Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 39 Years

A Message from Our President:

It's another sweltering summer evening. So much for the global warming naysayers. Somehow we manage without air conditioning or heat and an indoor outhouse. Can't get much simpler than that.

I want to take this opportunity to thank some of our members who have provided considerable help to the club. First I wish to thank Alice Vaughn and Alan Thomas who were instrumental along with Gigi Fris in getting another grant from the Coyote Foundation for \$5000. Thank you! And I wish to thank David Rocco for his assistance in building the dock platform to make it easier for people get from the shore to the Woody Guthrie, at the Clearwater Revival. And I wish to thank Mike Basso and Aaron Haves for their work on the building. Work is continuing on the building. We hope to finish the work by the end of August.

We have raised \$2000 to meet the raise the Sail Challenge Grant of \$2000 for a total of \$4000 dollars. The Living River Regatta has been postponed due to a lack of boat registrations. None of the Sailing Clubs has had a good turnout or their events. This is just not a good year for sailing events.

The executive committee has established a new video policy. All individuals wishing to video at Beacon Sloop Club Meetings or Events must first obtain approval of the Ex-committee. Approval will be decided on a case by case basis.

The Corn Festival is Sunday August 12, Set up will begin at 8:30 Am. We will need volunteers for set up and for the festival. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

The Annual Volunteer sail on the Sloop Clearwater is scheduled for 11 am Saturday August 25. Please call David Eberle to make reservations

David Eberle President

Inside this issue:

Sold-out Events, the Woody is a real ferry sloop for a day, it's Corn Festival time, and much, more....



SRO crowd at the Woody Guthrie Centennial Concert

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, August 28th 7:00 p.m.
NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, September 7th 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30

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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.

To our postal mail subscribers:

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Please submit articles for the Beacon Sloop Club Broadside by the 1st Monday after the Friday general meeting to acthoma@yahoo.com, Input requiring scanning must be in 1 week in advance to: Alan Thomas, PO Box 430, Hughsonville, NY 12537

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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes, August 3, 2012

Our pickup band of musicians started us off with the Carter Family classic "Bury Me Beneath the Willow" and got the crowd singing in spite of the heat.

David Eberle called the meeting to order and welcomed first-time visitors from Beacon, several towns in New Jersey, and Sweden. The latter drew a round of applause from the membership.

Treasury Report – Sarah Elisabeth, many expenses cam in this month. The net was -\$7033 and our current balance is \$68,2140.

Woody Report – David Cohen, no captains present due to a captain's meeting. The Woody is doing well and taking out guests nightly. We need sailors and shore support for upcoming events. Ben will be captain for the Corn Festival. Steve Schwartz is organizing for the Garrison Fine Arts Fair the following week.

Building Report – Claudine Craig/Saul Rozinsky: a recent work party started replacement of the apron boards and discovered an area of termite infestation requiring repair to the sill and studs. The apron board is being replaces with rot-proof recycled materials.

Beer Tasting Event – Susan Berliner/Rosemary
Thomas: there are still a few tickets available for
tomorrow night's event. The Sloop Brewing Company will
be offering six varieties of artisan brewed beer to sample.
Hudson Beach Glass is providing hand-blown glasses
embossed with Pete's drawing of the Woody. Food is
being provided by local restaurants.

Corn Festival – Rosemary Thomas/Bonnie Champion: the festival is next weekend and we need volunteers, especially for set-up and take-down. We need wood for the corn pot (Sue Altkin, David Cohen, and Pete volunteered). David will pick up corn, sound systems, pot, tripod, and tents and he does not make vegetarian chili. Roland volunteered to take charge of the sound system for the children's area.

Betty Harkins has arranged for a new "Meet the Authors" area at the festival featuring, Jim Heron, Tom Lake, Evan Pritchard, Willa Skinner, and Pete.

Legends Project – Sue Altkin: Sue restated her desire to create a repository for information about and memories of members who are no longer with us. Bill Hudson will make a box to receive material.

Announcements:

Roland Mousaa: Solar Expo Jam 2012 will take place August 17-19th in Vernon NJ. It will feature the introduction of the "solar light bulb". **Emily Slavin:** is an intern working for Sean Patrick Maloney's congressional campaign. They have opened a new office at 18 Main St. in Beacon and she needs volunteers, and is looking for housing for interns. Time and money are short so contact her as soon as possible if you want to help.

The 24th Eco Fest, NYC will be October 7th from 11 to 6 at Solar 1 Space, 23rd St. and the East River. **Bill Hudson:** is looking for donated instruments to take on his Feel God Tour to West Virginia.

Respectfully submitted by Alan Thomas for Vane Lashua



Photo by Caylena Cahill, http://www.caylena.com

Woody Centennial Celebration a Huge Success

The July 12th concert commemorating the 100th anniversary of Woody Guthrie's birth drew a standing room only crowd and then some, raising \$1280 toward the restoration of the Woody.

The show featured David and Jacob Bernz, Amy Fradon, Spook Handy, Fred Gillen, Steve Kirkman, and a guest appearance by Pete Seeger and other sloop singers. We are indebted to all of these fine musicians for making this a special evening.

A big thank you to all who helped with set-up, clean-up, food, ticketing, sound, and all the other tasks that had to be done. A very special thank you goes to Joyce Hanson for organizing and promoting this event. The press coverage before and after was superb.



Enjoying the show from our premium backstage seating

Sound Bites by Gigi Fris

Connecting the Dots: David Rocco, Volunteer Extraordinaire!

David Rocco lives in Yorktown Heights with his wife, Ruby. About eleven years ago, he retired from a long career in construction and carpentry, due to an injury. Not one to sit idle, he lunged into volunteering, applying his vast toolbox of



skills and knowledge too many worthy causes in our Hudson Valley.

Having always had a deep love for the beauty and history of the Hudson River, David is well read on its explorers (Hudson), inventors (Fulton, Morse), well versed in its landscape (Mt. Beacon, the Hudson Highlands, Storm King), and an avid aficionado of its structures (the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge, the Incline Railroad and Fire Tower of Beacon). He particularly admires the river's champions, especially Pete Seeger.

For the past eleven years, David has done property management, public outreach, lobbying and grant writing for the Walkway Over the Hudson. In June of 2007, at the meeting where the Dyson Foundation committed their resources to the revamping of the bridge, he met Pete Seeger, Fran Dunwell, and John Cronin; however, he did not feel comfortable approaching Pete because "I saw how people were constantly reaching out to him for every last cause under the sun."

Serendipity, or fate, soon intervened on Mr. Rocco's behalf. That same month, as he was working the outreach table at the Clearwater Festival promoting the Walkway Over the Hudson, who should stroll up for a long chat regarding the status of the project? Pete, of course. Rocco recalls, "Unbeknown to me at that time, Pete and Toshi were members of the Walkway organization. I had the privilege of giving two books to Pete that day. One was called Bridging the Hudson, by author Carleton Mabee, who received a 1944 Pulitzer for writing a biography of Samuel Morse. As far as I know, Carleton is alive and well in Gardiner, N.Y., at the ripe age of 98. Dr. Mabee has also written a book on Sojourner Truth; from what I have learned, Pete has a fondness and appreciation for her. The other text I gave him was Bridges Over the Hudson."

Before the two gentlemen parted that day, Pete promised to write two letters of support for Walkway grants that David was working on, whose deadlines were close. Pete quickly composed the necessary letters, and the project was awarded both grants. "From that day forward, I was blessed to have the opportunity to continue to meet with Pete and now consider myself a friend to one of 'America's Treasures.' "says Dave.

Another Hudson Valley project near and dear to David Rocco's heart is the restoration of the Beacon Fire Tower. According to a July 2012 CNN report, "Mt. Beacon's fire tower was last used to spot smoke and flames on state forests in 1975. Desk maps and triangulation devices targeted locations before park rangers radioed for help, a modern system long before GPS and cell phones."

A combination of deterioration and vandalism has almost reduced the fire tower to rubble, until a group of dedicated volunteers vowed to bring it back to life. 10 years later, the final touches to the tower are being put in place, just in time for the Hudson River Ramble in September.

In the CNN interview, Dave says, "Our next steps now are to raise the handrails on the staircases, on the platforms, fence in those areas, paint the tower, and then we're done." The climb, for those who don't mind long hikes, is worth it: a breathtaking view that allows the viewer to get a glimpse as far north as Albany and as far south as Manhattan.

Another fascinating and boat related project Dave is currently pursuing is located on Manhattan's Lower East Side. A group is working hard to establish an educational environmental and maritime center on the new Pier 15's Maritime Pavilion. "Part of this plan," says David, "would be to provide a NYC base of operations for all historic ships that travel in the area: the Clearwater, the Half Moon, the Onrust, the Woody Guthrie, and any other notfor profit ship that needs the opportunity for additional exposure to grow."

After becoming friends with Connie and Art, David joined the BSC four years ago. Reading an article is this newsletter asking for help to put together a festival docking system, Dave volunteered his services this past June. Not only did he build a new ramp for the Woody, he also went down to Croton Park and made sure all the pieces were properly installed. Thanks to his efforts, and those of other volunteers, the whole system worked seamlessly, and we broke all records for festival guests on the Woody!

To say the least, Dave Rocco is a man of action. His vision for the community is to be there for special projects requiring assistance. He has served on the Walkway's Board of Directors and has many other credentials, including: being a member of the Advisory Board for Bannerman's Island Land Trust, President of the Yorktown Community Dog Park, Treasurer of the Friends of FDR State Park, Project Manager of the Mt. Beacon Fire Tower Restoration Project, and member of the Mt. Beacon Incline Railway Society.

Ultimately, David understands that not all people have the passion or time to get involved in these areas, but these projects need individuals to pick up the slack to make them successful. He says "I may live in Northern Westchester County, but I spend a lot of my time in the Beacon area. Who knows, someday, when the time is right, my wife and I would consider moving to Beacon. Put me somewhere near the Hudson River and I am a very happy camper."

From Poughkeepsie to Manhattan, David Rocco continues to dedicate much of his life and talent to making the Hudson Valley a more meaningful place to live or visit. We thank him for helping the Beacon Sloop Club and so many other wonderful causes. Dave, you are an inspiration to us all. Keep connecting those dots!

LIVING RIVER REGATTA Woody Guthrie Cup Beacon - Newburgh | August 25, 2012

Regatta News

The Living River Regatta has been postponed due to a lack of entries. We are discussing possible dates for early next season with local boat clubs.

Registrants and supporters who have paid fees or made donations will be given the option of a refund.

Woody Update Volume 39, Issue 8

No formal Woody report was submitted this month but we did receive several reader submitted photos from a Tuesday night sail alongside the Clearwater and a Clarkson River University class. Captain Patrick did some fancy maneuvering to match her moves and kept us close enough to enjoy a serenade of *This Land is Your Land* from the deck.

At the 9th Annual Great Newburgh to Beacon Hudson River Swim on July 21st the Woody got her annual chance to be a real Ferry Sloop, delivering swimmers from the train to docks in Newburgh. She then became a landmark guiding the swimmers to Beacon harbor for the finish. Captain Kip, the crew, and many other sloop club volunteers are once again proud to have provided a service to our friends at Riverpool.





Artisan Beer Tasting with Sloop Brewing Takes Over Hudson Beach Glass



What a great event! We completely sold out due to a late surge in ticket sales and sadly had to turn some people away at the door. A few people just showed up to make a donation as well after the glasses were gone. We can't thank enough our friends at Sloop Brewing and Hudson

Beach Glass for making this possible.

Glass artist Kathleen Andersen did a wonderful job creating 125 hand-blown Woody glasses for sampling six craft brewed beers. What was your favorite; the Sauer Peach, the Old World Pale Ale, or perhaps the dark IPA?

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Of course you can't have beer without food and music to clear the palate and the

mind. Food was provided by <u>Sukhothai</u>, <u>Homespun</u> Foods, River Terrace, Crumb, Tito Santana Taqueria,

and <u>Poppy's</u>. Thank you again for supporting us and the community. Everyone was complimenting us on the fare.

David and Jacob Bernz again donated their time and talent to provide the musical entertainment.



From old sloop club favorites to new compositions they



put on quite a show. Jacob did some solo numbers and Bill Hudson and Sue Altkin took the stage for a few songs as well.

Finally, what can we say about Hudson Beach Glass?

It was such a perfect classy venue for this event and you made it so easy for us. Thank you to Susan Berliner and Rosemary Thomas for organizing and doing the leg work, and to Steve Schwartz for his good beer sense.



Corn Festival Volunteers Needed! August 12, noon-5pm

Co-coordinators Rob Thomas and Bonnie Champion

Volunteers are needed for:



Set-up and take-down Shucking Selling Corn Chili Supporting the Woody

Gift Baskets

Eco-stations All those little tasks that make a festival work

Contact Rob or Bonnie if you can help: Robertt1027@yahoo.com, 463-4660 Bonnie: 255-6436

This Year's Festival will have a New Children's Area

run by Jane Shumsky Featuring:

Dennis Mcdonough, Lydia Adams Davis, Spook Handy,

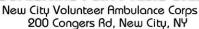
Tom Hanford, Jim Donnelly, Princess Wow, Dan Einbender with the Rivertown Kids. live "Parrots for Peace", and the Delacourt Twins

A New Meet the Authors Area

hosted by Betty Harkins Featuring, Jim Heron, Tom Lake, Evan Pritchard, Willa Skinner, and Pete Seeger

www.borderlinefolkmusicclub.org

Borderline Folk Music Cl





Sunday, August 26 120

Annual Picnic, Singing Party, Jam



This year we will have **Si Kahn** as our special guest. In folk & bluegrass styles, he has written many wonderful & thoughtful songs about family, work & community. He has 16 albums to his credit. He has also written 4 books & 3 musical plays. On our mainstage, Si will do a 1/2 hour program & also lead a 1-hour workshop on topics relating to his work & music. In addition, we expect about 20 professional musicians to perform songs by Si & also present their own songs.

We will also have a separate area for those who want to sing and jam. Anyone & everyone is encouraged to participate or just listen. Bring your instruments & voices.

Please bring a pot-luck lunch dish to share w/ 6 people and a lawn chair. We will provide plastic ware, paper goods & soft drinks.

Reservations Required, Contact Sol Zeller, 845-354-4586, solz1@optonline.net Craft Vendors Welcome; call/e-mail for details

The Borderline is a non-profit 501(c) (3) group devoted to presenting all types of American folk music.

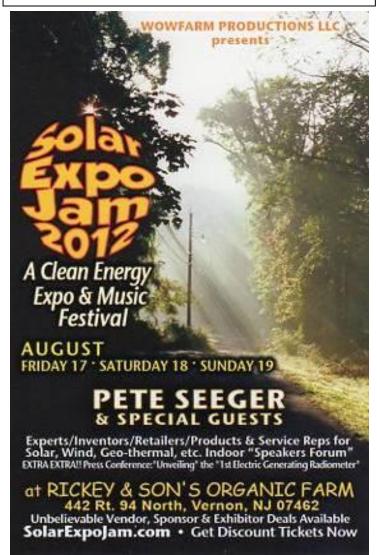
The Borderline is not affiliated with New City Ambulance Corps but they graciously allow us to use their space for our venue.

Water Quality Monitors Needed

Riverkeeper needs volunteers for Rondout and Wallkill water quality studies. Riverkeeper works with citizen-led water quality sampling projects around the Hudson River Estuary to test sewage contamination levels and isolate areas with chronic high contamination levels. This data can help communities can identify and eliminate sewage pollution sources in their community and improve the quality of the local water supply.

Volunteers must be available on a majority of the sampling days, which are July 28, Sept. 1, Sept. 29 and Oct. 27.

Contact Dan Shapley dshapley@riverkeeper.org for more information.

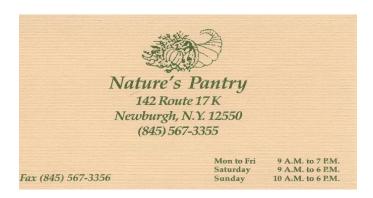


The Westchester County Department of Health is advising people who use the Hudson River waters for recreational purposes to avoid direct contact with the water from Croton Point Park and points south until further notice. Due to a break in a sewer line in Tarrytown, there is expected to be a controlled discharge of several million gallons of chlorinated raw sewage into the Hudson River at Sleepy Hollow overnight Wednesday august 8th.



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Beacon Sloop Club Treasury Report Submitted by Sarah Elisabeth July 24, 2012																		
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										BSC General Fund	Amount	Membership	Paypal	Boats	Event	Newsletter	Harbor	Clubhouse
Donation	277.24			277.24														
Raise the Sail	275.00			275.00														
Membership	25.00	25.00																
Vendor	855.00				855.00													
Save Our Sloop	1,380.00				1,380.00													
Cty of Beacon Fireworks	(100.00)				(100.00)													
Two Row Wampum	(50.00)				(50.00)													
Strawberry Festival	(4,724.99)				(515.69)													
Business Expenses	(146.50)							-146.50										
Spirit of Beacon	(20.00)				(20.00)													
Herring Sanitation	(585.00)				(585.00)													
Royal Carting	(150.00)				(150.00)													
Woody Maintenance	(2,227.87)			(2,227.87)														
Envelopes	(32.99)							-32.99										
PO Box	(120.00)							-120.00										
Reconciliation Error	(1,988.16)																	
Total Monthly Income and Expense	(7,333.27)	25.00		(1,675.63)	814.31			-299.49										
OPENING BALANCE	75,354.67																	
CLOSING BALANCE	68,021.40																	



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106.5 IN BEACON

Fareground Café is a new non-profit organization developing an innovative community café in Beacon, NY. The mission is to nourish the community by providing "pay what you can" healthy and delicious meals, education and volunteer opportunities.

For more info:

http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/article/2012043 0/NEWS01/304300011/fareground-cafe-beaconfood?nclick check=1

www.fareground.org

Current Calendar

Executive Committee meeting, Tues Aug. 28th 7:00pm., at BSC Clubhouse

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

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-4 p.m., Beacon harbor, Beacon, NY

PLANET BLUE WITH CHRIS RUHE and Tonia Shou on radio station WVKR 91.3 FM, Every Fri., 5 to 6 p.m.

BSC Corn Festival, Sun. Aug. 12, noon-5:00 pm, at the Waterfront, Beacon, NY

"Rhythm on the Riverfront Concert Series,", Thurs., Aug. 9, 16 & 23; 6 – 8 p.m. –Scenic Hudson's Long Dock Park, Beacon. Contact Anthony Coneski, 845 473 4440 Ext. 273, www.scenichudson.org.

Hudson Valley Climate Change Network, Mon., Aug. 13, 1-4, at Norrie Point Environmental Center in Staatsburg. Register:
eehauser@gw.dec.state.ny.us or
http://www.hrnerr.org/climate-change-workshop-2012-hudson-valley.html

"Introduction to Kayaking," Tues., Aug. 14; 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. –Scenic Hudson's Long Dock Park, Beacon MUST register online in advance. Contact Anthony Coneski, 845 473 4440 Ext. 273, www.scenichudson.org

Poisoned Waters-- a powerful documentary film ,Thurs., Aug. 16, 7 pm., BIRE/Clarkson University 199 Dennings Avenue, Beacon. mheintzman@bire.org Register at www.bire.org/events. FREE



Free Woody Sails, weeknights, 6:00 pm , Beacon Harbor, Call 297-7697 for reservations

Solar Expo Jam, Fri-Sun, Aug, 17-19, Rickey & Son's Organic Farm, North Vernon, NJ SolarExpoJam.com

Garrison Fine Arts Fair, Sat.-Sun, Aug. 18-19, 10a.m.-5 p.m., Garrison landing, NY, Contact Steve Schwartz for sailing schedule.

History Walk of Denning's Point w/ Jim Heron, Sat., Aug. 25, 10 am., BIRE/|Clarkson University, 199 Dennings Avenue, Beacon. mheintzman@bire.org Register at www.bire.org/events. FREE.

BSC Annual Volunteer sail on the Sloop Clearwater, Sat. Aug. 25, 11 a.m.. Please call David Eberle to make reservations

Ramble Sail on the Woody, Sun. Sept. 9, noon at the Beacon waterfront