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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 56 Years

A Message from the President

May 2025 has brought celebrations galore to commemorate Pete Seeger's Birthday, May 3, 2025. Music pipped throughout the Hudson Valley and beyond to keep Pete's memory alive. The BSC hosted a circle of song with our musicians giving their best as Pete did throughout his lifetime.

June 2025 rings in a flurry of activity in prep for the BSC Strawberry Festival, Sunday, June 8, 2025 from 12:00 to 5:00 pm. Down By The Riverside at the Pete and Toshi Seeger Park in Beacon, NY across from the railway station is where the festivities will be in full swing!

Fresh baked on site, you can purchase a delicious strawberry short cake with sweet, delicious strawberries and clouds of fresh whipped cream piled on top! Fresh made to order are our infamous Sloop Strawberry Smoothies Sweet and Delicious! Our festival offers free admission, free children's hands on activities, children's music, free rides on the Woody Guthrie (tickets needed), food vendors galore, artisan crafts, and YOU! Don't forget to steal away a quiet moment to take in the view of our Majestic Hudson River!

Best, Patricia

Inside this issue:

All things strawberry, what is bending anyway, and much more...



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Wednesday, June 24, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, July 4, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

Name _____ Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ - _____ Phone _____ - _____ - _____ Email _____

Household Membership donation \$ _____ Renewal _____ New Member _____

Membership suggested donation \$25.00. Minimum of \$10.00. Please give more if you can afford it!
If you can't afford the minimum, the fee may be waived.

Newsletter format (check one): Printed ☐ E-mail ☐ Please consider e-mail it saves money and paper.

Additional Members at this address _____ Email _____

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Would you like information on Clearwater Membership? ☐ I would like to help with _____

Mail to: Beacon Sloop Club P.O. Box 527 Beacon, NY 12508

[Link to Online Renewal](#)

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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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, May 2, recorded by Trish Murphy

Opening Music: Lydia Adams Davis, Bonnie Champion, Mary Poppiins, and Roland Moussa performed the song "God's Counting on Me, God's Counting on You" written by the iconic Pete Seeger and Lorre Wyatt. Ben Mazer then joined the group as they performed the song "This Land is Your Land" by Woody Guthrie.

Opening Announcements: President Patricia Finnerty opened by reminding all present that the Beacon Sloop Club is a "carry-in and carry out" facility. She introduced new members Chris and Caroline, who expressed interest in volunteering, Stephanie Martinez, Ernie, and Kimberly. New attendee Korrin also introduced herself. Roland, who traveled from North Dakota, shared his experiences with Pete Seeger. All were given a warm welcome.

Treasury Report: Aaron gave a detailed treasury report for the month of March. Aaron announced that in 7 months his term as treasurer must come to an end.

Cameron Williams shared a fascinating tale about Pete Seeger and donated a beautiful photo to the Sloop Club.

Finance Committee: Alan announced that the tax filing for the year is complete, and the club's investments were reviewed, and no changes were made.

River Sweep: Metal announced that the following day at 9:00 a.m. a meeting for the River Sweep would take place. He stated our riverfront was one of 110 current sites. Light refreshments and coffee will be provided to participants.

Monica Blair will provide an informative lecture on pollinator gardens. The river sweep is currently in its 14th successful year thanks to the coordinated efforts of Metal and Joyce.

Clearwater Report: Rosemary gave an explanation of the origins of the Clearwater organization and how it relates to community education and inspiration for both past and future generations. The Kingston Earth Fair is set to take place in one week. Michael J. Miles will be performing at the Town Crier Cafe on May 15th. The "Paddle for the Hudson" event is currently ongoing. More information is available on the Clearwater website. 191 people attended the gala in early April. Rosemary emphasized how reaching the minds of the children of today is important for the future of tomorrow.

Sailing Class: Sailing classes will take place every Wednesday through June 9th. Ben Mazer will do an informative lecture titled "Rules of the Road" which will include helpful tips for navigating the river. Returning sail class members can audit any classes at no additional charge.

Strawberry Festival: Rosemary announced that the Strawberry Festival was set to take place on Sunday June 8th. Volunteers will begin hulling at 8:00 or 9:00 a.m. the day of the event. Susan spoke about the need to have volunteers' man the Earth care pods. She explained the Earth care system and process. Volunteers who help for at least 2 hours will receive a complimentary strawberry shortcake. A volunteer is also needed to coordinate the area. Stephanie kindly volunteered to help. Approximately one thousand pounds of strawberries will be hulled. The talented musicians who perform at the festival are volunteers. Patricia thanked Rosemary and Susan for all their hard work to make this year's Festival successful yet again.

Building Committee: John Greener explained that the committee was focusing on three main areas of the clubhouse. Charlie Brush is leading the efforts on the floor. The electrical issue with the multrum will also be a point of focus. The temporary storage area will also be worked on. Alan expressed his gratitude to Paul Banks for painting the ceiling and fixing the holes. Mary inquired about the outside walkway. John replied that it would be looked at in the near future.

Woody Maintenance: Captain Steve reported rub rails and scuffs on the hull will be painted. Chris O'Reilly is set to do work on the center board and decks. The boat is in great overall condition and should be in good working order for the first sail of the season during the Strawberry Festival.

Harbor Report: Captain Steve brought to attention lack of a dock that once was used by the Waterway ferry and Bannerman's Castle boat. It is not known when New York Waterway ferry service will resume, and we are working with Bannerman's to allow them to use our dock overnight. Alan stated that monies currently in the budget for dock repairs, for which we were trying to secure a grant, will be mostly covered by Bannerman's.

Environmental Report: Captain Tom gave an accounting of the shocking history of the former Texaco site in Glenham in which toxic chemicals were improperly disposed of by being poured onto the bare soil. This devastating history has hindered development of the area due to the massive cleanup which would be required to meet health and safety standards of occupancy. At a meeting a couple of weeks prior, a representative of the DEC answered public questions and provided information about the current cleanup efforts. DEC will make their study findings public during the next meeting. No buyers or developers have come forward at this point. The area is one of three sites which houses a rare weeping hemlock tree. Captain Tom himself advocated to protect the rare tree, and listeners were delighted to learn he won the battle.

Waste Report: Tore opened his report by going over the basics of a "PLEK" AKA "potluck eating kit". He then gave a detailed breakdown of the four pounds of waste collected after the last meeting. He reminded members not to leave empty wine bottles behind, especially outside the trash collection area. Tore gave an eye-opening report of the levels of carbon expelled by various sources, including pets. An extensive list of reusable items was then provided.

Closing Announcements:

Bonnie Champion shared that Marie Young passed away. She spoke about the positive impact Marie had, including being an environmentalist. Wayne talked about Riverpool and about how New York state wishes to expand the Swim Initiative Program. Volunteers looking to participate on June 14th and/or 15th can sign up at Riverpool.org. The cross-river swim is set to take place on July 26th. Registration has opened and already 80 of the 200 spots are filled. There is a \$75.00 fee, and each participant must also raise a minimum of \$100.00. sign up is available at riverpool.org. Danielle announced her partner Mike will represent the Sloop Club at the high school on May 18th. A member pointed out that the following day would be the 106th birthday of the iconic and treasured Pete Seeger. The historic Methodist Church in Putnam is hosting the 9th Seeger Festival.

The Endangered Species Act Under Threat

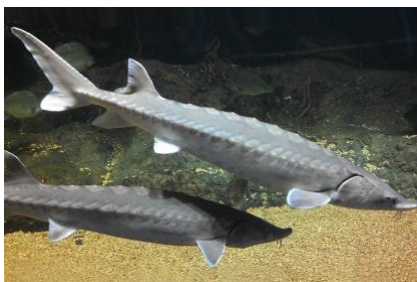
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service have proposed eliminating the regulatory definition of “harm” under the ESA.

The current definition of “harm” provides protections against modification or destruction of critical habitats necessary for their survival and recovery.

The Supreme Court has ruled that the ordinary meaning of “harm” encompasses actions that indirectly cause injury through habitat alteration, aligning with the Act’s broad purpose of preventing species extinction. This important precedent has been the basis for many regulatory actions and the recovery of endangered species and ecosystems.

By removing or restricting the definition of harm there will be much less basis for ensuring responsible development and much more risk of driving species to extinction.

The Hudson River is home to several endangered or threatened species, most notably the Atlantic Sturgeon.



DEC Announces the Release of the *Draft Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda 2026-2030*

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation announced the release of the *Draft Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda 2026-2030*, a five-year blueprint for conserving and restoring the Hudson River estuary and its watershed. Public comment on the draft plan is being accepted through Aug. 11, 2025.

The Action Agenda is updated every five years to address current trends and opportunities. The 2026-2030 plan builds on the successes of the previous Action Agenda while incorporating new scientific findings and data and addressing emerging challenges. The eight priority goals focus on creating a strong and vibrant ecosystem that benefit both nature and people, with special emphasis on environmental justice, equity, and inclusion, as well as meaningful engagement with Indigenous Nations.

The Hudson River Estuary Management Program, created in 1987, helps protect, conserve, restore, and enhance the Hudson River estuary and its watershed, and encompasses four DEC programs that work collaboratively to implement the *Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda*. To View the Details:

<https://dec.ny.gov/nature/waterbodies/oceans-estuaries/hudson-river-estuary-program/action-agenda>

Clearwater Charts Bold Five-Year Course for Long-Term Resilience

June 10, 2025

BEACON, NY – Continuing nearly six decades of defending the Hudson River and inspiring generations through environmental education, sailing, and song, the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Board of Directors has ratified a comprehensive five-year Business Model Plan designed to secure the organization’s future for decades to come.

“This Comprehensive Plan builds upon intentional changes Clearwater has made over the last five years, including our 2021 Strategic Plan and the intentional decision to hire a skilled financial expert to lead the organization,” reflected **Board President Samantha Hicks**. “Since David Toman came aboard as Executive Director in 2022, the organization has made significant strides in growing revenue and funding sources. This plan takes our efforts over the last five years to the next level, and establishes a data-driven, metrics-focused path forward.”

Ratified May 8 by the Board of Directors, the Comprehensive Plan marks a significant step forward from the financial instability that has periodically challenged the organization. Following a successful emergency fundraising campaign in spring 2024, Clearwater has used the momentum to recalibrate and rethink its revenue sources from the ground up. Under the leadership of Executive Director David Toman, the organization assembled a diverse team of business, education, maritime, and marketing professionals who worked alongside board and staff members for nine months to evaluate Clearwater’s finances, programming, and operational structure, ultimately developing a plan to achieve long-term financial stability and resilience, thereby enabling the organization to better serve the river and communities of the Hudson Valley.

“This is more than a plan—it’s a commitment,” said **David Toman, Clearwater’s Executive Director**. “Last spring’s financial crisis and robust community response were a mandate to find a new, bold path forward. The outpouring of support gave us the time and clarity to develop a clear-eyed, pragmatic roadmap to ensure Clearwater doesn’t just survive, but thrives financially, programmatically, and in service to our mission for the next 50 years.”

For More Information:

<https://www.clearwater.org/latest-news/clearwater-charts-bold-five-year-course-for-long-term-resilience/>

Bending the Mainsail



First, thank you to the folks who braved the wind and rain to get the boat ready for the Strawberry Festival.

Several people asked why we would want to bend the sail. Bending is a nautical term for connecting or fastening objects.

Bending a sail is the act of fastening the sail to its yard or stay. When mariners spoke of bending a cable, they usually meant the tying of a cable to an anchor ring. The "sheet bend" (also known as a "weaver's knot") is a type of knot used to join two ropes, especially when the ropes have different diameters or materials.




The First Guest Sail of the Year
At the Strawberry Festival


Clearwater's Public Sail Schedule is Now Online



Hudson River Sloop Clearwater's
PADDLE FOR OUR HUDSON 2025
May 26 – Sept 1

Can you paddle 20, 60, or 100 miles this summer?



 Hudson River Sloop Clearwater

RIVERFEST FPS (FOR PETE'S SAKE), DAYGLO PRESENTS & HARPER HOUSE MUSIC FOUNDATION PRESENT

 **HUDSON RIVER MUSIC FESTIVAL**
SATURDAY, JUNE 14 • 2025 • CROTON POINT PARK, NEW YORK

MUSIC & ENVIRONMENTAL CELEBRATION

GRAHAME LESH & FRIENDS
FEATURING
RICK MITAROTONDA • OTEIL BURBRIDGE
GRIFFIN & TAYLOR GOLDSMITH
ROB BARRACO • JENNIFER HARTSWICK

LUCIUS (ACOUSTIC)
FEATURING **GRIFFIN & TAYLOR GOLDSMITH**

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PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND
JORMA KAUKONEN
STEVE EARLE & FRIENDS
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TOWERING PUPPETS • FLOATING FISH PARADES • MUSIC FOR KIDS & FAMILIES
ACTIVISM AREA • WORKSHOPS • & MORE

Get Tickets & More Info at HudsonRiverMusicFestival.com

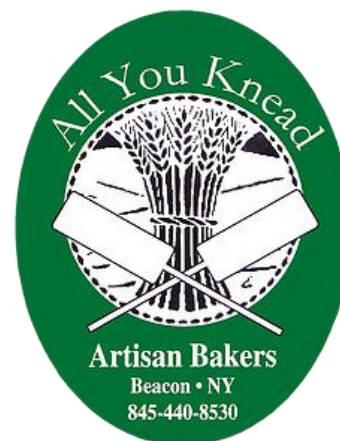
Strawberry Festival 2025

We have to say it, Wow! The clouds parted for one beautiful day on the banks of the Hudson. We wish to thank each and every one of you who came out to help, whatever your part, it contributed to a tremendous event. This year's festival was dedicated to Gail Moran, who set an example of what commitment to the community means.



The Beacon Sloop Club
Apr-25

Distribution account	Total
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	115.58
Comm. Found. of the Hudson Vall	2,500.00
Legacies and Bequests	100.00
Total for Contribution, Gifts, Grants	\$2,715.58
Corn Festival	0.00
Vendor	362.00
Total for Corn Festival	\$362.00
Investment Income	215.62
Total for Investment Income	\$215.62
Membership	0.00
Paypal	150.00
Snailmail	70.00
Total for Membership	\$220.00
Other Revenue	0.00
Harbor Mooring Fee	675.00
Sailing Class	900.00
Total for Other Revenue	\$1,575.00
Pumpkin Festival	0.00
Vendor	372.00
Total for Pumpkin Festival	\$372.00
Strawberry Festival	0.00
Vendor	1,069.00
Total for Strawberry Festival	\$1,069.00
Total for Income	\$6,529.20
Gross Profit	\$6,529.20
Expenses	
Bank Expense	0.00
Paypal	85.30
Total for Bank Expense	\$85.30
Other Expenses	0.00
Website	41.21
Total for Other Expenses	\$41.21
Strawberry Expense	115.00
Total for Expenses	\$241.51
Net Operating Income	\$6,287.69
Net Income	\$6,287.69
 Opening Cash Balance 4/1/2025	 \$ 142,292.45
Closing Cash Balance 4/30/2025	\$ 148,580.14
Change in Investment Value	-71.29
Total Balance 4/30/2025	\$ 148,508.85
 Unrestricted & soft	 \$ 118,059.38
Hard Restricted (total)*	\$ 30,449.47
B & S Rozinsky Fund (hard)	\$ 25,168.02
Board designated funds (soft)	\$ 16,909.78



In Memoria – Marie Young

1943 – 2025

Frankie Marie Young, Environmental Activist and Musical Performer, born in Dallas, Texas, to Mary Kennedy and Frank Young, died March 20th at her home near New Paltz.

She was a long-time Sloop Club member, an environmental activist, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater member, as well as Riverkeeper, the Seed Song Farm and Center, and an original member of New Paltz Climate Action. As a founding member of the Tree Huggers, a folk music group that performs at area events, and a self-taught musician, she wrote songs, sang and played the guitar. She was a member of the Cranky Old Lesbians group at the Kingston Unitarian Fellowship.

Current Calendar

Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting
Friday, July 4, 6:30 – 10:00pm
At the Clubhouse

BSC Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 24, 7:00 pm
At the Clubhouse

Annual Great Newburgh to Beacon Hudson River Swim

2025 Dates/Times:

Sat, July 26, 2025

Check-in 7:45am–9:20am

No check-in past 9:20am

Allot time for parking and check-in process.
(Check-in can take up to 30 minutes)

Rain date: Sun, July 27, 2025

Check-in 8:30am–10:05am

No check-in past 10am

Allot time for parking and check-in process.
(Check-in can take up to 30 minutes)

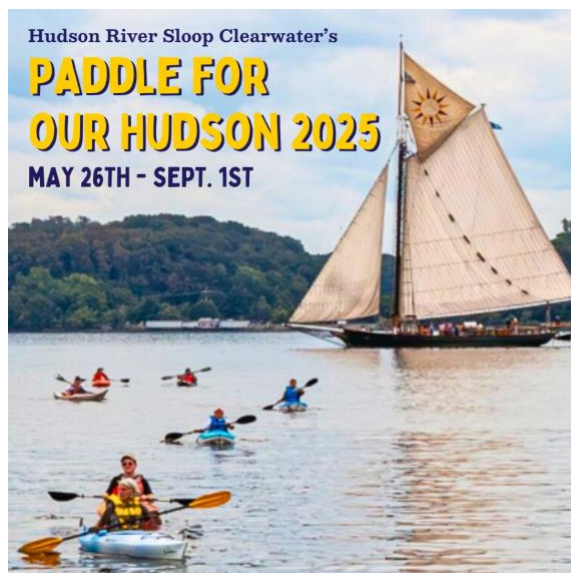
Splash in times

Saturday, July 26, 2025: roughly 10:10am

(rain date) Sunday July 27, 2025: roughly 10:53am



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.



 MAIN STAGE SCHEDULE SATURDAY, JUNE 14 • 2025 CROTON POINT PARK, NEW YORK	
6:45PM – 8:45PM	GRAHAME LESH & FRIENDS FT. OTEIL BURBRIDGE • RICK MITAROTONDA GRIFFIN & TAYLOR GOLDSMITH • ROB BARRACO JENNIFER HARTSWICK
5:25PM – 6:20PM	LUCIUS (ACOUSTIC) FT. GRIFFIN & TAYLOR GOLDSMITH
4:05PM – 5:00PM	MADISON CUNNINGHAM
2:45PM – 3:40PM	PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND
1:35PM – 2:20PM	JORMA KAUKONEN WITH SPECIAL GUEST JOHN HURLBUT
12:30PM – 1:15PM	STEVE EARLE & FRIENDS
11:00AM – 12:00PM	TOM CHAPIN & FRIENDS, DAVID AMRAM, AND THE CHAPIN SISTERS: A CELEBRATION OF PETE & TOSHI SEEGER
10:00AM GATES OPEN	

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

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