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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 55 Years

A Message from Our President

We are learning to align our club practices more closely to our environmental mission. We are finding ways to recycle, reuse, and reduce our impact on the environment.

At our festivals, we make every effort to limit waste. We insist that our food vendors use recyclable and compostable serving ware. We select our vendors with an eye towards their environmental commitment. We place refuse stations at convenient locations throughout the festival grounds with clearly marked containers for recyclables, compostables and trash. Committed and knowledgeable volunteers stand at each station to guide festivalgoers on where to place their refuse. As a result, over the years there has been a noticeable decline in the amount of garbage generated at our festivals. Our festival music stages are often powered by solar panel trailers, reducing our reliance on fossil fuels. At the end of each festival, we work hard to leave the park as clean, or cleaner than it was before the festival.

We are becoming more environmentally conscious at our monthly general meetings. The multrum, a prominent feature of our clubhouse, completely eliminates wastewater. And whereas in the past, paper cups and plates, plastic knives, forks, and spoons were in common usage at our potlucks, now we are committed to reducing our reliance on disposable items destined for landfills. We encourage members and guests to bring their own permanent or recyclable dinnerware.

A fixed part of every Membership meeting agenda is the Environmental Report. Our Environmental Coordinator Tom LaBarr, provides timely tips, observations, and updates, including practical advice on how we can all reduce our waste. Recently, Tore Heskestad has provided us with helpful garbage reports at every meeting. Taking this commitment even further, Tore now generously provides recyclable dinnerware at the potlucks which he has thoughtfully offered to clean afterwards. All these measures seem to be working, since there is appreciably less trash produced at our recent meetings.

Our Sloop Woody Guthrie relies on wind power, obviously, but in times when wind is not available, the craft is powered by an electric motor charged at our charging dock, thus negating our reliance on fossil fuels. The maintenance crew eschews the application of antifouling copper bottom paint to the hull of the Woody because its toxicity is harmful to the river and its inhabitants.

Each spring, club members and friends meet at the clubhouse and take part in Riversweep. We devote an entire day to voluntarily removing trash from the river shore around the clubhouse.

All these measures surely help. But we are always looking for ways to do even better.

On a different note, I want to thank everyone for their support during my time as Club President. It has been a great honor to serve you. Thank you for the privilege. Congratulations to Patricia Finnerty, the new President. I wish her the very best of luck during her tenure.

Rob

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Showing our holiday spirit, election results, TOD is back, and much more...



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River and its environs. Our main focus is	BSC Committee Chairs and Contacts		ontacts		
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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, December 6, recorded by Trish Murphy

Opening Music: Ken Miller, Rob May, and Bonnie Champion did a spirited performance of the song "Quite Early Morning" by the iconic Pete Seeger.

Opening Announcements:

President Rob May opened the meeting with a friendly reminder that the clubhouse is a carry-in and carry-out facility and emphasized the importance of separating trash from recycles when disposing of items. Rob thanked Christine for being this month's "Multrum Hero". Thor kindly volunteer to take both the garbage and recycles. He further offered to do a detailed reporting of such. Two new members were welcomed. Captain Tom offered wood at his residence for firewood to be cut by an undetermined volunteer.

Board Nominations:

Members were asked to not cast ballots until after the conclusion of all possible nominations and speeches. Nominees from the November meeting were the following: Aaron Verdile for treasurer, Patricia Finnerty and Rob May for president, Patricia Murphy for secretary, Konstantin Doren, Lydia Adams Davis, and Metal Winters for vice president. No additional nominations were made. James and Gail were thanked for being such a hard-working Nominating Committee and voting was opened.

Treasurer's Report: Aaron gave a detailed treasury report for the month of October. (See treasury report for full details).

Woody Report/ Harbor Report: The Woody is currently docked in Haverstraw and tarped for the winter. Winter maintenance requests will be distributed to volunteers by means of email and WhatsApp. The docks will be stored at Whites for the winter.

Building Committee: Rosemary stated that the club was currently seeking new members for the Building Committee. Volunteers don't have to be professional carpenters or laborers to join. All that is required to join is a desire to help with the effort to improve the clubhouse. Rosemary stated anyone wishing to join can reach out to her or another club representative.

Free Adult Mental Health First Aid Class: Antony stated that he will be offering a free Mental Health First Aid class that is open to the public. The class will address techniques for having difficult conversations with those who need help struggling with mental health as well as learning tools and techniques to deal with various Mental Health illnesses and conditions. The class will take place on Sunday December 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Beacon volunteer Ambulance Corp.

Clearwater Report: Rosemary informed listeners that the Clearwater is currently docked in Kingston. The remainder of the wood needed for a major restoration will be purchased over the next four weeks. Rosemary shared the interesting fact that after the sail is replaced, an older sail is repurposed into bags and such and sold as merchandise. The "Pay What You Can" Sails had 98% occupancy and proved to be a very successful way to connect with the community. Alan stated the Clearwater posted a photo of the crew opening the gift purchased by the Sloop Club off the "Captain's Wish List".

Rosemary gave thanks to the Beacon Sloop Club for being supportive of Clearwater.

Holiday sing / Common Ground Fundraiser: The annual Sloop Club Holiday Sing is set to take place on December 14th from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. This year the Sloop Club has again chosen "Common Ground Farm". They provide direct nutritional support to those in need using fresh and healthy foods. The event is potluck style; guests are asked to bring finger food. Members wishing to donate by check can make checks payable to the Sloop Club with the added notation "CG Donation" in the bottom corner of the check.

Environmental Report: Captain Tom opened his reporting with the horrendous situation in Pakistan and India in which residents are trapped in their domiciles due to the excessive air pollution. Unfortunately, no strides have been made to rectify this issue. The solution for some wealthy individuals is the proposal to inhabit Mars. The notion that those with the financial means to help fix this planet would rather invest money and time attempting to inhabit a new planet was found to be deeply lugubrious and eye-opening.

Election Results: The ballots were triple counted and the following election results were presented: Patricia Finnerty as president, Konstantin Doren as vice president, Aaron Verdile as treasurer, and Patricia Murphy as secretary.

General Announcements: Vicky informed fellow members about the women's Health Protection Act and urged members to reach out to their local politician to show support for the bill. **JC Calderon** stated that he was assigned by the mayor to run a committee on Fishkill Avenue development. He is currently communicating with the MTA about a building project which affects the parking lot north of West Main Street. The project includes 300 apartments and parking, Mr. Calderon stated that he warned the MTA that there would be stiff opposition to the project from the community. This opposition includes the Beacon Sloop Club. Alan Zollner stated that the River Pool annual meeting went well and congratulated Bonnie Champion for being a new board member for the organization. The next "Cross River Swim" is likely to take place on July 26th, 2025. Bonnie Champion informed listeners that the Martin Luther King parade is set to take place on the third Monday in the month of January. The theme for the essay contest this year is "Keep the Dream Alive." Rob and Vince were thanked for their time on the Sloop Club board and for their unwavering dedication to the club. Wayne spoke about the impact mankind has on air pollution and suggested ways individuals can help remedy the situation, such as carpooling and solar energy. Thor gave a detailed garbage report of items disposed of by members and emphasized what items could and could not be recycled. He suggested members bring a PLEK (potluck eating kit) with them and further offered his own reusable items to any member as an alternative to them using disposable plates and silverware. Joyce auctioned off a vase. The money raised will be donated to "Common Ground Farm". Alan gave thanks to everyone who renewed their membership. He noted that approximately 2/3 of memberships are due for renewal in January. **Rob** thanked everyone for their support. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made and seconded

Adjournment:A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 8:43 p.m. "Circle of Song" followed immediately afterwards.

They're Back: MTA Reveals Proposed Housing Project at the Beacon Train Station.

Remember that project with the high-rise parking garage and 300+ housing units that we fought 15 years ago? It's back in somewhat modified form.

We were part of a large coalition, including Main Street businesses that feared competition, that raised a multitude of concerns about the project's impact on the waterfront and the city. While we'd like to think that the aesthetic and environmental impacts won the day, in the end the business impacts may have been the deciding factor in stopping the project. The MTA feels that the that is no longer a concern with the current proposal.

For more information see the following:

MTA Reveals More Train Station Project Details

We, and our members who are City of Beacon Residents in particular, need to stay on top of this. Developers proposals were due to the MTA by December 18th.

New York Expands Fracking Ban

Governor Kathy Hochul has signed into law a banning drilling with (CO2) adding to the existing ban on fracking in the state. The technology is largely experimental and unproven and poses many of the same health and environmental risks as hydrofracking.

New Law Holds Fossil Fuel Companies Responsible for Impact of Pollution on New York Communities

The landmark legislation provides protection for New Yorkers by requiring large fossil fuel companies to pay for critical projects that bolster New York's resiliency to dangerous climate impacts, like flooding and extreme heat.

Legislation S.2129-B/A.3351-B creates a 'Climate Superfund' to support New York-based projects, such as coastal protection and flood mitigation systems, to enhance the climate resilience of communities across the state. This legislation shifts the cost of climate adaptation from everyday New Yorkers to the fossil fuel companies most responsible for the pollution.

DEC Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar said, "...this law will complement the State's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, help communities adapt to the climate-driven impacts experienced today, and leverage the significant investments the Governor is making in climate resilience."

The Hudson River Foundation's Issues "State of the Estuary" Report

The report summarizes research and data from the last 23 years, highlighting trends and the current state on the ecosystem.

"Historic trends show that the improvement of water quality in the Estuary is one of its biggest success stories. Prior to the Clean Water Act, portions of the Hudson-Raritan Estuary were so polluted that fish were rarely seen. Today those same reaches support the growth and survival of many fish and wildlife species. However, within the approximately 20-year timeframe of this report, some of the positive trends in water quality indicators have leveled off, not showing the continued improvements of earlier years. The most concerning trend in this report is the clear increase in water temperatures throughout the Estuary. These rising water temperatures could have a largely negative effect on many aspects of our environment, such as water chemistry and wildlife health."

The full report may be found here:

The State of the Estuary 2025. The Hudson River Estuary Management Program and NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program. New York. November 2024.

Atlantic Striped Bass Board Initiates Addendum to Consider 2026 Management Measures

The Commission's Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board has initiated Draft Addendum III to consider recreational and commercial management measures for 2026 to support rebuilding the stock by 2029. Options will consider a range of reductions for the recreational and commercial fisheries. Recreational reductions will consider season and size limits that take into account regional differences, including no-harvest and notargeting closures. Final action is planned for no later than October 2025 with implementation in early 2026.

The action responds to the results of the 2024 Stock Assessment Update, which indicates the resource remains overfished but is not experiencing overfishing. Short-term projections estimate an increase in fishing mortality in 2025 due to the above average 2018 year-class entering the current recreational ocean slot limit combined with the lack of strong year-classes behind it. This action is intended to increase the probability of rebuilding the stock by adjusting subsequent 2026 management measures to ensure the stock is on the necessary rebuilding trajectory.

Changing of the Guard

Please welcome our new officers for 2025:

President: Patrica Finnerty
Vice- President: Konstantin Doren
Treasurer: Aaron Verdile
Secretary: Patricia Murphy

You are all such great volunteers we know they will have the support they need to make 2025 a banner year.

As the year comes to a close, we want to thank Rob May for three years of thoughtful leadership. He came onboard at a tough time and led us through our recovery from Covid and the ramp up of all our activities. We so appreciate his commitment and dedication. Those who have served know how much work it can be, and how many unanticipated issues arise. Of course, we won't let him off too easy and expect to see him back in his role as a regular volunteer.

What can we say about Vince Farina, who stepped up as our vice-president among his many roles. Often out of the spotlight, he took on many tasks that keep the club going. Notably, he was a key player in negotiating our dock agreement with the City of Beacon.

Lastly, we would like to thank everyone who threw their hat in the ring and ran for office (you all received many votes). We were founded on Pete's principle of participation and you set a great example for the rest of us.

Now for the Rest of Us... Opportunities Abound

Do you have skill or time to contribute? Speak with one of our officers or committee chairs.

We need folks for the environmental education tent, the building committee, tech support and social media, and much more.

There are always opportunities to help with festivals.

On the Woody:

We have many opportunities for maintenance projects for individuals or teams (crews). Some require specific skills and a chance to learn.

Contact Steve Schwartz, James Malchow or another captain if you would like to help.

You don't have to be a sailor.



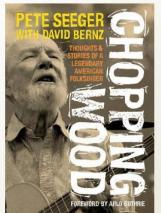
Holiday Sing Raised Much-Needed Funds for the Food Challenged

Our members and friends packed the house to spread holiday cheer and support Common Ground Farm's food donation program. Thank you to Aaron, Trish, Joyce and Susan for making this happen, and of course to all the musicians who were so generous with their talents. Fostering community spirit through song is a tradition that goes to our core.



BEACON SLOOP CLUB WINTER LECTURE SERIES

Thursday January 16, 7:00 PM Chopping Wood-Pete Seeger w/ David Bernz At the Beacon Sloop Club, 2 Red Flynn Dr. Beacon NY



Chopping Wood is Pete Seeger up close and personal like never before. Derived from years of conversations between Seeger and his close friend and collaborator David Bernz, it takes readers on a uniquely personal journey through this legendary folksinger and songwriter's remarkable life and career, in his own words.

A Free Event



David Bernz is a Hudson Valley folksinger and a two-time Grammy-winning producer. David has a BA in history from Boston University (1980) and a Juris Doctorate from CUNY Law School (1991). David grew up knowing Pete and eventually became his producer, recording both music and spoken word with him. David currently owns Main Street Music, a stringed instrument shop in Beacon, New York, together with his son and business partner Jacob Bernz, who is also a gifted songwriter and performer. David and his family are long-time members of the Beacon Sloop Club.

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From the Clearwater Crew:

Thank you to the purchaser of this bandsaw from our Amazon Wishlist! Each item on the list is needed for restoring Clearwater, and every purchase helps support our efforts. Shop our Captain's Wishlist: https://bit.ly/SloopWishlist

This was purchased by the Beacon Sloop Club using contributions from the November hat pass.







The Beacon Sloop Club, inc. October 2024

		Total
Income		200.001-200
Contribution, Gifts, Grants		352.93
Woody maintanice fund	•	110.00
Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants Gross Sales of Inventory	\$	462.93 2,423.00
Paypal Here		45.00
Total Gross Sales of Inventory	\$	2,468.00
Total Investment Income	\$	319.44
Membership	•	010.44
Paypal		185.00
Snailmail		75.00
Total Membership	\$	260.00
Pumpkin Festival		
Pies		6,380.00
Pumpkins		580.00
Vendor		1,365.00
Total Pumpkin Festival	\$	8,325.00
Total Income	\$	11,835.37
Gross Profit	\$	11,835.37
Expenses		
Bank Expense		
Paypal		121.43
Total Bank Expense	\$	121.43
Corn Expense		114.41
Eco-supplies	<u> </u>	-140.00
Total Corn Expense	-\$	25.59
Cost of Inventory		2,527.81
Facilities		
Utilities	S	68.94
Total Facilities	\$	68.94
Other Expenses		
Donation		1,500.00
Website	0 -12	34.30
Total Other Expenses	\$	1,534.30
Printing, etc.		44.50
Broadside	_	44.58
Total Printing, etc.	\$	44.58
Pumpkin Expense advertisement		886.46 4.99
Chili & Soup		239.96
Eco products		574.61
Pies		551.56
Pumpkins		600.00
Utilities		151.50
Total Pumpkin Expense	\$	3,009.08
Strawberry Expense	•	0,000.00
smoothie expense - banana, ice		161.80
Total Strawberry Expense	\$	161.80
Total Expenses	\$	7,442.35
Net Operating Income	\$	4,393.02
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Opening Cash Balance 10/1/2024	\$	147,043.67
Closing Cash Balance 10/31/2024	\$ \$	151,436.69
Change in Investment Value	*	-335.89
Total Balance 10/31/2024	\$	151,100.80
Unrestricted & soft	Ś	124,811.79
Hard Restricted (total)*	\$ \$ \$ \$	26,289.01
B & S Rozinsky Fund (hard)	Ś	25,475.36
Board designated funds (soft)	Š	16,529.42
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Save the Date
Annual Martin Luther King Day
Singing Parade
Monday January 20, 2025
Springfield Baptist Church,
8 Mattie Cooper Drive, Beacon

Current Calendar

BSC Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, December 30, 7:00 pm 5 Cliff St., Beacon

Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting

Friday, January 3, 6:30 – 10:00pm At the clubhouse

Practical Navigator Captain's Course January 6-10

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Offices 724 Wolcott Ave., Beacon

Clearwater Dance Party at Sunset Sunday, January 12, 3-7 pm

At the Barn 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston

BSC Winter Lecture Series Chopping Wood w/ David Bernz Thursday January 16, 7pm

At the Clubhouse

Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse – Jan 18 @ 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm Jackson Pines

at the Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation, White Plains

Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse – Feb.15 @ 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm Emma's Revolution

at the Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation, White Plains

Annual Martin Luther King Day Singing Parade Monday January 20, 2025

Springfield Baptist Church, 8 Mattie Cooper Drive, Beacon



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.

People Over Plastics Tuesday January 28 10 am to 4 pm

Westminster Presbyterian Church 85 Chestnut St., Albany NY

Reminder:

The majority of our members are on a January renewal cycle, so it's a good time to get a jump on the new year.

The suggested donation for a household membership is \$25. No one is turned away if that is a hardship. Your participation is priceless.

We also have opportunities for committee positions and festival leadership, so don't be shy.



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

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