



## Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 53 Years

### A Message from Our President

*To everything Turn! Turn! Turn!  
There is a season Turn! Turn! Turn!*

These lyrics written by Pete Seeger over 60 years ago and based on passages from the Book of Ecclesiastes aptly describe our burgeoning season of action at the Beacon Sloop Club. These days there are so many opportunities to emerge from our season of winter solitude and COVID confinement at our individual comfort level.

Waiting for an opportunity to leave the confines of home and workspace and savor the first hints of spring sunshine and warming air while working with friends and colleagues? Joining Steve Schwartz and the Woody weekend maintenance crew is the perfect antidote to the winter blues. No particular skills are needed, just a willing heart and a steady hand.

Preparations are continuing over the next few weekends to ready our river craft for the sailing season.

Do you love the taste of fresh strawberries, that harbinger of spring? Join us down at Pete and Toshi Seeger Park on Sunday, June 12th for that traditional rite of spring among the river communities. After two years of pandemic-induced shutdown, the festival is once again poised to return. Better yet, feel free to help Rosemary Thomas and the dedicated crew that makes up the Festival Committee for a day of washing, slicing, blending and churning, with old and new friends on the eve of the festival. Thanks to Dave Eberle and Margaret deHeus for generously offering

their home as the staging area for the Strawberry Festival preparations. Also, a huge thanks to Tom and Aimee LaBarr for magnanimously sharing their home for Strawberry Festival preparations, and for ably presiding over the process for all these years.

Ready to get outside and revel in springtime after a long winter, while communing with the river and its network of streams and tributaries? After a delightful and fascinating kid-friendly investigation into the lives of eels last Saturday, Benjamin Harris, NYS DEC Educator invited everyone to become Citizen Scientists and participate in the annual Hudson River Eel Project.

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Supporting carbon-less freight, slimy visitors and citizen science, upcoming events, and much, more.....



**NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, April 26, 6:00 p.m.**

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, May 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**

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

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Jim Birmingham, Patrick Gallagher,  
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## Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, April 1, recorded by Vicki Fox

Rob, Lydia, Bonnie and Ken opened the meeting with "Quite Early Morning".

Aaron gave the Treasurer's Report. To answer a question about Woody Nickels, they don't send us a check every month.

Rob announced the Connie Hogarth tribute at the Towne Crier Sunday April 3 at 6:30. It's the first of many events to be held in Connie's honor. Phil Ciganer is not charging admission.

Clearwater's Executive Director, David Toman, addressed us. He's been on the job since January 15, but has worked for non-profits for over 25 years, at the Delaware Nature Society and the Mohonk Preserve-- his background is in Business Administration and Accounting, an area that Clearwater is in need of. Though most of the Clearwater staff is still working remotely, David is at the office two days a week and can be reached at 845-443-1439 (his cell) or by email: [exec@clearwater.org](mailto:exec@clearwater.org) or [david@clearwater.org](mailto:david@clearwater.org). Clearwater passed a new strategic plan December 8. The environmental focus is still on the Hudson River and region; Danskammer, PCB clean-up, the decommissioning of Indian Point, Newburgh's water pipes and environmental justice issues.

Joyce raised the point that in previous years, Clearwater has hosted our sloop club for a sail, but it hasn't happened for two years. Rosemary described the difficulty of scheduling sails for all the different clubs, plus the complications of Covid. "I'm going to make an inflammatory comment," said Rosemary; "How about if a sloop club has fewer than five members, they may not get a sail?" Dave Toman said he did not have previous experience with the sailing side of the organization, and "I will get more engaged to understand scheduling the sails." As far as the Revival is concerned, it's not happening in 2022, but that doesn't mean it won't happen again. David said if it comes back, it has to come back prudently, to benefit Clearwater. The Strategic Plan's top priorities include keeping music to engage the community, but it needs to be done prudently. "This is an organization that needs to be here for a long time."

Max Smith, the new head of Woody maintenance, gave the Woody report. The Woody is at Haverstraw Marina. The big project has been the creation of a tent that goes over the hull once the mast and bowsprit are off to protect the boat against the winter. We need volunteers to get the frame off the boat and the bowsprit installed.

Steve said we need 4-5 volunteers this weekend. Max said, "A lot of what we're working with is temperature-sensitive so it's hard to give notice" -- a lot will depend on the weather. Volunteer updates are on the BSC Facebook page, and the schedule is usually 10-4. Max said the boat will be hauled out April 8 or 11 and then it needs to be painted. Hope to transit to Beacon after April 15. Someone asked, "what if the boat is hauled out and it needs to be more than painted?" Max said he examined the hull, and while it looks like there's water in the bottom of the boat from the deck, the keel is relatively dry. That's a good sign.

Building Report - Dave Eberle was not present.

Joyce announced that the Riversweep is Saturday, May 7 and sign-up is going live tomorrow on the BSC Facebook page. We'll gather at 9:15 and have a teach-in about invasives and plastic; we'll start cleaning up around quarter to 10.

Rosemary said she's "beyond thrilled" that we're finally going to have the Strawberry Fest again - June 12. Strawberry prep will be at David Eberle and Margaret DeHeus's house. The next Strawberry Fest committee meeting is April 11.

Winter lecture report: Alan thanked all who heard about the Apollonia which is profitably carrying freight by sail. They will be in Beacon five times this season, carrying raw materials to brewers and other "makers". They will have a CSA for their "boat boxes" filled with manufactured items from the raw cargo shipped on Apollonia. They are also looking for "shore buddies" to help them transport products on shore by electric bike. [schoonerapollonia.com](http://schoonerapollonia.com) The last winter lecture, All About Eels, will be at 11am on April 2 at the club. It's for adults and children. There will be live eels and a slideshow.

Rosemary gave the Clearwater Report. The boat is up by Albany. It's on schedule; the mast should be back on by mid-May. Its first sail will probably be Memorial Day weekend. The June educational sails are booked. Summer sails are booked next; they're trying to book as many charters as possible. The Gala is coming up on Sunday. Our Haikootenanny last year raised \$5000 and went to sponsor three school groups. The Newburgh Boys and Girls Club were thrilled to go. Joyce and Rosemary will try to find a way for our club to fund them again.

Bonnie announced the MLK Day Essay award ceremony: May 16 at 7pm; Beacon City Hall. Rhinebeck Bank has donated \$300 for the winners every year for nine years. It's a City Council Meeting. Please come cheer on the kids and come around 6:45.

Vicki asked people to phone assembly people and Carl Heastie in Albany to oppose Gov. Hochul's toothless EPR, which would allow plastic packaging firms to police themselves. Instead, Senator Engelbright's bill would forbid lobbying by the packaging industry, expand the Bottle Bill, forbid toxins in packaging and encourage products to be made with recycled materials. State legislators should support Engelbright's bill instead of a weak EPR that would set New York back and be an anti-environmental role model for the rest of the nation.

Alan added to the Woody Report: Starting April 9 or the week of April 11, we need many volunteers to paint the Woody at Haverstraw. It needs 3 coats of bottom paint, and it takes time for the paint to dry. And we need to get the boat back in the water before the planks dry out.

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## President's Message cont'd

Volunteers enjoy a day by the water counting baby eels while welcoming those little world-travelers to their new summer homes. Mr. Harris' demonstration was the concluding event in this year's highly successful Winter Lecture Series. We owe a debt of gratitude to Alan Thomas and Steve van der Merwe for organizing these enjoyable and informative programs.

Spring cleaning is a time-honored ritual to welcome the emerging season. Consider the annual Riversweep a spring cleaning of our beloved Hudson River. Want to join the fun? Don't hesitate to sign up for this May 7th event organized by Joyce Hanson. All you need are work clothes, comfortable footwear and a love of the river.

From Woody maintenance to Strawberry Festival preparations, to eel counting, to riversweeping, now is the time to shake off those winter doldrums and embrace the new spring season. Or, as it is written in the Book of Ecclesiastes:

*There is an appointed time for everything.*

See you by the river!

Rob



Beyond Plastics is **establishing a [powerful network of Beyond Plastics Local Groups & Affiliates](#)** working on plastic pollution issues all across the U.S. — **starting with you!**

**[Sign up for our two-part online training](#)** to get the facts, strategies, and tools you'll need to make your organizing efforts effective and impactful. We will cover necessary skills, such as how to host a press conference, hold a constituent meeting, and organize a rally.

**Then fix the problem.** You can either start a new Beyond Plastics Local Group or, if you're a member of an existing organization, your organization can become a Beyond Plastics Affiliate. [Click here to register.](#)

### Session 1: Laying the Groundwork

- Sat, May 21, 12-2 pm ET
- Mon, May 23, 7-9 pm ET

### Session 2: The ABCs of Activism

- Sun, May 22, 12-2 pm ET
- Tues, May 24, 7-9 pm ET

Our trainings are offered quarterly. We ask that you attend both sessions but you can do so in any order you wish. Whether you are starting a new group or affiliating through an existing one, this training will provide an overview and walk you through the first steps of successful, generative grassroots organizing. [Register now to receive the Zoom links.](#)



## The Apollonia

Thank you to captain Sam Merrett, Tanya Van Renesse and Brad Vogel for being our St. Patrick's Day speakers. It's so refreshing and

hopeful for the future that sail-freight has returned to the Hudson River. While we'll likely not return to the days of Fifty Sailed on Newburgh Bay, the Apollonia is a powerful example of what can be done to bring about a clean and sustainable future.

There are several ways to participate and support their efforts. This year they are offering a CSA-like [boat box service](#). Each box will contain local products delivered to a port of your choice. There is also a [cider club add-on](#).

You can also sign up to be [Shore Angel](#) and assist with cargo and other shore support. This a great opportunity to meet the crew and learn more about their mission.

The Apollonia plans to visit Beacon five times during the 2022 season, docking at the end of Long Dock Park.

## All About Eels

Thank you to Benjamin Harris of the DEC for closing out our winter lecture series with a very engaging program on one of the Hudson's most fascinating fish.

Truly one of nature's wonders, the American Eel is critical part of the estuarine ecosystem and an unsolved mystery in many ways.

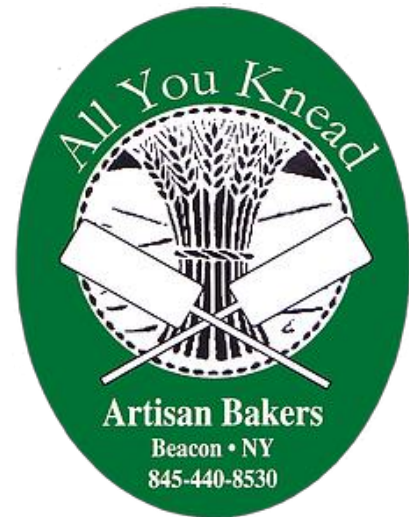
The DEC's Hudson River Eel Project is a great opportunity to participate as a citizen scientist. For more information:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/49580.html>

It was literally a hands-on event for both young and old. How can you lose with slime and a clubhouse full of kids?



The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.  
**Profit and Loss**  
 February 2022



	Total
<b>Income</b>	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	910.00
Bonnie and Saul Rozinsky Fund	500.00
Lecture Series donations	225.00
<b>Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants</b>	<b>\$ 1,635.00</b>
<b>Corn Festival</b>	
Vendor	55.00
<b>Total Corn Festival</b>	<b>\$ 55.00</b>
Gross Sales of Inventory	35.00
<b>Investment Income</b>	
Interest-Money Market	4.67
<b>Total Investment Income</b>	<b>\$ 4.67</b>
<b>Membership</b>	
Paypal	25.00
Snailmail	350.00
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>\$ 375.00</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>	
Harbor Mooring Fee	250.00
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>
<b>Strawberry Festival</b>	
Vendor	385.00
<b>Total Strawberry Festival</b>	<b>\$ 385.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,739.67</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 2,739.67</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Bank Expense</b>	
Paypal	11.61
<b>Total Bank Expense</b>	<b>\$ 11.61</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>	
Advertising & Promotion	250.00
Website	19.39
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 269.39</b>
<b>Printing, etc.</b>	
Broadside	57.69
Postage, Mailing Service	55.02
<b>Total Printing, etc.</b>	<b>\$ 112.71</b>
<b>Pumpkin Expense</b>	
Sanitation	100.00
<b>Total Pumpkin Expense</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Special Events Expenses</b>	
<b>Special Events Facilities</b>	
Lecture Series	516.72
<b>Total Special Events Facilities</b>	<b>\$ 516.72</b>
<b>Total Special Events Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 516.72</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,010.43</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,729.24</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,729.24</b>
<b>Opening Cash Balance 2/1/2022</b>	<b>\$ 105,065.05</b>
<b>Closing Cash Balance 2/28/2022</b>	<b>\$ 106,794.29</b>
<b>Change in Investment Value</b>	<b>-541.96</b>
<b>Total Balance 2/28/2022</b>	<b>\$ 106,252.33</b>
<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>\$ 82,640.23</b>
<b>Restricted (total)*</b>	<b>\$ 24,154.06</b>
<b>B &amp; S Rozinsky Fund 2/28/2022</b>	<b>\$ 20,793.12</b>
<b>Board designated funds</b>	<b>\$ 10,003.57</b>

**WOODY NICKELS**

Bring your deposit containers to the Fishkill Redemption Center and tell them to put your deposit proceeds in the Beacon Sloop Club envelope.

**A&A Redemption Centers**

986 Rt 52 Fishkill  
 (in the Fishkill Village Square Shopping Mall/CVS plaza)

Tuesday Thursday Friday Saturday  
 9:30am - 3:30 pm  
 Sunday 10-3

[www.bottlecansreturns.com](http://www.bottlecansreturns.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!**  
 dorenk@outlook.com 845.591.0126

## Current Calendar



### Please Note:

While we much prefer to have in-person events and meetings, we are carefully monitoring the Covid situation, rules, and recommendations. All events are subject to change. Check your email and the BSC website for updates.

### **Webinar: New Leaders for the Hudson River and the Clean Water Act at 50**

April 20, 2022: 5:30PM to 7:30PM

Online - Link coming soon

In this historic Earth Day online event, three pioneering Hudson River environmental organizations come together to discuss the 50th anniversary of the landmark Clean Water Act.

### **BSC Executive Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, April 26  
6:00 – 8:30pm  
At the Clubhouse

### **Seeger Fest 2022 (Putnam Valley, NY) @ Tompkins Corners Cultural Center May 1 @ 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

A celebration of the musical, environmental and humanitarian legacy of our neighbor, mentor and friend, Pete Seeger. This FREE, family-friendly event with live music and arts & crafts, will be held outdoors on the Tompkins Corners lawn.

### **Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting**

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

### **Festival Dates**

**Strawberry – June 12**  
**Corn – August 14**  
**Pumpkin – October 16**

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.

### ***11th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep***

WHEN:

May 7, 2022

WHERE:

At the Beacon Sloop Club

TO ATTEND:

[Registration links coming soon](#)

**Needed: trucks to haul our treasures**

**CONTACT: Joyce Hanson**

### **Climate Action Council Hearings**

For more information on the Climate Action Council hearings, visit [climate.ny.gov/CAC-Meetings-and-Materials](https://climate.ny.gov/CAC-Meetings-and-Materials). Until June 10, residents can comment on the plan online or by mail. Here is the partial list of hearings:

- Vestal: Binghamton University, Symposium Hall, Tuesday, April 12, 4 p.m.
- Albany: Empire State Plaza, Meeting Room 6, Thursday, April 14, 4 p.m.
- Syracuse: SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Gateway Center, Tuesday, April 26, 4 p.m.
- Brooklyn: New York City College of Technology, The Theater at City Tech, Tuesday, May 3, 4 p.m.
- Virtual: [nyserdany.webex.com](https://nyserdany.webex.com), Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m.
- Virtual: [nyserdany.webex.com](https://nyserdany.webex.com), Wednesday, May 11, 4 p.m.

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

For more info about the BSC: [www.beaconsloop.org](http://www.beaconsloop.org), or [www.beaconsloopclub.org](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org)