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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 56 Years

A Message from the President

The Woody Dinner has been revisited, the Les Soeurs Amiables Civic Club has picked the BSC as an honoree, the winter lecture series is up and running, and our festival season is in the works. Volunteerism at its very best. 2025 is off to a great start!

Much appreciation to Joyce, Susan, and friends for resurrecting the Woody Dinner held at The Garrison in Garrison, NY this past Sunday, Feb 22, 2025. Thank you to Dave Toman Executive Director of Clearwater and several members for coming out and supporting this fabulous tradition of the Woody Dinner! All proceeds are dedicated to the maintenance of our beloved Woody Guthrie. Our deep appreciation to the Judith Tulloch band for volunteering their talent providing awesome entertainment. It was a fun afternoon and can't wait till next year!

The Les Soeurs Amiables Civic Club, a women's organization that originated in Beacon in 1948, has picked the Beacon Sloop Club as one of their honorees this year. The Le Soeurs Club raises monies and offers scholarships to local students. The luncheon will be held at Villa Borghese in Wappingers, NY on May 3, 2025. Coincidentally, Pete's birthday! If you would like to attend, please reach out via email for more information: pat942182@gmail.com.

Thank you to Alan Thomas and Steve Van for organizing the Winter Lecture Series. Upcoming lecture: Searching for New York's Rare Fireflies w/ Kate Hietala-Henschell and Matt Schlesinger will be held, Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 7:00 pm at the Beacon Sloop Club, 2 Red Flynn Dr., Beacon, NY. Hope to see you there!

Our Festival Season will kick off Sunday, June 8, 2025, with our infamous Strawberry Festival! Guests will have the opportunity to purchase our delicious baked on site shortcake with fresh strawberries and whipped cream! Yum!!! Free admission, music, children's activities, and many vendors! Thank you, Ana, for coordinating the vendors! Mark your calendars!

Volunteerism is what the members of the Beacon Sloop Club members do best! They are the backbone of our organization without them we can't do much or even exist! So, THANK YOU to all our seasoned volunteers and to the many new volunteers that have joined the ranks! If you enjoy volunteering your time, we have a job for you! So come on down!

We meet at the Beacon Sloop Club every first Friday of the month at 6:30 for a Potluck Dinner followed by our General Membership Meeting and ending the evening with a song circle. Hope you will join us! Next General Membership Meeting is Friday, March 7, 2025, at 6:00!

Patricia

Inside this issue:

Partying for the Woody and the river, MLK day essays, remembering a friend, and much more...



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Wednesday March 26, 7:00 p.m. NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, March 7, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

If you haven't yet; Please Renew. BSC Membership Form

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Community Outreach

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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Woody Sailors

Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, February 7, recorded by Trish Murphy

Opening Music: Ken Miller, Rob May, Mary Poppins, and Bonnie Champion performed the song "Groundhog Day Blues".

MLK Parade: The Martin Luther King Day parade is set to take place on February 17th, pending weather conditions. The event opens with a breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Bonnie Champion handed out flyers to members. She explained that the event was inspired by the passion of the iconic Pete Seeger, who at the age of ninety-four, made his way to a meeting in 2013 to express that he felt people were not recognizing the legacy of Dr Reverend Martin Luther King Jr to the degree it warranted. All members are encouraged to come and bring flags, banners, or just their singing voices.

Treasury Report: Aaron gave a detailed treasury report for the month of December (see treasurer's report for details).

Woody Dinner: Susan Berliner was happy to announce that the first Woody dinner since 2019 is set to take place. The dinner is scheduled to occur on February 23rd from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. The talented Judith Tulloch will be providing live music. A raffle and silent auction will take place during the event. Susan encouraged all members to support the club by coming to dress up, socialize, enjoy delicious food, and have a good time at the reasonable cost of \$75.00 a person. Those wishing to attend should register by February 10th.

Winter Lecture Series: Alan explained that due to the MLK parade and Woody dinner there would not be a lecture in February. A lecture about fireflies is set to take place on March 20th. On April 17th the author of the book "God Bless Benedict Arnold" will be speaking. Alan stated that Steve is currently in contact with the American Chestnut Society to possibly secure a future lecture.

Clearwater Report: Clearwater's annual "Spirit of the Hudson Gala" is set to take place on April 16th at the Garrison from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. tickets are available at the cost of \$300.00 per person. The silent auction, full of interesting items, will go live on March 21st. Funds raised from the event will support educational school programs.

Strawberry Festival: Rosemary announced that the Strawberry Festival is set to take place on Sunday June 8th. The festival will include 1,800 biscuits and 1,000 lbs. of strawberries. She expressed that the main objective of the festival is to bring the community to the river with an emphasis on community togetherness and conservation. It is hoped people who attend the event will form a connection with the Hudson River and want to protect it as a result. Rosemary said a refrigerated van is currently being sought. All clapped for Ana Luna and she was thanked for all her hard work in helping with organizing the festival as the new Vendor Coordinator. The possibility of renting a tent this year to ease the stress on volunteers was mentioned. All present were encouraged to volunteer to help make the Strawberry Festival a success.

Environmental Report: Captain Tom opened his report with the concerning fact that the increase in Bitcoin and AI has resulted in an extreme increase in energy and heat as a result. He then raised the concern that the current administration has expressed that drilling for oil is prioritized over wind, solar, and other green energy options. Captain Tom expressed the importance of contacting your legislature to express concerns and opinions about this and other environmental issues. A member said that there is an app called fivecalls and a website located at www.fivecalls.com which enables people to easily do the latter.

Building Committee Chair: John Greener, head of the building committee, stated that meetings are currently taking place and repairs to the clubhouse have begun. Updates to the clubhouse include the repair of a hole in the ceiling and storage spaces being cleaned and cleared. Volunteers are needed to help improve the clubhouse by joining the building committee. Those wishing to join should contact John Greener directly or email him at JGreener@gmail.com.

Woody Report: Captain Steve stated that the Woody remains in good working order and is safely secured for winter storage in Haverstraw.

Harbor Report: Captain Steve said the current plan is for the city of Beacon to repair the corners of the dock and the erosion under the ramp. Captain Steve informed listeners that the BFD would like to place a small storage shed on the Sloop Club property to house a 12-ft inflatable Zodiac rescue boat in the location where the Ebenezer currently exists. The BFD has offered to provide storage space in the shed in return for use of the area.

Fishkill Creek Watershed Alliance: It was learned that the Fishkill Creek Watershed Alliance will be testing the water in the creek for industrial pollutants, among other things. A citywide cleanup is set to take place on April 26th. The cleanup will be followed by a fair at the Hudson Brewery. Planting of vegetation will also be done along the creek.

Waste Report: Tore Heskestad opened his report by reminding all present that the Sloop Club is a "carry-in and carry out facility." He stated that waste collected for December weighed in at 5 lb and 10 oz. Tore kindly provided washable plates to those at the meeting as an alternative to paper plates in order to reduce waste.

General Announcements: John McLaughlin expressed his concern over the current political climate. Gail shared valuable information about the concerning source of paper products. Ken Miller gave helpful tips on lowering home energy usage. It was announced that the "Women in Black" have a vigil from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. in front of the Memorial Library in New Paltz every Saturday. Joyce auctioned off hats made by Mary Poppins. Wayne was recognized as being an incredible artist and his wood carving was admired by all. Bonnie closed the meeting with the heart-wrenching news that our own Matt Bowen was in his last days of life due to illness and she asked anybody willing to pray for him.

Adjournment : A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 8:45 p.m. circle of song followed immediately afterward.

Governor Hochul Nominates Amanda Lefton to Head the State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)

Amanda Lefton is an award-winning leader in developing the U.S. offshore wind industry. As the director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management under the Biden Administration from 2021-2023 she oversaw the establishment of the nation's first two offshore wind projects. Before that, as New York State's First Assistant Secretary for Energy and Environment, Lefton managed the state's climate and environmental initiatives and 12 agencies — including the DEC. Lefton was previously the Deputy Policy Director for The Nature Conservancy in New York.

Cuts and Chaos

Stay tuned, it's hard to know where reality lies, between statements by the President, and clarifications and backtracking by members of the administration. It is clear that employees, contractors and businesses are being whipsawed almost daily.

Despite a comment by President Donald Trump, the Environmental Protection Agency does not plan to reduce its staff by 65%, the White House and the agency said. A White House spokeswoman said the 65% figure referred to expected spending cuts at the agency, rather than staffing levels. Lee Zeldin told Fox News, "We don't need to be spending all that money that went through the EPA last year....We don't want it. We don't need it. The American public needs it and we need to balance the budget."

Funding for the EPA is \$10.9 billion in the current budget year, an increase of 8.5% over the previous one. Zeldin said the agency needs far less money to do its work. He also criticized EPA grants authorized under the 2022 climate law, including \$20 billion for a so-called green bank to pay for climate and clean-energy programs, and has initiated efforts to claw back funds already committed.

The program, approved under the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act contains two initiatives, worth \$14 billion and \$6 billion respectively, intended to offer competitive grants to nonprofits, community development banks and other groups for projects with a focus on disadvantaged communities.

Meanwhile at NOAA:

The exact number of employees let go remains unknown. NOAA spokespeople have declined to comment on personnel matters. Senator Maria Cantwell's office said Thursday it had confirmed the number at 880.

NOAA's staff oversees monitoring the world's atmosphere and the nation's weather and climate, including its most violent storms. The staff forecasts and tracks tornadoes, hurricanes, and extreme rainfall events, and is also responsible for predicting solar storms and protecting the fish, crabs, and other species.

MLK Day Essay Winners

Edith Lieberman

Ms. Keogh, J.V. Forrestal Elementary School, Grade 4

Dr. King's words still ring true today. In fact, they are more necessary than ever. The kids of my generation face many injustices and issues, including gun violence, climate change, and the loss of women's rights. Racial inequality remains a big problem. There is still a lot of work to be done, and we are all responsible for doing it.

Even though I am just a kid, I know I can make an impact on the world, just like Dr. King did.

Kendra Young, Grade 2

I try to be like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by always being nice to others. Look at my friends. We all are different colors and Dr. King taught us no matter what race or differences we have, we all can get along.

Amelia Scott

Ms. Gall, J.V. Forrestal Elementary School, Grade 2

Martin Luther King's dream was that people would not be judged by the color of their skin, but by their character. We keep his dream alive by treating people equally every day. For example, let everyone play in your game and don't exclude people because of their skin color. You should be kind to one another no matter what they look like.

Atlas C. Baltz, Beacon High School, Grade 10

Every person has a dream, whether it be on a small scale or large scale. Many people dream of things such as fame or love, but society's forward thinkers dream of one thing: progress. Martin Luther King's time was uncertain, with rampant racial tension and segregation. Racism was commonplace and often government supported.

In addition to being able to recognize problems, a civicallyaware citizen must be able to engage in critical thought surrounding the issue and reach different conclusions and/or come up with propositions to address the problem.

It is the duty of humanity to fight for freedom, unity, and hope. It is the duty of humanity to stick together for the common good. It is the duty of humanity to keep the dream of Dr. King. alive until it is completed.

Alice Courtney

Ms. Fisher, J.V. Forrestal Elementary School, Grade 5

One way to keep Dr. Martin Luther King's dream alive is to stand up to unfair treatment. If you come across someone being treated unfairly, you can stand up for them! It doesn't matter how old you are. As they say, "one good deed always sparks another." If you see something unfair or wrong, one voice will lead to more!

Another way to keep King's dream alive is to volunteer to help people who are less fortunate. For example, volunteering at a food pantry can help get food to those in need. No matter how young or old you are, there are ways to make a difference!

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MLK Day Essay Winners Cont'd

Evelyn Moreno, Beacon High School, Grade 12

Growing up with people of different backgrounds, ethnicities, and cultures taught me how to accept my own, and fuel it with the gasoline that is my voice. With my own my Hispanic background, I plan to keep Martin Luther King's dream alive.

I have never given hatred permission to stop me. I still find a bit of light through the dark tunnel. By keeping King's dream alive, we can find more of that glint of prosperity. All it takes is kindness.

Gavin Berry

Ms. Fisher, J.V. Forrestal Elementary School, Grade 5

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream to end racism in the U.S. We can keep his dream alive by being kind to one another and remembering what he did. We can also keep his dream alive by treating everyone the same with kindness and respect. Also, you can treat everybody the way you want be treated. Dr. King impacted many lives.

This is the day to honor and recognize all he did.



In Memoria- Matt Bowen

Matthew David Bowen, age 59, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025, in Danbury, Connecticut. Matt was born on Feb. 19, 1965, in Omaha, Nebraska, and lived in Illinois and Texas before moving to California with his mother. He graduated from Redondo Union High School and went on to serve in the U.S. Navy as an Electronics Warfare Petty Officer aboard the USS Mount Hood.

After moving to the area, he founded Hudson Valley Technician in 2009, a business he proudly operated until just before his passing. He was an active member of the Beacon Sloop Club and regular festival volunteer. Matt was passionate about community and environmental stewardship. He also played a key role in organizing the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade, a cause close to his heart.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to AIDS Walk New York 2025 (aidswalkny.org). May those who knew Matt carry forward his curiosity, courage, and unwavering enthusiasm for life.

He is survived by his beloved daughter Charlotte.

Clearwater's Public Sail Schedule is Now Online



BEACON SLOOP CLUB WINTER LECTURE SERIES

Searching for New York's Rare Fireflies

w/ Katie Hietala-Henschell and Matt Schlesinger

Thursday March 20, 7:00 PM

At the Beacon Sloop Club, 2 Red Flynn Dr. Beacon NY



Fireflies are iconic insects that have undergone notable declines from light pollution, habitat loss, and pesticides. Little is known currently about the status and distribution of many of New York's fireflies.

In 2022, the New York Natural Heritage Program (NYNHP) and State Parks began a multi-year survey effort to identify rare and at-risk species in parks throughout the state. NYNHP's Katie Hietala-Henschell and Matt Schlesinger will present some preliminary findings from this effort.



Katie joined NYNHP in 2021 as a Zoologist, primarily conducting rare animal surveys on State Lands and in State projects ranging from Parks. She is leading the beetles to birds to baleen Dark Skies for Fireflies

project to survey rare fireflies in New York State Parks. Katie has a B.S. in Applied Ecology and her M.S. in Forest Ecology and Management from Michigan Technological

Matt Schlesinger is NYNHP's Chief Zoologist, overseeing wildlife conservation and inventory whales. Matt has a Ph.D.

in Ecology from the University of California, Davis. He is Adjunct Assistant Professor at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

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BEACON SLOOP CLUB WINTER LECTURE SERIES

God Bless Benedict Arnold:

The True Story of America's Most Hated Man w/ Jack Kelly

Thursday April 17, 7:00 PM At the Beacon Sloop Club, 2 Red Flynn Dr. Beacon NY



This spring marks the 250th anniversary of the beginning of the Revolutionary War...

The Hudson River and Champlain Valley was the scene of critical events in that conflict and played an even bigger role in the career of Benedict Arnold.

The True Story of America's Most Hated Man gives an eye-opening account of both the undeniable heroism of Arnold's early efforts for the patriot cause and his precipitous fall from grace. The combination has made him one of the most interesting figures of the Revolution.



Jack Kelly is an award-winning historian and novelist. His books about the Revolution include Band of Giants and Valcour. The Wall Street Journal said of his latest book, God Save Benedict Arnold: The True Story of America's most Hated Man that it "propels readers into the brutal action with vigorous prose and sentences that are often short and pugnacious much like Arnold himself." Jack has received the DAR History Medal and is a New York Foundation for the Arts fellow in Nonfiction Literature. He lives and works in New York's Hudson Valley.

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The Return of the Woody Dinner!

First and foremost, a huge Thank You to Susan Berliner and Joyce Hanson for bringing back a Beacon Sloop Club tradition that has lain dormant since before Covid. This was not an easy task, as all the previous venues no longer exist.

Thanks to their hard work, we were able to share an elegant and surprisingly intimate evening of music, fine food and conversation with 95 of our dear friends. Let's not wait another 5 years for the next one.

Thank You to Our Donors and Supporters

The Judith Tulloch Band (Judith, Steve & Tony)

The Garrison - A night at the Inn

Tinya Seeger - A signed copy of A Grain of Sand
And a Pottery Lesson

Bonnie Champion - A Silhouette on Wood

Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival - 4 tickets
The Red Pepper Diner - Gift Certificate
All You Knead Bakery - Gift Certificate
Sal's Pizza - Gift Certificate
Yankee Clipper - Gift Card
David Bernz - Ukelele and lessons
Viscount Liquors = Wine for Dinner

To the Garrison Staff for making it a wonderful evening.



The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.

January 2025

	Total			
Income				
Contribution, Gifts, Grants		2,756.95		
Investment Income	8	299.70		
Membership				
Paypal		260.00		
Snailmail	10	405.00		
Total Membership	\$	665.00		
Special Event				
Woody Dinner		1,123.00		
Total Special Event	\$	1,123.00		
Total Income	\$	4,844.65		
Gross Profit	\$	4,844.65		
Expenses				
Bank Expense				
Paypal		32.98		
Total Bank Expense	\$	32.98		
Facilities				
Building		18.00		
Utilities		212.50		
Total Facilities	\$	230.50		
Other Expenses				
Donation				
MLK parade		350.00		
Total Donation	\$	350.00		
Website		34.30		
Total Other Expenses	\$	384.30		
Pumpkin Expense				
Compost		150.00		
Total Pumpkin Expense	\$	150.00		
Total Expenses	\$	797.78		
Net Operating Income	\$	4,046.87		
Net Income	\$	4,046.87		
Opening Cash Balance 1/1/2025	\$	136,966.76		
Closing Cash Balance 1/31/2025	\$ \$	141,013.63		
Change in Investment Value	139	473.78		
Total Balance 1/31/2025	\$	141,487.41		
Unrestricted & soft	\$	113,560.58		
Hard Restricted (total)*	\$	27,926.83		
B & S Rozinsky Fund (hard)	\$	26,353.83		
Board designated funds (soft)	\$ \$ \$ \$	16,726.14		
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HUDSON RIVER SLOOP CLEARWATER'S SPIRIT of the HUDSON GALA Sunday April 6th, 2025 3:00-7:00 pm @ The Garrison

Honoring Betsy Blair, Venuri Atulugama & Pamela Wolff

Current Calendar

Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting

Friday, March 7, 6:30 – 10:00pm At the Clubhouse

BSC Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 26, 7:00 pm At the Clubhouse

BSC Festival Committee Meeting

Monday, March 3, 5:00 pm At the 84 Diner

BSC Building Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 5, 6:00 pm
At the Clubhouse

BSC Winter Lecture Series

Thursday, Mar. 20 @ 7:00 pm Searching For New York's Rare Fireflies

At the Clubhouse

Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse – Mar. 22 @ 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm Seamus Kennedy

at the Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation, White Plains

HUDSON RIVER SLOOP CLEARWATER'S SPIRIT of the HUDSON GALA

Sunday April 6th, 2025 3:00-7:00 pm @ The Garrison

Honoring Betsy Blair, Venuri Atulugama & Pamela Wolff

BSC Winter Lecture Series

Thursday, Apr. 17 @ 7:00 pm "God Bless Benedict Arnold" 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.

Upcoming Clearwater Public Sails

Kingston | Hudson River Maritime Museum

Saturday, April 12, 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM Saturday, April 12, 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM Saturday, April 19, 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM Saturday, April 19, 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Poughkeepsie | Victor C. Waryas Park

Saturday, April 26, 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM Saturday, April 26, 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM





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

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