



## Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 55 Years

### A Message from Our President

We turn the page on another sailing season and another festival season and look back on a succession of notable accomplishments. Before the sailing season even began, our sloop *Woody Guthrie* underwent a complete electrical system rewiring. We are indebted to James Malchow and Alan Thomas for procuring generous grants which made the improvements possible. Meanwhile, Antony Tseng expertly trained and certified about a half-dozen members in AED, CPR and First Aid thereby preparing us for any medical emergencies. Thank you, Antony, for those timely and informative classes.

Our public sails were hugely successful. We were blessed with unusually favorable sailing weather throughout the summer and into the fall, resulting in a seemingly endless string of delightful and memorable sails. We had a full boat of guests, many of them first-time visitors, almost every night. We are grateful for the dedication of our talented captains, Tom LaBarr, Steve Schwartz, James Malchow and Patrick Gallagher, and all the skilled and reliable crewmembers. For several crewmembers, it was their initial sailing season. They quickly learned all the intricacies and peculiarities of sailing a 19th century replica ferry sloop.

With Jake Metric, Andy Fairbanks and Metal Winters, we had more captains-in-training this year than we have had in recent memory. Their dedication and willingness to sharpen their skills and prepare to step into the role of captains is appreciated by everyone. Also, congratulations to Corinne Laloupe for being named as a first mate.

The Club acquired the long floating dock where our guests board the *Woody Guthrie* for public sails. Now, we can prioritize our own program needs rather than work around the wishes of the previous owners. This key acquisition was possible because of the persistence and skilled negotiations of Steve Schwartz, Alan Thomas, Vince Farina and Ben Fiege. They arranged for the purchase of the dock at a very reasonable price, they consulted with other dock users, and with Beacon city officials for a seamless transition. Alan Thomas and Steve Schwartz were responsible for several

improvements on the dock, the most salient being the installation of a new entrance gate.

Our three festivals were also complete successes, thanks to our dedicated festival leaders and the indefatigable efforts of all our treasured volunteers. Every festival was full of engaged and joyful visitors. An impressive array of new vendors and craftspeople took their place among traditional festival favorites. Some new and exciting musical acts joined our talented returning musicians on our festival stages. Several new food items were added to our menu and became instant crowd favorites. And here again, we were fortunate to have near-perfect weather for all our festivals.

With the sailing and festival season behind us, we look forward to an eventful winter. Plans have begun for our popular Holiday Sing in December, and an enlightening and entertaining Winter Lecture Series is eagerly anticipated.

And, before you know it, spring will be with us again!

Rob

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

The harbor team in action, it's election time, putting the *Woody* to bed, and much more....



*Photo by Mary Arnold*

**NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Wednesday December 4, 7:00 p.m.**

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, December 6, 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.

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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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Jim Birmingham, Patrick Gallagher,  
Tom LaBarr, James Malchow,  
Ben Mazer, Steve Schwartz,

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## Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes, November 1, recorded by Trish Murphy

**Opening Music:** Lydia Adams Davis, Bonnie Champion, and Rob May sang while Ken Miller sang and played the fiddle, and Mary Poppins played the spoons while performing a medley of classic songs by the iconic Pete Seeger.

**Opening Announcements:** Tom Elliott was thanked for taking the recycles last month. Tor kindly volunteered to do the garbage and recycles this month as well as provide a reporting of the contents of such. Paige Ogden was thanked for being last month's "Multrum Hero". Christine was thanked for being the "Multrum Hero" for this month. New members Lucas and Katrina were welcomed. New attendee Daniel was welcomed and many showed appreciation for the tasty spicy chicken which he contributed to the potluck.

**Treasury Report:** Aaron provided a detailed treasury report for the month of September. (See treasurer's report for full details.)

**Pumpkin Festival Recap:** Susan Berliner and Joyce Hanson opened the reporting by thanking the many volunteers which made the Pumpkin Festival a great success. The final tally of items utilized included a surprising 131 pies and 200 potatoes, among other items. Entertainment included many great performers, such as "Arm of the Sea". The children's area was a hit with many attendees and proved to be a wonderful addition to the festival. Seventy-two people enjoyed a sale on the Woody during the festival.

**Holiday Sing:** The annual Holiday Sing is set to take place on December 14th. Festivities will begin at 5:00 or 6:00 p.m. and continue to approximately 9:00 p.m. More specific times will be provided during the next membership meeting. All present agreed with Joyce that the charity the Holiday Sing should sponsor this year is Common Ground Farms. The latter organization provides direct nutritional assistance to the community by providing healthy and wholesome food at no cost to those in need. Those wishing to make a donation can make checks payable to "Beacon Sloop Club" with the notation at the bottom stating "To Common Ground Farm". The Holiday Sing will consist of potluck snacks and will provide guests the opportunity to listen to a number of talented musicians.

**Woody Report/ Harbor Report:** Eleven dedicated crew members safely guided the Woody on her four-hour journey to Haverstraw, where she'll remain for winter storage. A work party will take place Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the Haverstraw Marina. The boat is nearly ready to be tarped. The top mast will be dropped and secured followed by the securing of wires and lines. Sloop Club member Tom spoke of his father, who was a ship captain, before reading a touching excerpt. Please contact Captain Steve or James about joining a work party if you desire to do so. James noted that work parties are a fabulous way to gain knowledge about the boat and to show commitment if wanting to join the crew. Harbor work parties are also set to begin soon. The docks will in the near future be transported to White's Marina for winter storage.

**Club Officer Nomination for 2025:** James and Gail were thanked for all their hard work as the nominating committee.

James informed listeners that the club offers many volunteer roles beyond the scope of being a board member. He further explained that there is a plethora of committees to suit a number of skills. The committee put forward Patricia Murphy for secretary, Patricia Finnerty for president, and Aaron Verdile for treasurer, Lydia Adams Davis, Konstantin Doren, and Metal Winters for vice-president. Rob May was also nominated for president. James reminded all that in order to participate in the Sloop Club electoral process, one must be a member. Individuals can join or renew their membership through the Sloop Club website or directly with cash or check. Checks should be made payable to "Beacon Sloop Club" with the notation "membership" on the bottom. There is a suggested donation of at least \$25, but those who cannot pay will not be turned away and should contact a Sloop Club representative.

**Clearwater Report:** Vince Farina highlighted the Captain's Wish List", on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). The list gives the opportunity to purchase items to go directly to the hard-working crew. An anonymous donor generously offered to match donations collected at the meeting in order to get a larger item on the list. A total of \$243.00 was collected by means of a hat pass.

**Environmental Report:** Captain Tom opened his informative report by stating that some areas are currently being deluged with rain while other places, like the Amazon, are suffering from extreme drought due to global warming. Captain Tom lamented that a new method to clear the Amazon of foliage using dangerous chemicals is currently being implemented. These chemicals will then be ingested by livestock that is sold globally for meat production. The production of meat also effects the existing water shortage being as it takes hundreds of gallons of water to produce meat by the time it reaches the consumer's plate. Captain Tom pointed out that choosing to become a vegetarian can protect both the Earth and your health. He suggested the healthiest option to protect your health would be to grow and consume your own vegetables. John McLaughlin lamented over global warming and warned that at the current rate it will get increasingly worse. Captain Tom concluded his report with the wisdom that drastic things need to happen with the existing system for positive change to occur.

**General Announcements:** **Bonnie** rejoiced that there were a large number of new attendees and that she hoped everybody felt welcomed to the Sloop Club. **Bonnie** announced the MLK parade would take place on the third Monday in January. Volunteers are much needed. Those wishing to donate their time should contact Matt Bowen. **Rachel Zollner** stated that the River Pool annual meeting will take place on Saturday November 16th at Stoney Kill farm. **Gail** provided the hopeful news that the environmentally harmful incinerator that burns the trash from our area may be replaced in the somewhat near future. Tor gave a detailed report of items disposed of in the trash and recycle can. **Mary Poppiins** closed the meeting with many chuckles when she shared the humorous thought that "If the grocery store has a health food section, then what does that say about the rest of the store?"

### **Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 8:29 p.m. Circle of song followed immediately afterwards.



### They're Back: MTA Reveals Proposed Housing Project at the Beacon Train Station.

Remember that project with the high-rise parking garage and 300+ housing units that we fought 15 years ago? It's back in somewhat modified form.

We were part of a large coalition, including Main Street businesses that feared competition, that raised a multitude of concerns about the project's impact on the waterfront and the city. While we'd like to think that the aesthetic and environmental impacts won the day, in the end the business impacts may have been the deciding factor in stopping the project. The MTA feels that that is no longer a concern with the current proposal.

For more information see the following:

[MTA Reveals More Train Station Project Details](#)

We, and our members who are City of Beacon Residents in particular, need to stay on top of this.

### Environmental Groups Challenge EPA's Findings

On November 8 the Friends of a Clean Hudson (FOCH), a coalition of national, state, and regional organizations led by [Riverkeeper](#), [Scenic Hudson](#), and [Hudson River Sloop Clearwater](#), submitted comments on the EPA's draft third five-year review for the Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site calling on the agency to find the cleanup is "not protective of human health and the environment."

The EPA's draft review, released in July 2024 concluded that more data is needed to determine if the cleanup of PCBs in the Hudson is meeting the expectations of the original cleanup plan. The FOCH assert the data available shows clearly that neither fish nor sediment are recovering at the rates needed to protect human health and the environment, and the agency must issue a "not protective" determination in its final third five-year review and take steps to re-evaluate the cleanup.

The coalition relied on the expertise of nationally recognized scientists to analyze data that concluded the 6-year cleanup in the Upper Hudson has failed to achieve the anticipated reduction of PCBs within the timeframes established to protect human health and the environment from the legacy of PCB contamination.

The FOCH coalition's technical comments are available [here](#).

### The Harbor Team in Action



Our harbor team has been busy removing moorings and docks and making sure that everything is safe and secure for the winter.

Maintaining the moorings and providing recreational boating opportunities is an important part of our mission and relationship with the City of Beacon.



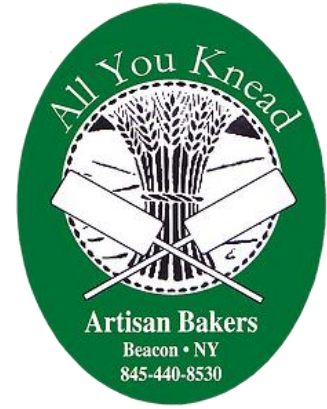
### Woody Report

The Woody Sailors met to review the season and elect James Malchow and Steve Schwartz to another term as head of the Woody Sailors and Maintenance Coordinator respectively. They then braved the howling winds to install the frame and tarp that keeps the boat safe over the winter.



Photos provided by James Malchow and Joe Chernick

	<u>Total</u>
<b>Income</b>	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	297.00
Woody maintenance fund	10.00
<b>Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants</b>	<b>\$307.00</b>
<b>Corn Festival</b>	
Corn	
Corn & other food	25.00
<b>Total Corn</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
Vendor	80.00
<b>Total Corn Festival</b>	<b>\$105.00</b>
<b>Total Investment Income</b>	<b>\$286.66</b>
<b>Membership</b>	
Paypal	120.00
Snailmail	25.00
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>\$145.00</b>
<b>Pumpkin Festival</b>	
Vendor	160.00
<b>Total Pumpkin Festival</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>
<b>Strawberry Festival</b>	
Vendor	80.00
<b>Total Strawberry Festival</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,083.66</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$1,083.66</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Bank Expense	
Paypal	11.98
<b>Total Bank Expense</b>	<b>\$11.98</b>
Corn Expense	
Chili	209.62
Corn	591.00
Sanitation	525.00
<b>Total Corn Expense</b>	<b>\$1,325.62</b>
Facilities	
Festival	198.00
Utilities	188.36
Woody Maintenance	6,240.14
<b>Total Facilities</b>	<b>\$6,626.50</b>
Other Expenses	
Donation	2,500.00
Website	34.30
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,534.30</b>
Printing, etc.	
Broadside	58.72
<b>Total Printing, etc.</b>	<b>\$58.72</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,557.12</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>-\$9,473.46</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$9,473.46</b>
<b>Opening Cash Balance 9/1/2024</b>	<b>\$156,036.42</b>
<b>Closing Cash Balance 9/30/2024</b>	<b>\$146,562.96</b>
<b>Change in Investment Value</b>	<b>480.71</b>
<b>Total Balance 9/30/2024</b>	<b>\$147,043.67</b>
<b>Unrestricted &amp; soft</b>	<b>\$120,528.77</b>
<b>Hard Restricted (total)*</b>	<b>\$26,514.90</b>
<b>B &amp; S Rozinsky Fund (hard)</b>	<b>\$25,811.25</b>
<b>Board designated funds (soft)</b>	<b>\$16,462.26</b>



### Nominations for 2025 Officers

The election of Beacon sloop Club officers for 2025 will be held at the December membership meeting. The following people were nominated at the November meeting and will appear on the ballot:

President: Patricia Finnerty  
Rob May

Vice President: Lydia Davis  
Konstantin Doren  
Metal Winters

Secretary: Patricia Murphy

Treasurer: Aaron Verdile

Additional nominations may be made at the December meeting and write-in space will be provided.

You must be a member in good standing to participate in the election process.



## Current Calendar

### BSC Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 4, 7:00 pm  
At the clubhouse

### Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting

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

### THE BEACON SLOOP CLUB Holiday Sing

Saturday December 14, 2024  
At the Clubhouse

### Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse – Dec 14 @ 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm Vance Gilbert

at the Community Unitarian Universalist  
Congregation, White Plains



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.

### Reminder:

Election of 2025 officers will take place at our December membership meeting.

You must be a member in good standing to vote. We will have a membership table where you can join or renew.

The majority of our members are on a January renewal cycle, so it's a good opportunity to get a jump on the new year. The suggested donation for a household membership is \$25. No one is turned away if that is a hardship.

We also have opportunities for committee positions and festival leadership.

### Woody Winter/Spring Projects

We have many opportunities for maintenance projects for individuals or teams (crews). Some require specific skills and a chance to learn.

Contact Steve Schwartz, James Malchow or another captain if you would like to help.

You don't have to be a sailor.

COME SING WITH US!  
YOU'RE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL

**BEACON SLOOP CLUB  
HOLIDAY SING**

**SATURDAY, DEC 14TH, 2024, 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

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)