



Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 54 Years

A Message from Our President

Most guests aboard the Woody Guthrie on a typical evening are probably unaware of just how many hours of training, preparation and maintenance go into each sail. Likewise, the average festivalgoer has no idea of the amount of planning, discussion, and labor that precedes each festival. That's because everyone in the Beacon Sloop Club provides these services without any expectation of recognition or compensation. As we bid farewell to another summer, it seems fitting to pause in acknowledgement of those who toil to make these activities a success.

A full measure of gratitude must be accorded to our captains, Steve Schwartz, Tom LaBarr, Patrick Gallagher, James Malchow and Ben Mazer, some of the finest helmsmen on the Hudson, along with their dedicated crews. We thank Susan Berliner for efficiently scheduling our guests. And we are grateful to the Woody maintenance crew, led by Max Smith, whose skills and exertions resulted in a sturdy craft that withstood all the challenges of the river.

Similarly, we express our appreciation for all those who ran this year's festivals. We raise a glass to coordinators Patricia Finnerty and Rosemary Thomas who managed the complex process of creating community festivals. We are indebted to Konstantin Doren for overseeing the sale of merchandise, to Joyce Hanson for coordinating the vendors, and to Tom Elliott and Pat O'Connor for supervising the Environmental Tent. We thank Beth Partridge, Tom and Aimee Labarr, and Vince Farina, for overseeing the food production and distribution. We are grateful to Susan Berliner for scheduling the performers and for Aaron Verdile, Patrick Jones and Laurie Segal for sound engineering. We applaud James Malchow, Alan Thomas, Wayne, Joe, and Peter Cherek, and Tom Schmeelk. for directing the setup and breakdown of the festival structures. But we save our most fervent and

heartfelt thanks for the dozens of dedicated volunteers who devoted countless hours to the successes of our festivals.

Thanks to Konstantin Doren for kicking off our fall and winter season by coordinating the Clubhouse cleanup work party. We appreciate all who donated their weekend hours to make our clubhouse shiny and clean.

Starting our winter activities off were Sloop Club favorites, April Mae and the June Bugs. Their irresistible Halloween music was a prelude to a season of songs, stories, and lectures. Or, as April Mae and the June Bug sing:

Hear the legends of the time

By the fireside...

Keep alive the stories' rhythms

Keep the rhyme

-From "I Chop Wood", April Mae and the June Bugs
Rob

Inside this issue:

Channeling Huck Finn, the Coast Guard relents, boogie time at the clubhouse, hard work in the harbor, and much, much more....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, November 21, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, December 1, 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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Jim Birmingham, Patrick Gallagher,
Tom LaBarr, James Malchow,
Ben Mazer, Steve Schwartz,

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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, November 3, recorded by Vicki Fox/Mary Arnold

Opening song: Sailing Up, Sailing Down, Ken Miller, Ben Mazur, Mary Poppins and Annie.

President Rob reminded us that this is a carry in/carry out facility. Tom Elliott volunteered to take out the recyclables; Bonnie Champion volunteered to take out the garbage. Rob congratulated Gail Moran for being this month's Multrum Hero. We still need one for December. Rob welcomed first-time attendees.

Treasury Report: Aaron Verdile reviewed the numbers for September.

Pumpkin Festival: Tom LaBarr, "we had it; it was fun." Mary Poppins, "I sold all my hats. Whoever took the pictures, I want to thank you. God bless each and every one of you." Rosemary, "Special thanks to Joyce and Patricia for all they did. Joyce has taken the vendors to a new level. It's a big job. Joyce, "The music was extraordinary, on both stages."

Holiday Sing: Susan announced that it will be on December 9. The time will be set shortly. A lot of people say it's one of their favorite events. It's beautiful. Aaron does an amazing job decorating, and an amazing job with the sound. All our favorite musicians come and lead songs. We get to sing. It's a Potluck; everyone brings desserts and finger foods. Expect to spend your evening singing.

Joyce: Again, this year it is a fundraiser (\$\$, not food items) for Common Ground Farm's food donation program. They donate over 12,000 pounds of food to Fairground, soup kitchens, mutual aide, and churches. We have been partnering with them and supporting them. Last year, we raised over \$1,000. Write your check to Beacon Sloop Club, on bottom, say donation for Common Ground. We are their partners, listed on their website.

Woody Report: Steve Schwartz. I would like to say how pleased I am that the Woody Report is only four down from the top of the agenda. The Woody went down to Haverstraw today at 6 am. in the morning. It was a bit chilly, but an easy trip down. There will be work parties to build a frame and put a tarp on it. Tomorrow there is a work party to disassemble the charging dock and take the dock by oars over to the long dock at 10 a.m. Low tide at 11:33 tomorrow.

We received a \$5,000 grant from the Hyde and Watson Foundation, due to efforts of James Malchow and Alan. The grant is for electrical work on the Woody, having the boat rewired to coast guard standards by a professional marine mechanic. We are not a coast guard inspected vessel but want to keep it up to standards for safety and insurance purposes. This grantor, once they recognize the value of a program, tends to offer continuing support for infrastructure improvement.

Harbor Report: Mary/Steve. Harbor Work: starts tomorrow. The moorings are coming out tomorrow and Sunday. The following weekend, the docks will be disassembled. Also of interest, Tom L mentioned at the executive committee, an opportunity to partner with the Town of Fishkill to invest money (apply for grants) to upgrade our charging dock and possibly all the docks.

MLK March and Essay Contest: Bonnie, "it's been my pleasure to organize the Martin Luther King parade and essay contest. It's not a good idea to have the same person leading an organization for years and years and years." The new chairman is Matt Bowen

Matt: Congratulated Bonnie for heading it up for last 10 years. "I'm thrilled to take this on."

Bonnie: We really need peace in the world. We need a Martin Luther King quote about peace as a topic for the essay contest. My favorite line is from a fourth grader is "Martin Luther King wanted to change the world. That's a big job."

There will be a November 14 zoom meet and greet, at 7 p.m.

Clearwater Report: Rosemary: The Clearwater will come out of water this year for coast guard inspection, painting. We are working on restoration/preservation, and you may get appeals for that.

Environmental action: EPA, upcoming release of draft of 5-year review how the cleanup is going. Clearwater and partners are hosting a public briefing, Tuesday Nov 14 on Zoom 5:30 to 6:30. This is a public briefing.

Nominations for 2024 Officers: Alan reminded us that you must be a member in good standing to participate in the election process. He will have a membership list and forms available before the December meeting.

The following people were nominated from the floor: President: Rob May, Vice-president: Vince Farina, Secretary: Mary Arnold (declined), Treasurer: Aaron Verdile.

There was a discussion on the duties of the secretary and a call for volunteers. We need a secretary.

Environmental Report: Tom LaBarr reported on a NYT article on the energy consumed by AI and Bitcoin. If trends continue, they will consume the same amount of energy as a medium-sized country.

He also reported on a study debunking fears of people being trapped in electric vehicles during blizzards that are being spread on social media. The simulated study showed that in 12hrs of being trapped in traffic at 20 degs., only 25% of the battery capacity was used.

Announcements: Joyce auctioned off two items, the proceeds to go the Holiday Sing Fundraiser. **Mary Poppins** passed out local papers with articles about the Woody and the Pumpkin Festival. **Vince** offered free spider plants to anyone wishing to take one home.

Bonnie thanked April Mae and the June Bugs for last Friday's concert. **Gail** reminded us that new CG rules would allow anchoring of large ships north of the Tappen zee. **Alan Zollner** announced that Riverpool's annual meeting is November 18, 10 am, at the Stonykill Environmental Center. They will publish a Zoom link as well. **Merrick Lemme**, a local student, said that he has been trying to convince his friends to come. They are reluctant to join because they are not very social. He asked that we accommodate them if they come to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44

Hudson River PCB Superfund Site: Where are we now, what's next, and how you can help (VIRTUAL MEETING) @ Zoom

Nov 14 @ 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

PUBLIC MEETING:

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[Register to Attend](#)

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to release its draft third Five Year Review (FYR) of the Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site for public comment this winter. Through these reviews, required under the federal Superfund law, EPA reports on the status of the cleanup and issues a determination as to whether the selected cleanup remedy is working as intended and is protective of human health and the environment.

Join Scenic Hudson, Riverkeeper, and Hudson River Sloop Clearwater for a virtual update about the Hudson River PCBs Superfund Project. Friends of a Clean Hudson (FOCH) has been a river-wide coalition for decades focused on monitoring PCB cleanup in the Hudson River.

Speakers include:

- Althea Mullarkey, Assistant Director Advocacy & Special Project Analyst at Scenic Hudson
- Drew Gamils, Staff Attorney, Riverkeeper
- Kevin Farrar, Independent Scientist
- Dr. David Carpenter, Professor, School of Public Health, Department of Environmental Health Science, University at Albany

U.S. Coast Guard Reverses Policy on Hudson River Anchoring

The Coast Guard, following the outcry from environmental organizations and local officials, has reversed the policy it adopted in July allowing large commercial vessels to anchor anywhere north of Tarrytown. The Coast Guard's new rule temporarily restores the geographic scope of the Port of New York to encompass the Hudson River from New York Harbor to Albany, N.Y, permitting only the designated Hyde Park Anchorage Ground.

As the Coast Guard considers future changes to its anchoring regulations and policies, it will be collecting public comments and feedback through a process called a Notice of Inquiry. This is a process that we must participate in in order to safeguard the health of the river and our communities.

Putting the Harbor to Bed

It's that time of year again. The harbor team, led by Ben and Jeremy have been busy pulling moorings and removing docks. Maintaining the harbor is core to our mission.



Meanwhile the Woody Crews have been busy...



Photos by Andy Fairbanks & Jake Metric



April Mae & the June Bugs rocked the Sloop Club with their Boogie-Boo, Halloween show!

Thank you to April Mae, our patron who made it possible, and all who helped with setup and clean up. It was great to have a post-festival event to wrap up the season.

Photo by Susan Berliner

The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.
Profit and Loss
 September 2023

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	105.34
Gross Sales of Inventory	100.00
Total Investment Income	\$ 111.06
Membership	
Paypal	75.00
Snailmail	50.00
Total Membership	\$ 125.00
Pumpkin Festival	
Vendor	360.00
Total Pumpkin Festival	\$ 360.00
Total Income	\$ 801.40
Gross Profit	\$ 801.40
Expenses	
Bank Expense	
Paypal	8.81
Total Bank Expense	\$ 8.81
Corn Expense	27.92
Advertising	19.99
Compost	104.02
Eco-supplies	79.94
Hotdogs	220.01
Ice Cream	359.54
Sanitation	400.00
Smoothies	67.90
Total Corn Expense	\$ 1,279.32
Cost of Inventory	20.00
Facilities	
Utilities	157.51
Woody Maintenance	39.96
Total Facilities	\$ 197.47
Other Expenses	
Donation	1,000.00
Website	28.17
Total Other Expenses	\$ 1,028.17
Printing, etc.	
Broadside	98.32
Printing and Copying	43.13
Total Printing, etc.	\$ 141.45
Total Expenses	\$ 2,675.22
Net Operating Income	-\$ 1,873.82
Net Income	-\$ 1,873.82
Opening Cash Balance 9/1/2023	\$ 130,502.53
Closing Cash Balance 9/30/2023	\$ 128,628.71
Change in Investment Value	-780.90
Total Balance 9/30/2023	\$ 127,847.81
Unrestricted & soft	\$ 104,179.45
Hard Restricted (total)*	\$ 23,668.36
B & S Rozinsky Fund (hard)	\$ 20,671.01
Board designated funds (soft)	\$ 15,577.14



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BEACON SLOOP CLUB
HOLIDAY SING

SATURDAY, DEC 9TH, 2023, 5PM
 FREE ADMISSION
 PLEASE BRING FINGER FOOD OR DRINKS TO SHARE
 FUNDRAISER FOR
 COMMON GROUND FOOD DONATION PROGRAM
 CASH OR CHECKS ACCEPTED -
 MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO : BEACON SLOOP CLUB (MEMO: C G FARM)
 PO BOX 527 BEACON NY 12508

Current Calendar

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Tuesday, November 21, 7:00 pm
At the Clubhouse

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**Food and Water Watch Forum:
How to Keep Radioactive Waste Out of Our
Air and Water - Virtual**
Nov 20 @ 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

- [register to attend](#)

[Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse](#)
Magpie
Saturday, December 16, 2023, 7:30 pm
Community Unitarian Universalist
Congregation 468 Rosedale Ave
White Plains, NY 10605

**Voting for 2024 Beacon Sloop Club Officers
will take place at the
December Membership Meeting.**

Nominations may still be made prior to the vote.
Nominees (and nominators) must be current
members in good standing.

We need a secretary!

If you would like further information about the
duties involved, the current officers would be
happy to speak with you.



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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Riverpool's Annual Meeting
November 18, 10 am,
at the Stonykill Environmental Center.
via Zoom
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85347008378?pwd=I5B2NMSGzcfplZtnk34VgGI32sOPDs.1>
Meeting ID: 853 4700 8378 Passcode: 860452
Kindly RSVP
to info@riverpool.org

Details of calendar events may be found elsewhere in the newsletter.
For more info about the BSC: www.beaconsloop.org, or www.beaconsloopclub.org