Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 42 Years

A Message from Our President

Looking back on 2015 I'm amazed at how successful the year was for our club. We continued to hold bigger and better festivals, the harbor volunteers continued to maintain beautiful Beacon Harbor, we had wonderful special events, and enormous progress has been made toward getting the Woody back in the water.

As I said in the previous newsletter though, the club does not slow down when the weather gets cold. In recent weeks we had wonderful fundraisers at the Cajun Dance and Little Boxes art show. We just completed a busy weekend with the Holiday Sing and the Holiday Party at David Eberle's house. In January the club will begin its annual winter lecture series, thanks to the hard work of the Environmental Committee.

If you haven't already I encourage everyone to renew your memberships for 2016. Membership is important for keeping contact with our volunteers and it is also an important indicator of the strength of our organization when we represent ourselves to local officials, foundations, and other outside groups. You can conveniently find a membership renewal form in this newsletter.

Happy Holidays.

Inside this issue:

Celebrating the Season, finding our inner artists, dancing for the hungry, building our skills, meet the new officers, same as the old officers, and much more...





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NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, Dec. 22nd 7:00 p.m. NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, Jan 1st 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

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Vendor Coordinator:

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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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Input must be received by the Monday following the monthly membership meeting. Send to Alan Thomas at acthoma@yahoo.com or mail to PO Box 430 Hughsonville, NY 12537. Please allow one week for special handling.

Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, December 4, 2015

Susan Boszo introduced Roger Sprung, who is an American banjo player best known for introducing authentic bluegrass banjo picking styles to the folk music community and for the eclectic manner in which he has adapted bluegrass banjo techniques to music of other genres. He led our opening song 'If I Had a Ship I'd Sail Away'.

Sarah Elisabeth gave the treasury report for October and November as there was a mistake in October that has been rectified. October opening balance was \$220,361 and now the closing is \$219,216. November opening was \$219,216 and closing is \$174,070. She said we have made 3Woody restoration payments totaling \$62,634. She explained the debit line that reflected charges for receiving credit card payments. And noted there was \$852 that came in for selling the 'dire dinks' small boats.

Jeremy from Riverkeeper presented info on a petition to go to the DEC. The Tappan Zee bridge project is colossal. Riverkeeper has been involved from 2010 to protect fish – one fish, the Sturgeon is endangered and they are trying to save two species. Since the beginning of construction, the death of sturgeon has risen steadily. It appears they are dying by being struck by vessels. There are ways to prevent this. They are petitioning various government agencies to protect the fish. A motion was made and accepted and the Beacon Sloop Club will join them in petitioning the National Marine Fishery Service to act.

The annual elections were held. Those present voted to announce winners without the counts. Results: President-James Malchow, Vice President – Saul Rozinsky, Secretary-Gail Moran, Treasurer – Sarah Elisabeth.

Jim Birmingham gave the Woody update. He reported that Oct. 15 the contract officially moved from Rondout Woodworking to the Hudson River Maritime Museum. HRMM work is now focused on the Clearwater until it is back in the water. Meanwhile a number of BSC volunteers have been trained and can work in the interim. A schedule has been set up of components to be worked on with check points for shipwright overview and quality control. This volunteer labor will save the club money.

There is a work party Saturday the 12th, followed by a Clearwater Open Boat potluck and music. If you are interested in the weekly update, contact James. There are skilled and unskilled opportunities.

Jim Kricker has been asked to prepare a new estimate of expected costs based on where we are to date. Alan Thomas said there is an estuary grant due Dec 16 that can only be used for work after May so getting the new estimate before the 16th would be helpful.

Sarah asked if we could renegotiate the costs based on her thought that the workers rate of pay may be less now that they are employed by a nonprofit. Jim B. said our contract is in force regardless of any change in pay.

Tonight's monthly hat pass raised \$31 for the restoration. Flora Jones is in the hospital and Alice Vaughan fell down stairs and broke her pelvis and is recovering at home. The club passes on their well wishes.

Joyce Hanson announced the Cajun Dance on Sunday. It benefits both the food pantry and the BSC. She introduced Candy Rivera who told us about the work 'In Care Of', a Beacon nonprofit that is collaborating with different organizations to meet community needs.

They have collected coats and this year received a grant to purchase some. They have helped supply 297 stocked backpacks – thanks to wonderful people, businesses and other community organizations. Recently they have been involved with getting the Soup Kitchen set up at Tabernacle Church. They are looking for volunteers who could help with grant writing.

Susan Berliner reported that the Little Boxes Art Auction was a fantastic evening that raised over \$3000 for the Woody restoration. The overwhelming sentiment is to do it again next year.

The next BSC event is the Holiday Sing is Friday, December 11 at 7. Aaron will be setting up around 1:30 and could use volunteer help.

David Eberle said the annual Holiday party at his house will be on Sunday, December 13 at 1. They will be 2 bands performing and plenty to eat. Bring side dishes and desserts.

Bonnie reminded us that the Martin Luther King March is coming up in January. An essay contest and poster making are happening in the local schools. There will be musician rehearsals Dec 8th and 15th at David Bernz' store at 6:30. Two more rehearsals will happen at the Springfield Baptist Church Jan 4th and 11th. Jan 18th, the day of the march, will start with a breakfast, then the parade, followed by a program and dinner. Three eagles flew overhead last year and one was back today.

Gail Moran announced that 'A Family Day at Sloop Brewing' fundraiser is in the planning stages. If you are interested in helping with this, contact her or Steve Schwartz

Steve Schwartz shared the good news that the recently launched Indiegogo fundraising site for the Woody has raised \$5561 in 3 days. Getting the word out will make the site more effective so send the link to all you can. Announcements:

Connie Hogarth said given the important international discussion in Paris on preserving our future, the Climate Crisis Coalition is asking people to do something for themselves. Between now and Dec 5, take time for prayer, meditatation or some other moment of serenity for the climate.

JC Calderone said Elizabeth, his wife, will be spearheading the Gingerbread Trail in Beacon. He also thanked the BSC for indirectly supporting Camp Rising Sun Summer Camp so that it won't be leaving the state.

Sarah has 4 baby aloe plants that came from Art Kammel's plant. They are available for adoption.

The Pilgrim Pipeline asked the NY Thruway to be the environmental lead. There is a petition requesting the DEC to be the lead as they are more knowledgeable about environmental concerns.

The Federal Congress passed a resolution to end the ban on exporting fossil fuels. The bill goes to the Senate so contact your Senators to vote against ending the ban.

Lydia Davis said a Women's Concert for the Woody is being organized for April 10. It will be a sing-a-long of a wide heritage of songs by and for women.

Wayne Kocher shared some food for thought: 1) Fracking leaves a vacuum in the earth that leads to earthquakes. 2) During the 9/11 no fly zone, the US air temperature went down 1 degree.

Meeting Adjourned.

The Woody Guthrie Restoration



"Candlelight" Tours at Clearwater's Open Boat

The first phase to the project came to a close in mid-November as the shipwrights shifted their focus to the Clearwater. There is much work and fundraising ahead but I think all involved would agree that we've exceeded all expectations in terms of work accomplished and teamwork. The club has earned immense respect for the skills and dedication of our volunteers.

The current phase offers us a great opportunity to keep the project moving and reduce costs. We had thirteen of our folks attend an all-day training class for which we thank Wayne Ford. A protocol has been established which allows volunteers to fabricate frame elements with sign-off by the shipwrights at key steps. That should keep us busy throughout the winter and insure the quality levels. As always there are many opportunities at all skill levels. Contact James if you would like to be added to the work party distribution list.

In terms of status; all odd upper frames and sisters have been replaced, all sisters on the starboard side are done, and work is well underway on the port side.

A Huge Year-End Thank You to All of Our Volunteers and Supporters, you all contributed greatly.



Little Boxes

(with apologies and homage to Malvina Reynolds)



There was a green one, and a pink one, and a blue one, and a yellow one: and none were ticky tacky and none were just the same.

This was a new event for the Sloop Club and it truly lived up to its billing as a "fun-raiser". With over one hundred pieces of 3x3 art by both professionals and first timers looking for their inner artist; there was something for everyone. The variety and quality of the works was stunning.

This was a real community event thanks to the support of the Beacon Arts Council and local businesses that supplied food and drink. We made many new friends as people mingled to the music and made their selections.

Thank you to Susan and Rosemary and their legion of volunteers who pulled this together. Everyone wants to do it again next year.





The Beacon Sloop Club Joins Riverkeeper in Calling for Action to Protect Hudson River Sturgeon

Year	Number of sturgeon mortalities reported to DEC	Tappan Zee Bridge replacement project activity
2007	7	None
2008	0	None
2009	0	None
2010	1	None
2011	5	None
2012	8	Pile installation testing
2013	25	Start of construction
2014	43	Ongoing construction
2015	46	Ongoing construction

You may recall Steve Stanne announcing, at the strawberry festival a few years ago, the good news that breeding age sturgeon were returning to the Hudson for the first time since they were placed on the endangered species list.

The new Tappan Zee bridge project was approved based on the assumption that no *adult* Atlantic sturgeon could be killed, and no sturgeon would be killed by vessel strike. The approval allowed for the project to kill no more than two shortnose and two Atlantic sturgeon over the entire anticipated five-year duration of the project.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is the federal agency responsible for protecting endangered species nationwide, and specifically, sturgeon in the Hudson. Before the Tappan Zee construction started, NMFS assessed the potential impacts of the project and, based on the above assumptions, allowed the project to go forward based on the small number of anticipated deaths of endangered species.

The Beacon Sloop Club has joined Riverkeeper's effort to petition the NMFS to investigate the deaths of sturgeon and require counter measures such as propeller cages and enforcement of marine speed limits.

Please consider adding your personal concerns and sending them to the agency and other local state and federal officials. Further information is available at.

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Petition Urges EPA to Reconsider PCB Cleanup Remedy - Cites arbitrary and capricious actions leave Hudson River deeply contaminated

The leading environmental groups closely monitoring the PCB-dredging project have formally petitioned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reconsider the remedy it selected for the Hudson River Superfund site, citing its projected failure to achieve the agency's own cleanup objectives and highlighting arbitrary and capricious actions taken by the EPA that have allowed General Electric (GE) to prematurely decommission its cleanup facilities. In addition to detailing the deficiencies in GE's recently completed cleanup, the petition presents the legal and factual reasons why the EPA must undertake an immediate review of the cleanup and require additional remedial action as necessary to fulfill its statutory and regulatory obligations to protect human health and the environment.

Signed by Clearwater, the Natural Resources Defense Council, Riverkeeper, Scenic Hudson and the Sierra Club (Atlantic Chapter), the petition says the EPA made an "arbitrary and capricious" de facto determination that the five-year dredging project, which wrapped up in October, effectively protects human health and the environment. The petition cites research and analysis indicating the project has failed to meet goals outlined in the remedy to make the river healthier and safer for humans and wildlife. The petition includes discussion of recent analysis from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—the EPA's sister agency—showing that high levels of PCBs will remain in the river, and Hudson River fish, generations longer than expected unless further dredging is conducted.

The text of the petition is available at: https://www.dropbox.com/s/eklfhyb76t7qshg/usepa-pcb-petition.pdf

Contact: Manna Jo Greene, Environmental Director, <u>Clearwater</u>, 845 807 1270, or mannjo@clearwater.org

The Beacon Sloop Club wishes a speedy recovery to members Flora Jones and Alice Vaughn. We hope to see you back at the club soon!



Cajun Dances Raised Funds for Those in Need

Many thanks to all the hard working volunteers who donated their time and energy.

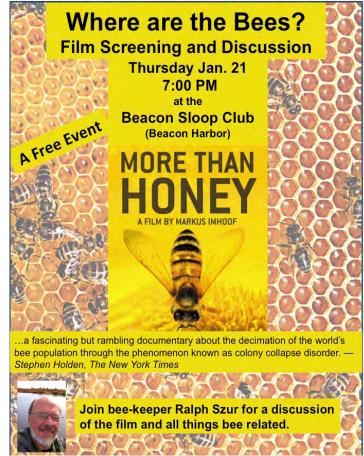
John Allen, Judy Allen, Barry Grimecy, Susan Berliner, Nancy Blake, Nancy Cahill Bonnie Champion, Barbara Ellis, David Eberle, Vicky Fox, Margaret DeHeus, Konstantin Doren, Betty Harkins, Allice Matthews, Julie Otto, Andra Sramek, Jane Shumsky, Matthew Tether, Alan Thomas, Rosemary Thomas, Aaron Verdile.

A special yum for John Allen's Gumbo and Margaret DeHeus' Cajun Stew and chocolate chip cookies. Thank you Krewe de la Rue for playing for us again this year. And of course a big thank you to Joyce Hanson who organized the event.

We raised \$600 for St. Andrews/St. Lukes Food Pantry and \$400 for InCare of Multi-Service Inc. who stepped into the gap to provide hot meals when the Salvation Army closed their soup kitchen. The auction and merchandise sales raised \$660 for the Woody restoration.



The Winter Lecture Series Begins





Food, Music, Good Friends, and all those Santas can only mean the Eberle Holiday Party

As always a great time was had by all as the Eberle's opened their historic home to the Sloop Club and the community. They outdid themselves with the spread this year. There was something for everyone.

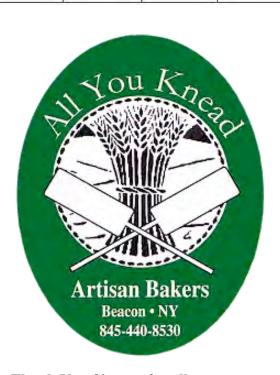
Judith Tulloch and her band and Chris Ruhe and friends were tremendous. Live music is such a treat.

Thank you to all who brought something to share. Cathy's falafel was to die for.

It's such a nice way to bring a busy, busy year at the club to a close.

			Beacon S	loop Club Treasury Report						
				itted by Sarah Elisabeth						
November 14, 2015										
BSC General Fund	Amount	Snailmail	Paypal	Woody & Small Boats	Festival & Event	Newsletter	Harbor	Clubhouse		
Donation	292.26									
Save Our Sloop	2193.00			2193.00						
Where's the Woody	1751.00			1751.00						
Membership	785.00	150.00	635.00							
Small Boats	450.00			450.00	12- 27					
Royalty	7.16									
Royalty Vendor	1335.00				1335.00					
Total	6813.42	v à								
Bank Expense	-66.52		-63.99		-2.53					
DMV	-52.00				-52.00	- 1				
Woody Maintenance	-36633.08			-36633.08						
Insurance	-10656.00							-10656.0		
Advertising	-100.00							-100.0		
Membership	-100.00							-100.0		
Postage, Printing	-493.92					-493.92				
Festival	-1307.02	1 1 1			-1307.02					
Park Fee	-400.00				-400.00					
Police	-1801.21				-1801.21					
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Total	-51959,75	150.00	571.01	-32239,08	-2577.76	493.92		-10856,0		
Total Monthly Income & Expenses	-45146.33									





Thank You Simone for all your support



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Current Calendar

Executive Committee meeting, Tues. Dec. 22 nd 7:00pm., at the Clubhouse

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

PLANET BLUE WITH CHRIS RUHE on radio station WVKR 91.3 FM, Every Mon., 5 to 6 p.m.

MLK Day Parade Rehersal, Mon. Jan 4, 6:30 pm, Springfield Baptist Church, 8 Mattie Cooper Sq. Beacon. Use the side door.

MLK Day Parade Rehersal, Mon. Jan 11 6:30 pm, Springfield Baptist Church, 8 Mattie Cooper Sq. Beacon. Use the side door.

Clearwater Open Boat, Sat. Jan 16, 4:00-8:00 pm, In The Barn, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston, NY

MLK Day Parade, Mon. Jan 18, 9:30 am, Springfield Baptist Church, 8 Mattie Cooper Sq. Beacon. Use the side door.

Winter Lecture Series – Where Are the Bees – Film screening and discussion, Thurs. Jan. 21, 7:00 pm at the BSC Clubhouse

Tribute to Pete Seeger-Float the Boat benefit for Clearwater, Sun. Jan. 24, 2:00-6:00 pm, Rosendale Rec. Center, Rt. 32 Rosendale, NY

Movies That Matter, Beacon – Years of Living Dangerously, Fri. Jan. 29, 7:00- 9:00 pm, First Presbyterian Church of Beacon, 50 Liberty Street, Beacon, NY

Winter Lecture Series – Preserving the Hudson Valley's Maritime Heritage w/ Russ Lange, Thurs. Feb. 18, 7:00 pm at the BSC Clubhouse



Woody work parties will continue throughout the winter at the HRMM.

Contact James Malchow to receive weekly updates.

Election Results:

President: James Malchow Vice President: Saul Rozinsky Treasurer: Sarah Elisabeth Secretary: Gail Moran

Congratulations to our 2016 Officers



We have new Beacon Sloop Club hats in two stylish colors. They are 100% cotton, high quality six-panel construction, with 5999 stitch embroidered logo, and made in the USA.

Available at Sloop Club events at the low member price of \$20.

Please help our crowdsourcing effort to reach a wider audience by sharing:

https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/help-us-restore-the-ferry-sloop-woody-guthrie - /

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