



## Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 56 Years

### A Message from the Editor

As we go to press, it is clear that many of the hard-won environmental gains that we have worked for are under pressure. The stroke of a pen cannot undo the laws of nature, so we must persist.

I want to again thank David and Jacob Bernz for kicking off this year's lecture series with "Chopping Wood". Not only did they pack the house, they raised our spirits and reminded up of why our little club exists.

Hearing Pete's philosophy in his own words, as only he could say them, was refreshing and invigorating. The music was pretty good too.

Let's remember that our strength is in our volunteers, and the actions we take at the grassroots level. We will need every grain of sand and every teaspoon as we work to bring things back into balance.

#### ***Inside this issue:***

Partying for the Woody, MLK day rewind, new names, and much more...



**NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Wednesday January 29, 7:00 p.m.**

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, February 7, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.**

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Household Membership donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_

Membership suggested donation \$25.00. Minimum of \$10.00. Please give more if you can afford it!  
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Would you like information on Clearwater Membership?  I would like to help with \_\_\_\_\_

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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](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org).

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## Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, January 3, recorded by Trish Murphy

### Opening Music:

Lydia Adams Davis, Ken Miller, Mary Poppins, and Ben Mazer gave a spirited performance of the song "Somos El Barco" (We Are the Boat). Lydia followed the sing-along by sharing the fascinating history of Pete Seeger's inspiration for him performing the classic song.

### Opening Announcements:

Patricia gave a warm welcome as our new club president. She thanked Rob May for all his hard work and dedication to the club. She then welcomed all new members.

### Treasurer's Report:

Aaron gave a detailed treasury report for the month of November. (See treasury report for full details).

### Budget for 2025:

Aaron reviewed the proposed budget. He stated that copies were available to anyone who would like one upon request. An inquiry was made as to the \$1,000.00 budgeted expense of publishing a physical newsletter. Alan explained that we have several long-term members without email and the physical newsletter will continue to be provided to those who require it for now. The expenses in relation to the dock repair were also explained. A motion was made to pass the budget. The motion was passed unanimously.

### Woody/Harbor Report:

The Woody remains docked for winter storage in Haverstraw. Work parties will commence in warmer weather come spring. Dock repair will also begin in the spring.

### Winter Lecture Series:

Alan opened by stating that this is the 19th year the Sloop Club is proud to provide a winter Lecture Series. He informed listeners that David Bernz, author of the book "Chopping Wood", will be giving a guest appearance on January 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. Winter lectures are set to take place on the 3rd Thursday of winter months. A possible future lecture of the author of the book "God Bless Benedict Arnold" may take place. Alan offered the opportunity to those with potential guest speakers to contact him for review.

### Clearwater Report:

Rosemary began by thanking the Sloop Club from all those at Clearwater for their unwavering support. She explained that one goal of Clearwater in 2025 is "expanding their influence." On January 12th from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. a dance party will be held at The Barn in Kingston.

### Environmental Report:

Captain Tom opened his report by referring to an earlier reporting he did pertaining to an organic farm in Maine which had land heavily contaminated with PFAS. Captain Tom lamented that the FDA recently announced that they loosened their stringency to allow sewage contaminated with PFAS as fertilizer. He suggested that members object to this absurdity by writing to their local politician in protest.

### General Announcements:

John McLaughlin spoke of his environmental advocacy work with Hal Cohen. Lydia Adams Davis spoke of a free concert at the Howland Cultural Center on the 19th of January. She also educated listeners about the environmental program called "One Earth so Green and Round." Thor provided a detailed waste report. He also provided helpful household tips and tips on constructing a proper PLEK (Potluck Eating Kit.). Alan shared information for those wishing to participate in the Martin Luther King Day Parade. All were encouraged to attend the event in the honor of the beloved and iconic Pete Seeger. J.C. Calderon offered helpful suggestions for increasing membership of younger people. Thor offered a hands-on experience for those wishing to sample a "Swedish sponge". Patricia, our new Sloop Club president, thanked all those who attended.

### Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 8:24 p.m.



### The Woody Guthrie Dinner Returns!

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with a snow date of Sunday, March 2,

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**EPA Finalizes Review of Upper Hudson PCB Cleanup after Considering Public Comment; Agency Will Issue Report Addendum by 2027**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has finalized its third periodic review of the cleanup of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in the Upper Hudson River. The EPA looked at all the project data for water, fish and sediment collected between 2016-2021, and the fish data from 2022. The EPA’s review concludes that the levels of PCBs in water and fish are going down overall, but more fish data is needed. The agency states that it needs at least eight years of data after dredging to draw science-based conclusions about the rate of recovery in the fish. The eighth year of fish data was collected in 2024. The results of that sampling will be available in 2025. The EPA did not make a decision about protectiveness. The EPA will release an addendum to the report when enough fish data is available, as soon as this year but no later than 2027.

The Friends of a Clean Hudson coalition maintains, based on its [independent analysis](#) of the data trends, that the Upper Hudson River PCB cleanup is not protecting human health and the environment as required. They further conclude that the health risks associated with fish consumption are well above the EPA’s accepted risk range and well above New York’s advisories, and that agency disregards long-standing environmental justice policies intended to address pollution in disadvantaged communities.

Without a determination protectiveness, the development of additional remediation plans is delayed.

**Day One**

President Trump announced immediate moves to reverse policies to curb greenhouse gas emissions and climate change, while boosting fossil fuel extraction. Trump signed an executive order pulling the United States out of the Paris Agreement, joining Iran, Syria, and Yemen, as the only nations not participating.

Other orders freeze pending environmental regulations; remove protections that prevent oil drilling in deep oceans; undo a ban on drilling off most of the coastal US; proclaim an “energy emergency,” ; facilitate unrestrained fossil fuel extraction—including drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and rescinding Biden’s climate and clean energy policies.

According to the White House, “The president will unleash American energy by ending Biden’s policies of climate extremism, streamlining permitting, and reviewing for rescission all regulations that impose undue burdens on energy production and use, including mining and processing of non-fuel minerals, President Trump’s energy actions empower consumer choice in vehicles, showerheads, toilets, washing machines, lightbulbs and dishwashers.”

Just the beginning...



**Annual Martin Luther King Day Singing Parade  
Rescheduled due to inclement weather  
Now: Monday February 17, 2025  
Springfield Baptist Church,  
8 Mattie Cooper Drive, Beacon**

8:30am: Free Continental Breakfast  
9:00: Opening Ceremony in the Church  
9:30 MLK Parade

Cars will be provided for people who prefer not to walk. Call Bonnie Champion if you know someone who needs a ride. 845-264-5663

Bring banners, American Flags, positive posters that stand for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s beliefs.

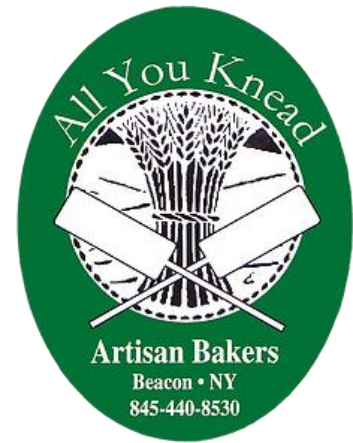
After the parade there will be a program in the church with the Essay Winners, The Preacher of the Day, Rev. Barbara Williams from Springfield Baptist Church, and the Southern Dutchess Coalition Gospel Choir. Following the program there will be a free dinner that you can eat there or take home.

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.

**The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.**  
**Profit and Loss**  
 November 2024



	<u>Total</u>
<b>Income</b>	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	2,333.00
Gross Sales of Inventory	155.00
<b>Total Investment Income</b>	<b>\$ 309.90</b>
<b>Membership</b>	
Snailmail	75.00
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>\$ 75.00</b>
Pumpkin Festival	30.00
Vendor	75.00
<b>Total Pumpkin Festival</b>	<b>\$ 105.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,977.90</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 2,977.90</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Bank Expense</b>	
Paypal	2.88
<b>Total Bank Expense</b>	<b>\$ 2.88</b>
<b>Facilities</b>	
Utilities	46.94
Woody Maintenance	1,428.94
<b>Total Facilities</b>	<b>\$ 1,475.88</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>	
Donation	477.46
Insurance - Liability, D and O	19,676.00
Website	34.30
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 20,187.76</b>
<b>Pumpkin Expense</b>	
Sanitation	150.00
<b>Total Pumpkin Expense</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 21,816.52</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>-\$ 18,838.62</b>
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Opening Cash Balance 11/1/2024	\$ 151,100.80
Closing Cash Balance 11/30/2024	\$ 132,262.18
Change in Investment Value	999.60
<b>Total Balance 11/30/2024</b>	<b>\$ 133,261.78</b>
Unrestricted & soft	\$ 106,786.82
Hard Restricted (total)*	\$ 26,474.96
B & S Rozinsky Fund (hard)	\$ 26,474.96
Board designated funds (soft)	\$ 16,594.67



**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

### BSC Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, January 29, 7:00 pm  
5 Cliff St., Beacon

### Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting

Friday, February 7, 6:30 – 10:00pm  
At the clubhouse

### Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse – Feb.15 @ 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Emma's Revolution  
at the Community Unitarian Universalist  
Congregation, White Plains

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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.

### Clearwater Open Boat Saturday February 22, 2025

2-5pm  
At the Barn  
50 Rondout Landing, Kingston

### Reminder:

The majority of our members are on a January cycle, so if you haven't done so, please renew soon.

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. You know what Pete said about participation.



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

For more info about the BSC: [www.beaconsloop.org](http://www.beaconsloop.org), or [www.beaconsloopclub.org](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org)