



Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 55 Years

A Message from Our President

It is a very important thing to learn to talk to people you disagree with.

-Pete Seeger

At the Beacon Sloop Club we try to follow our founder Pete Seeger's words. We strive to listen to every opinion. We discuss and consider different ideas and points of view in pursuit of our mission of bringing people to the Hudson and preserving the river.

Our monthly general meetings are inclusive. People come and share their ideas over shared potluck dishes. Although we may bring differing viewpoints, we listen to each other as we work towards our common goals. At the end of each general meeting, we offer everyone who wants to speak, a chance to express themselves for a few minutes without interruption.

Each early spring, volunteers from different circumstances, situations and mindsets join together with the common goal of readying our sloop *Woody Guthrie* for a successful sailing season. Every year, as we prepare our beautiful vessel, we listen and learn from each other.

During the sailing season, crew members of various backgrounds offer their time and talents and work together towards the common goal of providing enjoyable sails for everyone. We overcome difficulties and disagreements. We solve problems through discussion. We hone our sailing skills and team-building talents. Over the course of the sailing season, we may disagree with our crewmates over many topics, but we are attentive to every voice, but we try to work together, molding ourselves seamlessly into a single unit.

No guest is refused a sail on the *Woody Guthrie* because of their beliefs or ideas. Amidst the whisper of wind, the lapping of waves against the Woody's hull, and the arrestingly beautiful vistas that surround us, dialogue is encouraged and voices are heard and respected.

Throngs of visitors gather at Pete and Toshi Seeger Park for our festivals. They enjoy delicious food, beautiful music, well-crafted merchandise, and each other's company. Festival organizers make every effort to invite vendors, craftspeople and musicians that reflect diversity and appeal to a wide variety of individual tastes. We may not always agree with everyone who comes to our festivals, but we listen to them and welcome them.

At our musical events, including our Holiday Sings, seasonal caroling, and song circles, we encourage everyone. We value every contribution and we all join in with each musician as they take their turn. We listen and learn from the songs of others.

In these times of polarization, Pete's words offer hope. We endeavor to follow his philosophy of tolerance within the club and in the world outside our club.

Rob

Inside this issue:

All things corn, responding to the EPA, and much more....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Wednesday August 28, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, September 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 _____

_____ 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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Jim Birmingham, Patrick Gallagher,
Tom LaBarr, James Malchow,
Ben Mazer, Steve Schwartz,

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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, August 2, recorded by Trish Murphy

Opening Music

On August 2nd at 7:27 p.m. the membership meeting kicked off with Lydia Adams Davis and President Rob May performing the classic song "Turn! Turn! Turn!" by Pete Seeger. A large number of audience members were delighted to join in when invited to sing along by Lydia.

Opening Announcements

President Rob May opened the meeting by thanking Tor for handling the disposal of the garbage and recycles on the past two occasions. Tor was also thanked for giving a detailed report of items that were disposed of based on his detailed inventory of the trash and recycles. He kindly offered to take care of the trash and recycles a third time. Michael Barnett was thanked for being last month's "Multrum Hero" and James Malchow was thanked for being the new " Multrum Hero". New member Mike was warmly welcomed.

Dutchess County Mothers Out Front

Sandi Stratton-Gonzalez with "Dutchess County Mothers Out Front" began her informative lecture with helpful visual boards and interesting facts pertaining to the garbage incinerator located in Poughkeepsie and the repercussions of the latter on the community. For example, the city of Poughkeepsie is ranked the sixth most difficult to live in for children with asthma. Sandi explained to listeners that incinerators don't prevent landfills due to the fact that toxic ashes are transported from the incinerator to a landfill located elsewhere, in this case Pennsylvania. The residue from the ashes of the garbage from Dutchess County then leeches down and contaminates the soil and water of the local Pennsylvanians. 61% of Dutchess County residents are currently at risk for air pollution. The incinerator itself provides the jobs for less than twenty people. Sandi passed around a petition for members to sign. The petition doesn't call for an end to the incinerator, due to the fact that Dutchess County is incentivized to send trash by contractually being fined if they don't, but rather that the county legislator earmarks funds in 2025 to hire a zero-waste consultant. The petition currently has approximately 600 signatures, but it is hoped that at least 1,000 will be obtained by September 9th. Anybody who hasn't already signed the petition can do so by going to www.mothersoutfront.org.

Treasury Report

Aaron gave a detailed treasury report. (See treasurer's report for full details). He revealed that nearly five thousand dollars of merchandise and over twenty thousand dollars of shortcakes and smoothies were sold at the recent Strawberry festival. Gail made an inquiry about Strawberry expenses. Aaron replied that he had to run the report.

Corn Festival

Rosemary opened her report by thanking Joyce for all her hard work and dedication that brought the Corn Festival together. The Corn Festival is set to take place on Sunday, August 11. Volunteers are always welcomed. The festival is proud to provide fresh cooked corn, picked the very morning of the festival. The festival is a "plastic free" event. Water refill station areas and trash composting stations will be available.

Woody Report/ Harbor Report

Captain Tom stated that the harbor is in good working order. Public sails continue to delight guests. Captain Tom encouraged anyone interested to join the crew and become a volunteer crew member, even if just for one night a week. The only requirement for joining the crew is that volunteers must also be members of the Sloop Club. Participants should arrive at the dock by 6:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

EPA PCB 5 Year Review

Alan informed listeners that the EPA gives a review of the PCBs in the river every five years. The third five-year review was released on July 10. The EPA's conclusion was that there was not enough data to determine if the cleanup was effective. "Friends of the Hudson" conducted an independent analysis. The report based on the latter study concluded that the dredging clean-up was not protective of human health. The cleanup did not come close to meeting the anticipated goals. Alan read the statement to listeners that will be submitted on the Sloop Club's behalf to the EPA.

Gail asked if a vote could be held in relation to the matter. All present members voted in favor of the statement. Individuals are encouraged to express their opinions and concerns on the adequacy of the Hudson River clean-up to both the EPA and local politicians.

September Flotilla-Iroquois Pipeline Protest- Athens, NY

"Food and Water Watch" has asked individuals for ideas and opinions on ways to contribute to the upcoming protest. The protest will be held on a date in late September.

Clearwater Report

The Folk Picnic is set to take place on August 7, 2024. The event will take place at the Settlement Camp. Information can be obtained through the Clearwater website.

Environmental Report

Captain Tom stated that when purchasing toilet paper, it was important to choose products made from recycled papers. Listeners learned that non-recycled toilet paper takes three times the amount of water to produce. An inquiry was made as to the usefulness of bamboo toilet paper. Captain Tom replied by explaining that bamboo toilet paper is not ideal as it comes from China and thus harmful emissions are produced as a result of it being shipped to the United States. A member stated that they purchased recycled toilet paper from the REfill REstore shop in Beacon (located at 480 Main Street).

General Announcements

John thanked the Sloop Club for all their support of the "Cross River Swim". Tor gave a detailed reporting of the items placed in the trash after the last meeting. An attendee named Johnny, the owner of the Arcade Bar in Beacon, inquired about collaborating with the Sloop Club. Rosemary offered to speak to Johnny after the meeting but explained that the Sloop Club could only work with non-profit organizations.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24. Circle of song followed

Opportunities to Learn and Comment on the EPA’s 5-year Review

General Electric’s manufacturing plants in Fort Edward and Hudson Falls discharged PCB’s into the Hudson River for more than 30 years, contaminating the river and leading to a public health emergency as they bioaccumulate in the fatty tissue of fish. The EPA designated 200 miles of the Hudson River as a Superfund site and ordered a cleanup of the section above the Troy dam. That involved removal of sediment and capping.

Under the Superfund law, five-year reviews are required when hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remain at a site that would not allow for unrestricted use. The purpose of the five-year review is to ensure that remedial actions are working as intended and are protective of human health and the environment. On July 10 the EPA released a draft third Five-Year Review (FYR) report concluding that a “protectiveness determination” cannot be made at this time and more data is needed to determine if the dredging of PCBs in the Hudson is meeting the expectations of the original cleanup plan.

FOCH’s independent analysis of EPA data concluded that the rates of recovery of PCB concentrations in both sediment and fish are far below those required to meet the goals established in 2002. You can view their webinar [FOCH Webinar](#), and reports ([report](#), [addendum](#)).

The draft third FYR for the Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site is available for public review at [the EPA’s website](#). Public comments on the draft report will be accepted until October 8, 2024. Comments may be sent to:

Gary Klawinski, Director
 EPA Region 2, Hudson River Office
 187 Wolf Road, Suite 303
 Albany, NY 12205
 Email comments to epahrfo@outlook.com

At Beacon Sloop Club July membership meeting the following was approved, and has been submitted to the EPA:

As an environmental advocacy organization of long standing focused on the health of the Hudson River and its communities, we are submitting the following comments:

While we recognize the complexity of the issues involved in making a determination of protectiveness and the need to meet high statistical standards, we believe that there is adequate data with which to conclude that the concentrations in both fish and sediments are far above those predicted by the models and that additional time and data is very unlikely to change that conclusion.

We conclude that further action is required and urge the EPA to proactively develop plans for additional remediation and or containment to align the recovery to the program goals.

Welcome Allison Walker as our new Instagram administrator. We’ve had an account for a while, but it has languished due to our tech folks being spread pretty thin. Thank you, Allison, for promoting the festivals!

Top content based on reach



Check it out and help us to build content and followers.

<https://www.instagram.com/beaconsloopclub/>



Remembering Fran Sansone

April 4, 1945 – July 10, 2024

A Sloop Club member of 30 years, Fran played many roles sailor, secretary, festival volunteer, performer and more. She brought her great love of music, from opera to folk and everything in between to the group. Fran was a great supporter of the arts and community and could be found at venues throughout the valley.

Her zest for life was contagious, at the clubhouse, at her retreat in Cozy Lake or wherever else one ran into her. We will miss her.

Riverkeepers to Sue to Protect Atlantic Sturgeon

Delaware Riverkeeper Network and the Hudson Riverkeeper have joined forces to submit notices of intent to sue for the illegal killing of Atlantic sturgeon, to three states: New York, New Jersey, and Delaware, asserting that Atlantic sturgeon are being killed in high numbers without required permitting or approval pursuant to the Endangered Species Act.

[For More Details](#)

Corn Festival 2024

A new volunteer told me that it was amazing to see how everyone just shows up and out of chaos it all just comes together. Of course, the chaos part is real, but there is much detailed planning and experience behind the success of our festivals. A huge thank you to the Festival Committee! If you would like to be a part of that, please consider joining them.

Some Corn Festival Highlights:

Two working Solar Trailers.

Corn serving – huge improvement!!

Central supply table for serving ware, with boxes labelled in advance, works well.

Corn serving and hot dogs sharing a 10x20 tent (easier setup /takedown; better use of space).

Debut of vegan corn salad. 120 servings. Posting the ingredients was appreciated by guests. Sold out!

Debut of ‘Beth’s Beverages’. Guests liked the selection and displaying the goods in ice filled tubs drove sales.

A second great year of Vince and Debbie on hot dogs! Sold out!

Great Sailing and happy Guests!

A wonderful corn husking team that kept Tom supplied. Tom like clockwork on cooking.

New lemonade volunteers who broke out in a song singing a lemon song 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 such fun!

The 3rd lemonade squeezer worked out well and cutting lemons in advance kept us running smoothly.

The amazing Tinya, once again engaging 16-18 children at a time in a free activity.

Enough Earth Care volunteers for setup and maintenance during the festival.

The butler service of watermelon brought to the volunteers. They were pleasantly surprised and very appreciative.

Complete elimination of single use plastic water bottles. (This is HUGE!).

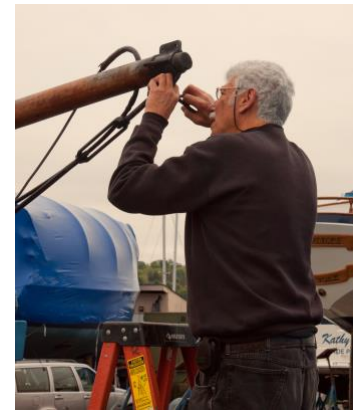
No vendors with single use plastic / plastic tchotchkes. (This is also HUGE!).

Great signage, especially at ticket booth.

Performer hospitality tent.

New volunteers, repeat volunteers, long time volunteers, so many wonderful volunteers.





Woody Report

The sailing season is in full swing. There have been a few rainouts and some dicey weather, but for the most part we have had good winds and great sailing.

Our Corn Festival crews took out 69 guests, to experience and learn about the Hudson River. Thank you to captains Steve and James and all the crew. You are the unsung heroes of the festivals, often missing out of the food and music.

There is still time to join a crew and learn to sail, or just book a spot and come out and enjoy the river.

[Video - Thursday night by John Greener](#)

In Memoria Rich Holzman – 86

Who could forget the towering figure on the foredeck. Rich's involvement with the BSC began with a free ride on the Woody at a Strawberry Festival. He fell in love with our boat and soon was on two crews and a regular at maintenance parties.

It was truly a family affair with children and grandchildren all crewing and working at festivals. Our condolences go out to Jeannie, Edmund, Blaine and Willa.



The Seneca Chief

The Buffalo Maritime Center has built a traditional, full-sized replica of the Erie Canal Boat [Seneca Chief](#), which originally opened the Erie Canal in 1825. From the start, the Erie Canal Boat Project has aimed to engage the community through hands-on experiences and historical exploration.

In 2025, the *Seneca Chief* will embark on its Bicentennial Voyage from Buffalo to New York Harbor, commemorating Gov. DeWitt Clinton's 1825 inaugural journey. This voyage offers Buffalo and communities across New York State a chance to explore the past and plan for the future.

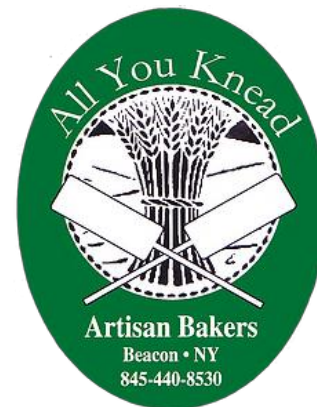
We are currently planning to host the crew when they pass through Beacon.



Between the spans on the *Woody Guthrie*

The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.
June 2024

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	64.90
Corn Festival	
Vendor	80.00
Total Corn Festival	\$ 80.00
Gross Sales of Inventory	4,391.00
Paypal Here	555.00
Total Gross Sales of Inventory	\$ 4,946.00
Interest-Checking	259.41
Interest-Money Market	0.09
Total Investment Income	\$ 259.50
Membership	
Paypal	150.00
Total Membership	\$ 150.00
Other Revenue	
Harbor Mooring Fee	\$ 750.00
Pumpkin Festival	
Vendor	80.00
Total Pumpkin Festival	\$ 80.00
Strawberry Festival	
Shortcakes & Smoothies	19,884.00
Vendor	830.00
Total Strawberry Festival	\$ 20,714.00
Total Income	\$ 27,044.40
Gross Profit	\$ 27,044.40
Expenses	
Bank Expense	
Paypal	279.37
Total Bank Expense	\$ 279.37
Cost of Inventory	2,191.72
Facilities	
Building	345.92
Utilities	183.17
Woody Maintenance	1,799.49
Total Facilities	\$ 2,328.58
Other Expenses	
Sailing Class	75.77
Total Other Expenses	\$ 75.77
Pumpkin Expense	
Utilities	168.00
Total Pumpkin Expense	\$ 168.00
Strawberry Expense	
Strawberries	3,916.99
Supplies & Materials	1,502.49
Total Strawberry Expense	\$ 5,753.91
Total Expenses	\$ 10,797.35
Net Operating Income	\$ 16,247.05
Net Income	\$ 16,247.05
Opening Cash Balance 6/1/2024	\$ 134,441.28
Closing Cash Balance 6/30/2024	\$ 150,688.33
Change in Investment Value	512.06
Total Balance 6/30/2024	\$ 151,200.39
Unrestricted & soft	\$ 120,103.42
Hard Restricted (total)*	\$ 31,096.97
B & S Rozinsky Fund (hard)	\$ 24,554.26
Board designated funds (soft)	\$ 16,236.54



Volunteer Leadership Opportunities

Building Committee Chair: Maintaining the clubhouse is an important responsibility. While the City of Beacon owns the property, we are its custodians. The committee chair is responsible for identifying projects and organizing work parties and working the grants committee to identify funding needs. Some expertise in the building trades is helpful, but not required.

Environmental Tent Chair: Tom Elliott will be stepping down at the end of the year. This is a popular activity for both children and adults, sparking a sense of wonder at the diversity of life to be found in the river. You can join Tom and Pat at the Corn and Pumpkin festivals to learn the ropes.



Current Calendar

BSC Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 28, 7:00 pm

At the clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting

Friday, September 6, 6:30 – 10:00pm

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.

Beacon Sloop Club

PUMPKIN

FESTIVAL

- ★ SUNDAY OCT. 20 - NOON - 5 P.M.
- ★ PETE & TOSHI SEEGER PARK
BEACON, NEW YORK
- ★ PUMPKINS & PIE For Sale
- ★ Sailing ON THE WOODY
- ★ Live MUSIC *free* ADMISSION
- ★ www.beaconsloopclub.org

Hudson River
Sloop Clearwater

UPCOMING PUBLIC SAILS

Maintenance Week Aug 26 - Sept 1

Beacon

- ▲ 5pm Monday, September 2
- ▲ 1pm Saturday, September 7
- ▲ 5:30pm Saturday, September 7
Speaker: Tom Lake, Hudson River Naturalist
- ▲ 1pm Saturday, September 21 (PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN)
- ▲ 5:30pm Saturday, September 21

Poughkeepsie

SOLD OUT Monday, September 14 (PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN)

Up next: Manhattan

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

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