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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 53 Years

A Message from Our President

As we approach the 45th anniversary of the initial launch of our sloop Woody Guthrie into the Hudson River, perhaps it's time to look back and see how far we have come. In 1978 when the Woody first sailed, the Hudson River and its surroundings were environmental disasters. According to contemporary accounts, anyone standing close to the river at that time experienced the strong odor of industrial and human waste, the result of decades of indiscriminate dumping and leakage into the river. Then, the prevailing philosophy regarded the river as a convenient public and private sewer. Industrial sites lined the riverbanks, each carelessly contributed their waste to the miasma. The General Motors automobile manufacturing plant downriver in Tarrytown serves as a case in point. It was widely reported that observers could tell the color of the cars being painted at the plant by the hue of the surface water of the river on a particular day. The GM factory would remain open for another 18 years after the Woody first splashed down into the waters of the Hudson. The General Electric factories upriver in Fort Edwards and Hudson Falls, were even more flagrant offenders. They dumped a reported 1,300,000 pounds of toxic PCB's into the river. That toxic brew was finally banned the year after the Woody was launched.

Sixteen years before the Woody first set sail, Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant opened in Buchanan. Accusations of thermal pollution and the leaking of radioactive matter into the river causing the massive demise of river fish have been documented in Robert H. Boyle's *The Hudson River, A Natural and Unnatural History* and other sources. Just a few miles north of Indian Point, Con Ed was planning their infamous pump and storage hydroelectric facility in Storm King. The public utility wouldn't officially abandon those plans until two years after the Woody set sail on the river for the first time.

What is now Pete and Toshi Seeger Park was a smoldering dump. Photographs from the time show plumes of dense, billowing smoke rising from the site. Similarly, Long Dock, just south of where the Beacon Sloop Club makes its home, was a wasteland unfit for hiking and strolling.

Today the Woody sails in waters that are pristine by comparison. The surface is freer of debris than the waters that it plied nearly 45 years ago. It passes pleasant parks and rejuvenated landscapes, resurrected and imaginatively repurposed public spaces. Vibrant and beautiful parks have sprung up from the sites of what were hulking, belching factories 45 years ago. An enormous debt of gratitude is owed to the heroic efforts of so many tireless visionary protectors of the river, including Sloop Club members past and present.

As we look to the future, and face the many challenges before us, it is enlightening and encouraging to see how far we have come, and to honor all those who have helped save the Hudson River.

Inside this issue:

Sweeping the shore, our thoughts turn to strawberries, paying tribute to a dear friend, upcoming events, and much, more.....



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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, May 6, recorded by Vicki Fox

Ken, Tor and Rob opened the meeting with a rousing rendition of *Up Above My Head*.

New attendees included Parade Garvey and Loren Clapp. Aaron gave the **treasury report**.

Joyce announced the **Riversweep** happening tomorrow, rain or shine, meeting at 9:30 at the clubhouse. Megan Wolf of Beyond Plastic will be training people about plastic and Elizabeth from Riverkeeper will be giving general Riversweep training. Volunteers will receive a beer ticket from Riverkeeper.

Ken Miller will lead a potluck and music circle directly after the Riversweep in honor of **Pete's birthday**.

Susan gave the **Woody Guthrie birthday report**. We will be celebrating here at the clubhouse on Saturday, July 16. The club will provide the main course and people can bring sides and dessert. July 16 is the closest weekend day to Woody's actual birthday, July 14.

Max Smith gave the **Woody Report**. We're getting ready to rig the Woody, but all this rain has made it tough, especially for doing the varnish. Hopefully, we will be able to put up the ratlines this week. The ratlines need to be done well; they're like the rungs of a ladder. We can always use more volunteers, regardless of your skill level. Max will keep everyone on the maintenance group text list updated on when we can next work on the boat.

Festival report - Patricia is helping Rosemary run the Festival Committee. A sign -up sheet for Strawberry Fest volunteers was passed around the meeting. Strawberry will be June 12 this year. We typically have 100 volunteers over the weekend. Margaret deHeus is going to host strawberry prep (starting at 10am) and biscuit prep (starting at noon) the day before.

For setting up the tent in the park Saturday morning, we need 10 strong backs and also people to bring tables and chairs to the park. We need volunteers to camp out in the park the night before to keep an eye on all our stuff. Phyllis is getting the permits; Alice is overseeing the whipping of the cream; Beth Partridge is overseeing the strawberry tent. Rosemary will give us more details in the June meeting.

Clearwater - Rosemary told us the Clearwater has undergone major restoration all winter. It should splash in this Monday or Tuesday. June sails are booked; if you want a sail for July or August, you'd better move quick. The Clearwater organization has had three tough years, but it's coming back. Its gala was very successful.

Environmental Report - Tom informed us that this past week has been National Compost Week. Municipalities are beginning to encourage composting. A couple weeks ago, *The Current* listed drop-off locations for Beacon compost. Gail pointed out that Dutchess County wants us to compost, and even New York City is encouraging people to compost now

General Announcements: Alan Thomas showed us the new supply of BSC hats in colors of traditional khaki and new forest green. They will be sold to members for \$20.

Mary Arnold detailed the nationwide attack on intellectual freedom in our public schools by the "Moms for Liberty". Mary said, "I just wanted you to realize there have been books challenged all around the Hudson Valley. It's not just happening in Florida." "Moms for Liberty" has published a list of books they want banned from school libraries. Most of the books they want banned tackle subjects like race and sexual orientation. Arlington and Wappingers are two school districts "Moms for Liberty" are running candidates in. Bottom line: get out to vote in your school board election. In Arlington, support the incumbents.

Eugene announced that the NYC Labor Chorus is having their first public concert in three years. It will happen on Saturday, May 21 at 4pm at the Abrons Art Center on Grand Street in New York City.

Mary Poppins wished us all a happy Mothers' Day.

Jim Finnegan gave a shout-out to Craig Wolf for his five years of running the Howland Cultural Center (Craig is now Howland Treasurer and intends to eventually retire.)

Rob announced a Climate Justice rally in Albany May 10 and a public forum on the NYS Climate Bill to be held May 12 from 4-7pm at Peekskill's Paramount Theater.

ADJOURN.

Remembering Betty Harkins



As we were about to go to press, we received word of Betty's passing at the age of 87. As one of our very earliest members, she has been a fixture at the Sloop Club and Clearwater for more than fifty years.

Over her long tenure Betty played many roles,

as a volunteer and board member. Most recently she has been a key member of the festival committee, running the E-tent, captivating aspiring environmentalists, young and old, with her macroinvertebrates and fish.

Beyond her lasting contributions to the community and her deep love for the Hudson River, Betty was a most valued member of our Clearwater family. We will greatly miss her sage advice, her stories of the 'old days', and above all, her friendship. There will never be another one like Betty. Our deepest sympathies go out to her family.

Fair Winds.

Hudson Valley Environmental News

Twenty to twenty-five wells of Gardiner residents will be tested- The N.Y. Rural Water Association (NYRWA), and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) are working together to implement this free program. Residents had to fill out a survey, and those from different areas of Gardiner are preferred. The water will be tested for such contaminates as coliform bacteria and nitrates. Also, those issues that affect water quality such as: odor, pH, hardness, iron, manganese, fluoride arsenic, and lead. Residents will be advised of how to handle well contaminates. Presently, there are no reports of issues in the existing Gardiner wells. Times Community Newspapers, 2/17/22

The Issue of Food waste and Our Environment-In various ways we stress and injure our mother earth by throwing our food wastes into the garbage. First, large portions of land and water are used in growing food. Tractors run on fossil fuels. Chemicals help with growth, and the food is often enclosed in plastic. Unfortunately, fossil fuels, pesticides and plastics are a great part of food production and packaging. It is estimated that 40% of produced food is wasted in this country, (enough to feed more than 150 million people each year). Some food is buried in landfills increasing methane, a greenhouse gas, while burning it adds to air pollution.

Suggestions for the consumer include buying local to reduce trucking fuel, planning meals so products don't sit unused on our shelves, labeling and dating the food placed in the refrigerator, saving scarps for soup broths, and labeling leftovers stored in the freezer.

K. Ford, The Highland Current, 4/8/22

Cold Spring Village has added recycling to their garbage pick-up-Pick-up is on Thursdays, and recycling on Fridays. Beginning mid-April there will be a single 95-gallon garbage cart provided to each residence on the tax parcel list. If more than one cart is needed, it will not be free, but the resident can contact the Village Clerk at VCSclerk@coldspringny.gov or (845) 265-3611 ext. 1.

Free Municipal composting for all Beacon residents began April 15th as a pilot program to be evaluated bt Sustainable Beacon. There will be three drop off sites where green bins will be located at:

- the parking lot on Churchill Street, near HudsonValley Brewery
- Memorial Park
- Beacon Recreation Department, 23 West Center St.

Food accepted include bread, coffee grounds, eggshells, vegetables, and items that are not throw away in our home's compost such as meat and bones, and if biodegradable things like paper products, and takeout containers.

An informational video for Beacon is posted at

(bit.ly//beacon-compost).

Jeff Simms, The Highlands Current 4/1/22

Sustainable Materials Management Company in Cortlandt takes food waste and makes it into **compost-** This company located in Cortlandt Manor, authorized by the state Department of Environmental Conservation under a law enacted in January 2022, takes food scraps, adds wood chips. In time this mixture becomes usable compost. The food scraps come from businesses, such as correctional institutions, supermarkets, etc. Due to the same law. businesses, if not exempt such as hospitals, must donate food wastes if they produce more than two tons of wasted food per week. The goal is to reduce food wastes sent to landfills which as it decays produces methane. "We take bones, shells, fish, meat-anything that came from something that was alive, we can compost it." Anthony Carbone president of Sustainable Materials Management. L. Sparks, The Highland Current 4/1/22.

Submitted by: Nora Gallardo, Member Beacon Sloop Club



Join us next Tuesday, May 17th at 7 PM ET for a virtual teach-in to learn about Assemblymember Englebright's new Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for packaging and Bigger Better Bottle Bills and find out what you can do to help support them this month.

Register Here

Assemblymember Englebright's **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) bill**(<u>Assembly Bill A10185</u>) would shift the financial burden of managing packaging waste from taxpayers to the companies that put packaging on the market and will significantly reduce the amount of packaging and plastic waste produced in New York State.

Assemblymember Englebright's **Bigger Better Bottle Bill** (Assembly Bill A10184, Senate Bill S9164) which is sponsored by Senator Rachel May in the State Senate will expand and modernize New York's 40-year-old container deposit law by including non-carbonated beverages, beer and wine, and increasing the deposit from a nickel to a dime.

STRAWBERRY WORKERS of the WORLD UNITE

Volunteers needed

Saturday June 11 and Sunday June 12

Strawberry and Biscuit prep Saturday:

Please plan on helping us prepare for the festival. The Local Strawberries will be delivered about **10:00 am**. We need to wash, hull, slice and freeze about 1/3 of the berries.

Then we will mix all the dry ingredients for the biscuits and load the buckets for use at the festival.

The Strawberry prep for this year's **Strawberry Festival** will be on **Saturday**, **June** 11th, 10:00 am at the **DeHeus/ Eberle house**, 35 **Slocum Rd.**, **Beacon**.

Lunch will be a potluck. Please bring something to share.

Please email us if think you are going to be able to make it.

Margaret DeHeus : <u>mldeheus1@gmail.com</u> Rosemary Thomas: <u>rmthomas99@yahoo.com</u>

Site Prep Saturday:

We need strong backs and willing hands Saturday June 11th, 9:00 am at Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park, for site setup.

We will be setting up the strawberry tent, transporting the oven, tables chairs, tents, and the other infrastructure needed for Sunday's festival and securing it under the tent.





All Hands On Deck for the
Strawberry Festival!!
Sunday, June 12
Noon-5pm
Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfont Park
Set-up begins at 9:00 am

Due to Covid we have not done this for 3 years – so we need everyone's help.

Volunteers of all kinds are needed. You can volunteer for 20 minutes or the full day. Whatever is good for you. Bringing friends encouraged, especially for hulling. For more information, call Rosemary at 845-463-4660.

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 – many people needed; serving; baking, slicing, whipping, Earth Care, hull berries (this is a very social activity) and and more!!!

4:30-6:00 PM Cleanup (take the tents down, move tables/chairs back to clubhouse, and so on). Volunteers at the end of the festival are especially appreciated.





Riversweep 2022

This year's riverfront cleanup continued a 50-year sloop club tradition of stewardship of the Beacon waterfront. Once again, this year we partnered with Riverkeeper to remove trash of all sorts, with an emphasis on plastics.

The threatening weather cut into attendance, but our hearty sailors were undeterred. Thank you to all of the volunteers for their dedication to a clean and healthy environment.

Thank you to Joyce Hanson and Metal Winters for organizing the event. Special thank-yous go to Megan Wolff of Beyond Plastics for training and sorting of our finds and to Tom Schmeelk for the use of his truck and trailer.

Thank you to All You Knead bakery for the delicious bagels, Bank Square Coffeehouse for coffee, Adria Devereaux for purchasing and donating a single small beeswax - reusable Wrap, and Home Depot - for gloves.



The Woody Report

The woody is back in Beacon, the charging dock is in place and rigging and prep for the sailing season is in progress.



There will be specific work parties as well as work by the individual crews on weeknights.

Contact Max Smith 484-336-6569 for information about work parties and volunteer tasks.

Our goal is to be sailing by the <u>Cornwall River</u> Fest June 5th.

Transit photo by James Malchow

Celebrating Pete Seeger

Thank you to Ken Miller for hosting this year's open house and Circle of Song on May 7, following the Riversweep.

We honor Pete on, or near, his birthday every year by throwing the doors open and welcoming any musicians who would like to share a song and anyone who would like to stop by to learn more about us.

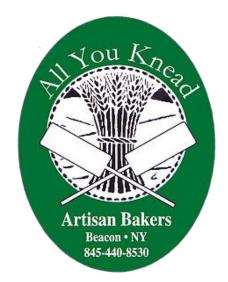
It's a great opportunity for the public to get a taste of the spirit of sharing and community that is at our core.



Photos by Jean Noack

The Beacon Sloop Club, inc. March 2022

		Total	
Income			
Contribution, Gifts, Grants			
Woody Nickles		30.00	
Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants	\$	30.00	
Corn Festival			
Vendor		220.00	
Total Corn Festival	\$	220.00	
Interest-Money Market		5.79	
Total Investment Income	\$	5.79	
Membership			
Paypal		150.00	
Snailmail		135.00	
Total Membership	\$	285.00	
Other Revenue			
Harbor Mooring Fee		250.00	
Total Other Revenue	\$	250.00	
Pumpkin Festival			
Vendor		410.00	
Total Pumpkin Festival	\$	410.00	
Strawberry Festival			
Vendor		490.00	
Total Strawberry Festival	\$	490.00	
Total Income	\$	1,690.79	
Gross Profit	\$	1,690.79	
Expenses			
Bank Expense			
Paypal		10.91	
Total Bank Expense	\$	10.91	
Facilities			
Building		79.45	
Festival		165.02	
Utilities		111.00	
Total Facilities	\$	355.47	
Other Expenses			
Donation		60.00	
Insurance - Liability, D and O		695.00	
Website		19.39	
Total Other Expenses	\$	774.39	
Printing, etc.	•		
Broadside		144.86	
Total Printing, etc.	\$	144.86	
Total Expenses	\$	1,285.63	
Net Operating Income	\$	405.16	
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Opening Cash Balance 3/1/2022	\$	106,252.33	
Closing Cash Balance 3/31/2022	\$	106,657.49	
Change in Investment Value	Ÿ	271.12	
Total Balance 3/31/2022	\$	106,928.61	
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Unrestricted	\$	81,702.31	
Restricted (total)*	\$	24,955.18	
B & S Rozinsky Fund 3/31/2022	\$ \$ \$ \$	21,564.24	
Board designated funds	\$	10,004.06	





WOODY NICKELS

Bring your deposit containers to the Fishkill Redemption Center and tell them to put your deposit proceeds in the Beacon Sloop Club envelope.

A&A Redemption Centers

986 Rt 52 Fishkill (in the Fishkill Village Square Shopping Mall/CVS plaza)

Tuesday Thursday Friday Saturday 9:30am - 3:30 pm Sunday 10-3

www.bottlecanreturns.com

Containers Accepted:

They accept all soda and beer bottles and cans, water bottles, and other beverage cans, and all store brands of New York State returnable bottles and cans. They do not except Gatorade, Snapple, vitamin water, ice teas, Powerade, or juice bottles. (Please make certain all your containers are NY State returnable.)

Count Them Before You Come In:

You can save time by counting your cans and bottle before you go to the center. Put them in a clear bag labeled with the quantity.

Please rinse all your containers!

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Current Calendar

Please Note:

While we much prefer to have in-person events and meetings, we are carefully monitoring the Covid situation, rules, and recommendations. All events are subject to change. Check your email and the BSC website for updates.



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

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BSC Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 25 7:00 – 8:30pm At the Clubhouse

Cornwall RiverFest 2022 June 5, 2022.

Donohue Park, Cornwall-on-Hudson

The 18th Annual Great Newburgh to Beacon Hudson River Swim. Saturday, July 30, 2022 (rain date: Sunday, July 31)

Registration Is Open

Festival Dates Strawberry – June 12 Corn – August 14 Pumpkin – October 16



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.

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Saturday:

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10:00 am Berry and Biscuit prep at Margaret and David's 35 Slocum Rd., Beacon

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