Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 45 Years

A Message from Our President

As our lecture season and sail classes wind down, festivals and Woody sails are gearing up! May is a perfect month to get involved. Now is the time to join a Woody crew, volunteer for Strawberry Fest, and help out with building projects. Your Sloop Club friends will be happy to welcome you and help you learn! Look to the harbor on weekday evenings, and you'll see Woody crews hard at work rigging and readying the boat to start sailing in June. Festival meetings are in full swing, with strawberries on the horizon. The building committee has big plans afoot for a beautiful new roof. The lecture series has been exceptional this year, and sail classes continue to be well attended.

The Woody Dinner, 2018 River Sweep and Pete Seeger Day Open House Pot Luck Musicale were all superb. Thank you to everybody who works so hard to continue to offer so much to our community. As Betty said Saturday, during a brief lull between river sweeping, Pete Seeger Day festivities and Woody work, nobody has a better time than we do!

Inside this issue:

Cleaning up the waterfront, remembering Pete, prepping for sailing, and much more....





Riversweep photo by Joyce Hanson

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING TUESDAY., May 22, 7:00 p.m. NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY, June 1, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

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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 volunteer environmental non-profit, education/action and sailing organization dedicated to cleaning up the Hudson River and its environs. Our main focus is the Beacon, Fishkill and Newburgh

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 Scheduling:

Buildina:

Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, May 4, 2017

Recorded by Antony Tseng. Susan Berliner presiding Start: 7:30pm, <u>Song</u>: Turn, Turn, Turn with 1984 melody/verses by Pete and Toshi Seeger Welcome

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> by Aaron Verdile for March 2018.

Moment of Silence for Alyssa Grippo.

<u>Building report</u> by David Eberle: Work party will be 5/19 to replace the shingles of the north roof at 9am.

Woody report by Tom Labar: The Woody is here and being rigged and hopefully will be done in a week or so. There was a wire short and we will be replacing the 12 volt wires. Also, we are replacing the wire from the clubhouse to the Woody to be able to charge the boat. Hopefully we will be sailing soon. If you are a sailor come down on your night at 6pm for maintenance. Those who are interested in being sailors, please come down and meet one of the captains.

- Woman's Work/Woody Dinner:
 - Woman's Work: Lydia Adams has already booked April 7, 2019. There was a great time and good food. A video will be available soon called Women's Work Concert Series. \$215 was donated to the club.
 - Woody Dinner: Susan thanked everyone who came to the Woody Dinner. The Judith Tulloch band was great. We made just under \$4000 for the club.

Sailing Class - 4/11 to 5/30. Tom said the class is going well. Anyone interested in the class, please come to the classes next year. There is no pro-rated cost to the class, so it would still be \$50 if you wanted to jump in to the class now.

Lectures – "I Own an Island" - 5/10 at 7:00: Susan reminded everyone of our last lecture by the only person allowed on the island. Susan offered flyers to those that could hang them.

River Sweep/Pete Seeger Day:

- Riversweep: Susan said that the River Sweep is tomorrow and includes cleaning and data collection to report to a national database. People who come to help will get vouchers at 2-way Brewery. Starts at 11:30am and ends at 2pm.
- Pete Seeger Day: Ken Miller said we will have our annual Pete Seeger day/Open house at 2pm this Saturday. We will also have a potluck and a song circle. This is a good time to let people know who we are.

<u>Keeping History Afloat</u> - 5/5: Susan informed that James and Alan are part of a presentation at the museum in Kingston. They will be speaking in the afternoon.

Strawberry Festival - 6/10: Phyllis Newham talked about the Strawberry Festival and invited everyone. She passed around a signup sheet for tasks and said we are short on volunteers for the day of - from tent setup to cream whipping. Setup does start the day before and different jobs start Sunday at either 8am or 10am, depending on the task. Tom Labarr talked about the Saturday tasks at 1347 Route 9D starting about 9am - 10am when the 1500 pounds of strawberries are delivered. We need to prep up to one quarter to one third of the strawberries to be hulled/sliced and frozen. Some of the berries are too ripe and will be chocolate coated for later. The soft ones are put in blender with perhaps rum. Lunch is provided free of charge. Saturday will also include making the biscuit mix from 250 pounds of flour. We will be baking some of the biscuits to try them out (soaked in rum). Tom will need someone with a vehicle to drop off tables on Friday and

Sunday morning to bring them to the park. Tents, tables, chairs, water lines, etc will be done 8am on Saturday at the park and usually done by noon. Those that work at the park on Saturday can stop by the house to join the others for lunch. Bonnie Champion said that it will be great. Phyllis Newham passed around flyers for the Festival to be hung up. Don offered to sleep over at the park. This is the 36th year we are doing this. (editor's note: at least 42nd). Revival -- 6/16-6/17: Volunteers are needed. Certain spots are allowed to volunteer for one day. Right now, we don't have anyone to work the Beacon Sloop Club table in the Sloop Club tent. We have five volunteer spots. Susan Bozso volunteered.

Woody Guthrie B-day BBQ - 7/14: On Woody Guthrie's birthday will be commemorated with a barbeque at the Red Barn. We are still planning this and the charge may be \$25. This event is intended to be a fun-raiser.

Multrum: Maggie DeHeus; James Malchow; Konstatin Doren; Mary Arnold (September). Matt Bowen volunteered for October. Bonnie Champion volunteered for November.

Kidney4leesa.com: Leesa Thompson is in need of a kidney. She is a friend of the club and a member of Riverlovers. Please see the website if you are interested in helping her. Konstantin said that NY is almost last in organ donations. He had forms available for members to consider signing up

New Business

- NY Health: Elizabeth and Eve are two volunteers crisscrossing the county to make people aware that a singlepayer bill has passed the assembly and need one more senator to pass it there. There will also be a showing at Movies that Matter called Fix It documentary. There is a lobby day when all the postcards will be given to Senators. None of the Republican Senators have sponsored the bill.

Announements:

- Caitlyn O'Heaney said there was a wonderful woman who helped her move to Cold Spring lent her a wonderful hat. Susan Bozso said the hat was hers and that Caitlyn can keep the hat. Caitlyn thanked Susan and continued that about two months ago, a man stopped her on the street and seemed to her know her name. He said his old neighbor lost her voice in that apartment and woke up a couple of days ago coughing. Her cats are also sick. She can pay rent (\$1100 -\$1200) and has to move. She will not part with her cats. She can be reached at the club or at zooheaven@juno.com
- Connie Hogart reinforced the Movies that Matter on May 17 (Thursday) at 7pm.
- Connie Hogart said this will be Pete Seegers 99th birthday. Judy Allen has been working at a celebration this Sunday at Tompkins Corners Cultural Center at 2pm. A little way off the Taconic. Peekskill Hollow road.
- Mary Poppins brought copies of the Beacon Free Press that had the MLK parade article. She also wished all the mothers a Happy Mothers Day
- Matt Bowen said that we've been out for 65 weeks from 3pm to 4pm on Saturday at Pohill Park (9D and Main) as part of Southern Dutchess Resist.

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The River Has Been Swept!

Thank you to Joyce, Metal, Dona, and everyone who participated in our very successful 2018 River Sweep. Thirty-two dedicated volunteers turned out yesterday and worked hard in the beautiful Saturday sunshine to collect 420 pounds of trash and recyclables from our little home stretch of shoreline from Long Dock to Pete and Toshi Park. The most common items we picked up were connected to drinks - bottles, cans, cups, lids, straws. Something to ponder. Think how many sea creatures could be saved if we just said "no" to plastic straws. We also collected lots of plastic bags and bag bits. Already many places are banning plastic bags from stores. We could, too! If you are interested in spearheading a BSC initiative to start this important process rolling here please come to the next Executive Meeting.

Mysteries of Iona Island



Thank you to 'Doc' Bayne for a very informative lively talk, rapping up our 2018 lecture series. We literally ended with a bang as the island has been blown up at least twice while owned by the Navy.

It was fascinating to see how the Island has evolved from pristine habitat for mega fauna, though Native American inhabitants, to European settlement, to industrial use and then to nature preserve. So much has happened on such a small piece of ground. In a way it is the history of the Hudson and the continent.

Thank you also Steve Van der Merwe for organizing this event. If there is interest within the club we would like to try and arrange a tour of the island. Please contact Steve or Alan Thomas if you are interested.

See you all next winter.

STRAWBERRY WORKERS of the WORLD UNITE



The Strawberry prep party for this year's Strawberry Festival will be on Saturday, June 9th at the LaBarr's house. Please plan on helping us prepare for the festival. The Strawberries will be delivered about 10:00. We need to wash, hull, slice and freeze about 1/3 of the berries. Lunch will be served when we are finished with the berries. Then we have to mix all the dry ingredients for the biscuits. We will be serving STRAWBERRY DRINKS and CHOCOLATE COVERED STRAWBERRIES all afternoon and into the evening. Then we have dinner, clean up and party till we drop. We are located at 1347 Route 9D, 5th houses north of Route 84 on the riverside. It is a red house.

NOTE: This is not a potluck; all food and drink are provided. Musicians bring your instruments for the party.

Please call or email us if think you are going to be able to make it. We need to know the number of people, so we can have more than enough food and drink available.

Tom & Aimee LaBarr at 831-4267 labarrt@newpaltz.edu

The Ground - Beacon Community Radio

The Ground is an eclectic collection of sixteen shows ranging from music to talk from children to ranting and plants. This project is 100% volunteer-based (we take no salaries), and it runs only on donations.

Contact Sarah Elisabeth for more information. Wise Woman Spiral PO Box 1010 Beacon, NY 12508 917-682-4114 wisewomanspiral@gmail.com

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- Bonnie Champion said that the New Paltz garden club is having a ceremony to dedicate a blue star marker highway at
- David said the Solar Sound band is having a fundraiser to produce a CD at the Town Crier for \$15 June 3 and includes a CD. They will also be performing at the children stage at the Strawberry Festival.
- Joyce Hanson passed around a petition to urge Gov Cuomo to ban single use plastic bags - see S7760/A9953.
- Wayne Kocher spoke of an incident where a Dolphin died in a bag and one where a turtle died. Plastic is hard on everything and shows up on the Riversweep. Wayne also spoke about the no fracking and oils movement with the younger populations who were included in about 4000 people rallying Cuomo recently. Wayne also said that we need to slow down our cars for wildlife and consider our trips as are also dealing with poor air quality.

Adjourn: 8:22pm



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Fair Winds, Alyssa

I will not lie me down, This rain a-ragin', I will not lie me down in such a storm; And if this night be unblessed, I shall not take my rest. Till I reach another shore -Rod MacDonald, "A Sailor's Prayer"

We lost our dear friend and dedicated volunteer, Alvssa Grippo, on April 29, 2018. Her cheerful company, beautiful heart and loving spirit will be deeply missed. No date has been set yet; for information about her memorial service or to send condolences to Alyssa's family, please go to https://memorials.libbyfuneralhome.com/alyssagrippo/3494337/obituary.php.

The Woody Report



Photo by James Malchow

The Woody is back in Beacon and the crews are hard at work getting her rigged for the sailing season. This is a bit more challenging than it has been in the past due to keeping the boat in the water over winter.

We also have much to do replacing the 12V wiring that supports the lights and pumps as well as installing cabling and plugs to accommodate the new 30A charging system. There are many little tasks that need to be done as well. If you are interested in joining a crew or helping out

in any way please contact a captain or Woody sailor, just come down at 6:00 pm any weeknight. There are many

jobs for all skill levels.





Photos by Gloria Waslyn

Celebrating Pete's Birthday

Thank you to Ken Miller for organizing our annual open house honoring Pete Seeger's birthday. Pete would have been 99 this year. We miss him but his legacy lives on in the spirit of the club. What could be more Pete than reaching out to the community with song and a potluck.

Thank you also to everyone who brought an instrument or a dish, helped with set-up, provided sound support, cleaned up, or just came out for a good time. It was such a great way to kick back after the hard work cleaning up the shoreline.

Roofing Party Saturday May 19, 9:00 am

The building committee needs volunteers to strip and replace the north roof of the clubhouse. If we get enough folks with young legs and strong backs we should be able to do it in one day. If not this may be continued on Sunday. Contact: David Eberle (845)242-7822 davideb@aol.com

The Causes Of Honduran Flight From Their Country

My first Broadside article on Honduras concentrated on the murder of environmentalist Berta Caceres. This article touches on the recent arrest of one the plotters of her death, David Castillo, but mainly on the Hondurans fleeing their country. At present, a caravan, primarily of Hondurans, have walked from their country to Mexico, where they remain camped out at the U.S. border. Policies of both the "elites" in Honduras and the U.S. have not allowed economic and social growth.

According to the Council of Economical Affairs article (7/2015) "the elite have grown wealthier through increased industrialization, the poor continue to be left out. There is 60% Honduran poverty rate." Such unchecked industrialization has contributed to pollution. Pollution contributed to the 9 million deaths worldwide.

David Castillo is the executive President of 'DESA' (Desarrolles Energetico), the company building the Agua Zarca Dam over the Gualcarque River for a hydroelectric plant, whose construction was fought against by a campaign led by Berta Caceres. The local indigenous communities were not allowed to be involved in the project planning as mandated in the law. DESA is controlled by the Atala family linked to the largest bank in Honduras and is suspected of backing the 2009 coup of President Zalaya. Berta was one of 130 environmentalists killed since this 2009 coup.

According to a 3/17/17 Guardian article, the name of Berta Caceres had appeared on a military hit list provided by elite U.S. forces. "These leaked court documents raise concerns that the murder of the Honduran environmentalist Berta Caceres was an extrajudicial killing planned by military intelligence specialists linked to the country's U.S. trained Special Forces. Honduras has the highest murder rate for environmental activists in the world mostly because of conflict over land rights."

Manuel Zalaya was a wealthy logger and rancher, but he raised the minimum wage, provided free school lunches and pensions for workers, built new schools, and subsidized public transportation. He dared to attempt to change a constitution written during the U.S. backed military dictatorship of Paz Garcia. (6/19/16 Huff Post).

U.S. policies also supported this coup by continuing to send millions in financial support to President Jose Porfirio Lobo Mejia, who said following the coup, "the country was now opened for business." Since 2009, the economy has stagnated, cocaine trafficking through Honduras and organized crime have increased, adding to the murder rate. In Honduras, 7,300 people have been murdered since 2009, including journalists not aligned with the government and campesinos (farmers).

In 2011, Honduras had the world's highest murder rate of 85 per 100,000,16 times more than the U.S. (2/17/12 Times Herald Record article from the Associated Press. 1 out of five in Honduras live in extreme poverty (\$1.90 U.S. per day), facing poor education, underemployment and the fate of pollution that has left El Salvador with 90% of its rivers contaminated, now the second most deforested country in the Americas ("Free trade Agreements and Environmental Destruction," Nick Alexandrov 6/20/14 WWW.Counterpunch.org).

In addition to the high poverty rate, most people don't make the official \$300 per month minimum wage. Also despite land struggles and continuing violence, the U.S. has continued funding the government, particularly its military.

Why does our Congress allow funding of Honduras after the coup? It was written, "that after the coup, congressman caved in to Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, the Republican chairwomen of the House of Foreign Affairs, and at that time her allies, because Honduras was the first domino to push back against the center-left and leftish forces that have won elections in Latin America" (The Argentina Independent 6/23/13).

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, "U.S. investment in Honduras was \$741 million for 2014 and \$1.175 billion for 2015.

Another recent insult to the people of Honduras is the result of the 11/17/2017 Presidential election after which The Organization of American States called for a new election. Juan Orlando Hernandez, a conservative, was declared the winner on 11/26/2017 by about 50,000 votes by the Honduran electoral commission. But initially, the opposition candidate Salvador Nasralla was winning after 68% of the votes were in. Then a questionable shift occurred. There are multiple allegations of fraud. Twenty-two people have since died while rioting. U.S. Senator Leahy commented that there is no justification for this government violence.

Why doesn't Trump tweet about the recent Honduran election, the U.S., and Honduran 'elite' participation in controlling the will of the 60% who live in poverty, or those who wish to protect their land, and water supply? Why has the temporary protection status (TPS) for 90,000 Hondurans living in the U.S. just been rescinded?

Submitted by: Nora Gallardo Member Beacon Sloop Club

Treasury Report

	Mar 18
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	
Woody Dinner	2,332.36
Contribution, Gifts, Grants - Other	150.00
Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants	2,482.36
Corn Festival	
Vendor	110.00
Total Corn Festival	110.00
Investment Income	
Interest-Checking	2.66
Interest-Money Market	11.92
Total Investment Income	14.58
Membership	
Paypal	100.00
Snailmail	235.00
Total Membership	335.00
Pumpkin Festival	
Vendor	165.00
Total Pumpkin Festival	165.00
Strawberry Festival	
Vendor	550.00
Total Strawberry Festival	550.00
Total Income	3,656.94
Gross Profit	3,656.94
Expense	2,2222
Bank Expense	
Paypal	9.64
Total Bank Expense	9.64
Facilities	0.01
Harbor	1,090.25
Utilities	187.86
Woody Maintenance	2,142.04
Total Facilities	3,420.15
Other Expenses	0,420.10
Membership dues	100.00
Woody Dinner	6.11
Total Other Expenses	106.11
Total Expense	3,535.90
·	121.04
Net Ordinary Income Net Income	121.04
Outside to Outside Palance 6/1/19	90 176 93
Opening Cash Balance 3/1/18	80,176.82
Closing Cash Balance 3/31/18	80,297.86
The Bonnie and Saul Rozinsky Fund	10,000.00
Network for Good - contribution	500.00
	10,500.00

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Outdoor Alert: Off the Boat and on a Bike? SPARC's 19th Annual Bike Tour

Dear Sloop Club members:

Stewart State Forest is a rural oasis of 7,000 acres, woods, wetlands, ponds, trails, old roads, wildlife, just over the bridge. Consider our greatbike ride including breakfast, lunch, free T-shirt, and much more. Date: **Sunday, June 3, 2018**. Place: **Stewart State Forest.** Fees: Adult, \$40 (pre-reg), Teen, \$15, Seven years and younger, Free. For details and signup info, go to www.stewartstateforestbiketour.org. Call 845-564-3018 or email

sparc@frontiernet.netmay7 18 draft.docx

You will love the ride and the land. A little change from the Great River, but why not? Sandra Kissam, SPARC President

MOVIES THAT MATTER BEACON



FIX - IT Healthcare at the Tipping Point

This documentary takes an in-depth look into how our dysfunctional health care system is damaging our economy, suffocating our businesses, discouraging physicians and negatively impacting on the nation's health, while remaining un-affordable for a third of our citizens.

Special Guest: Jaya Srikrishnan

Thurs., May 17, 2018

Doors Open 7pm, Film 7:30pm

First Presbyterian Church of Beacon, McKinley Hall, 50 Liberty St., Beacon, NY 12508

Free Admission

Refreshments

Discussion

Info: 845 838-2415 www.moviesthatmatterbeacon.org



Current Calendar

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

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

MOVIES THAT MATTER BEACON: Fix-it

Thur., May 17 7:30pm., Presbyterian Church of Beacon, McKinley Hall, 50 Liberty St., Beacon, NY

BSC Clubhouse Roof Repair: Volunteer Work Party, Sat. May 19, 9:00 am, at the BSC Clubhouse.

SPARC 19th Annual Bike Tour, Sun. Jun. 3, Stewart State Forest.

Solar Sound Band EP Release Party, Sun. Jun. 3, 6 pm, Towne Crier Café, 379 Main St., Beacon NY

Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival, Sat. Jun. 16 – Sun. Jun. 17, Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson, NY

Woody's Birthday 'Fun-raiser', Sat. Jul. 14, At the Red Barn, Long Dock Park, Beacon NY

Woody Guthrie Work Parties, weeknights until ready to sail 6pm on the boat, contact a captain or just show up.



Anyone wishing to join a Woody crew can contact any captain or Jim Birmingham to sign up. We are especially in need of people for Monday and Tuesday nights. No experience is required. We will train you.

All Hands On Deck for Strawberry Festival!!

Volunteers of all kinds are needed on both Saturday and Sunday. You can volunteer for 20 minutes or two full days. Whatever is good for you. Bringing friends encouraged, especially for hulling. For more information, call Rosemary at 463-4660.

Saturday June 9:

9AM Riverfront Park – set up Strawberry Tent, move folding tables, chairs, 10x10 tents, 10x20 tents, and other equipment under the tent.

10AM till done (3pm? Tom and Amiee LaBarr's home – Prep party

Sunday June 10:

9:00 AM – 11AM setup continues in Riverfront Park. Setup the 10x10 tents, tables, chairs, 10x20 tents, signs, tablecloths, serving stations, and so on. 10:30 AM-4:30 PM – hull berries. This is a very social activity and many people needed; serving; baking; Earth Care, and more!!!

4:30-6:00 PM Cleanup (take the tents down, move tables/chairs back to clubhouse, and so on)

SUNDAY JUNE 10th 2018

