understand why so we will continue to work with folks. - Alan

To the Editor:

Your help is needed.

Recall how we all came together and somehow raised \$400,000 to restore our beloved Woody. We did it by everyone pitching in. Everyone.

Now we need to help save our beloved mother ship, the Clearwater. Clearwater is stricken by a pandemic driven loss of revenue and is struggling valiantly.

What I'm asking you to do is – first, please look carefully at your finances. If you are fortunate enough, consider a generous contribution. Then, go to the Clearwater website and click on 'donate'.

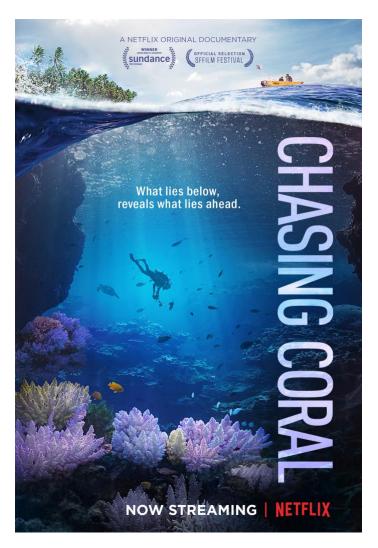
For most of us, consider making a small monthly donation. Are you familiar with Allan Goldhammer's "pocket change" funding model? The idea is everyone who can donates anywhere from \$5, \$10, or \$20 a month (or more), and this builds a stable base of income, without the donor feeling pinched.

This is like Toshi's stone soup, and I'm asking you to bring your carrot or onion or turnip. If everyone tosses something into the pot, however small, we can make it.

As always, anything you can do is tremendously appreciated. If you'd like to discuss, please just call me.

Rosemary





# The Winter Lecture Series Goes Online With a Special 50th Anniversary Watch Party April 22, 7pm, setup 6-7

With the same adventurous spirit and curiosity that inspired Emmy Award-Winning Chasing Ice, Director Jeff Orlowski and the film team train their lens on the world's oceans on a journey to reveal a mysterious phenomenon happening beneath the surface.

The team follows Richard Vevers, a former ad man, who left his advertising career to become an underwater photographer. Captivated by the magic of the reefs, he sets out to reveal the oceans to the world. He meets with the world's most brilliant coral scientists and learns of a horrific event unfolding: an underwater heatwave is killing corals around the planet. With young scientist and self-proclaimed "coral nerd" Zackery Rago, the film team ventures to remote regions of the planet, racing the clock and battling the unpredictable nature of the ocean to document this beautiful yet haunting phenomenon.

Thank you to Exposure Labs and Jeff Orlowski for making this possible!

# Instructions for joining the Watch Party

We are going to try and stream through our Google meeting due to questions about access to the direct stream for folks without Facebook or Netflix accounts. We have tested this with a small number of online participants. It was clear from our online membership meeting that some of our members have bandwidth limitations, so we ask the following:

- 1. If new to Google Meet please take advantage of the 6-7 set up time. Think of it as setting up chairs and lighting the fire so we are ready before the show. We will be unable to help folks once the film starts. Please join early !!
- 2. Turn off your camera/video feed during the film to conserve bandwidth.
- 3. Mute yourself during the film and when not speaking before and after.
- 4. Refrain from using the chat feature during the film unless there is a major issue the hosts need to be aware of.

If you have a Netfix account, you can join the stream using the Netflix Party app. Instructions are here: https://www.netflixparty.com/#intro

The watch party link is:

https://www.netflix.com/watch/80168188?npSessionId=92c 1fbd74f326606&npServerId=s66

If you opt to watch directly through Netflix, please rejoin the Google Meet for a post screening discussion.

# BSC Lecture Series: Earth Day Screening of Chasing Coral Wednesday, April 22.6:00 – 9:00pm

Join Hangouts Meet meet.google.com/mmq-igcu-wkw

## Join by phone

+1 267-540-8191 PIN: 882 565 112#

# Agenda

Connection Time
Intro
Streaming - runtime is 93 minutes
Discussion and followup

#### Treasury Report - February

':00 PM )3/23/20 Cash Basis Beacon Sloop Club, Inc. Profit & Loss February 2020

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	B & S Rozinsky Fund 2/29/2020	\$16,012.39







WOODY NICKELS

Go to the Fishkill Redemption Center and tell them to put your deposit proceeds in the Beacon Sloop Club envelope. Ask for a receipt.

#### A&A Redemption Centers 794 Rt. 52 Fishkill

(across from Fishkill recreational center)

Open 7 Days: Monday-Saturday: 9:30-5:30 Sunday: 10:00-4:00

www.bottlecanreturns.com

#### Containers Accepted:

They accept all soda and beer bottles and cans, water bottles, and other beverage cans, and all store brands of New York State returnable bottles and cans. They do not except Gatorade, Snapple, vitamin water, ice teas, Powerade, or juice bottles. (Please make certain all your containers are NY State returnable.)

#### Count Them Before You Come In:

You can save time by counting your cans and bottle before you go to the center. Put them in a clear bag labeled with the quantity.

#### Please rinse all your containers!

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# Current Calendar



# **Upcoming Virtual Meetings**

Debug Time - Tech support and connection Set up

Monday, April 20.5:00 - 6:00pm

Join Hangouts Meet meet.google.com/dtp-obur-bqr

Join by phone +1 413-359-0740 PIN: 516 423 202#

**BSC Executive Committee Meeting** Tuesday, April 21.6:00 – 8:30pm Monthly on the fourth Tuesday

Join Hangouts Meet meet.google.com/znm-zzhp-hvm

Join by phone +1 513-816-0845 PIN: 525 540 703#

# BSC Lecture Series: Earth Day Screening of Chasing Coral Wednesday, April 22.6:00 – 9:00pm

Join Hangouts Meet meet.google.com/mmq-igcu-wkw

Join by phone +1 267-540-8191 PIN: 882 565 112#

Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting Friday, May 1.6:30 – 10:00pm

Join Hangouts Meet meet.google.com/hjx-sorg-veg

Join by phone +1 585-532-5392 PIN: 203 944 450# 6:30-7:30 Potluck connection and debug time 7:30 General Membership Meeting Circle of Song Many local businesses have supported the Sloop Club through donations to our fundraisers, as vendors, or just by making Beacon a vital place to live. Here is a list of Beacon Eateries.

Baja 328 (Takeout, curbside pickup, delivery)

Beacon Pantry (Takeout, curbside pickup)

Brothers Trattoria (Takeout, curbside pickup, delivery)

Hudson Valley Food Hall and Market: MOMO Valley and Miz Hattie's BBQ (Takeout, curbside pickup, delivery)

Max's on Main (Takeout, curbside pickup, delivery)

Melzingah Tap House (Takeout, curbside pickup, delivery within 5 miles)

Quinn's Restaurant (Takeout, curbside pickup)

Royal Crepes (Takeout, curbside pickup, delivery)

Stinson Hub (Takeout, curbside pickup)

Sukhothai Restaurant (Takeout, delivery)

The Beacon Daily (Takeout, curbside pickup, delivery)

The Pandorica (Takeout, curbside pickup)

Towne Crier Café (Takeout, curbside pickup)

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



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.