# Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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# Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 41 Years

# A Message from Our President

The Pumpkin Festival is only a few days away. I know I'm looking forward to the fragrance of spices and the taste of sweet, smooth pumpkin filling. I hear that we'll be offering whipped cream with the slices of pie again this year. As with all our festivals, we need volunteers to pull this one off successfully. Come out and enjoy the Fall air with us, listen to good music and revitalize in this agreeable season.

At our November meeting, we'll be doing two very important items of business. We'll be nominating candidates for Sloop Club offices for 2015 and we will be discussing various possibilities for the repair and/or rebuild of the Woody. A quick show of hands at the end of the last meeting showed strong support for a sailing program and considerable support for a program based on a wooden boat. Now we have to discuss and agree upon a course forward.

There seem to be 3 possible approaches. One is a completed restoration of the Woody. Shipwright Chris Brennan has estimated that job at around \$360,000. The second approach is to have a new boat built, using the Woody blueprints, and some salvageable elements from the existing Woody. We have estimate for this approach of around \$320,000 from Brennan and from Shipwrights Gannen and Benjamin. (Gannen and Benjamin chose not to make an offer on the restoration option )

Finally, there is an option to do only the most urgent repairs on the Woody as soon as possible and to defer either the complete restoration or the "new hull" for about 5 years..No shipwright has yet estimated a cost for this option. There were also other possibilities voiced.

In November, we'll try to hear each point of view. I also look forward to hearing from folks who recognize the practicalities of the situation. Right now, we have between half and two thirds of the money on hand for one of the first two potions. How can we raise more? What is the attitude of grant makers toward the options? If the third option is taken, what will the price tag for the "big job" look like, five years hence?

Please put on your "reasoned discussion" hat and come to the November meeting.

Calm seas and fair winds. Saul

### Inside this issue:

Our people on the march, pumpkin volunteers needed, showing our spirit, and much, much more...



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, October 28th 7:00 p.m. –NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, November 7th 7:00 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

# **BSC Membership Form**

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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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Mail to: Beacon Sloop Club P.O. Box 527 Beacon, NY 12508  Link to Online Renewal: http://beaconsloop.org/Join.html								

The Beacon Sloop Club Broadside is the official monthly newsletter of the Beacon Sloop Club, Inc.

The Beacon Sloop Club, Inc. is a volunteer non-profit, 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, October 3, 2014

The meeting began with Jim Birmingham giving the Woody Report. Copies of up-to-date information were handed out and three options for the boat were discussed. One is for a new hull according to the original plans and possibly using parts from the old boat like rigging and spars. Estimates from Gannon & Benjamin and Chris Brennan were \$320,000 and \$314,000 respectively.

Another option is for a total restoration of the existing boat, replacing what is needed and leaving what is sound. The estimate from Chris Brennan is \$370,000. A third option is to only repair what is immediately needed while more fundraising is conducted, delaying a full repair.

Saul Rozinsky asked what of the boat would be original after a rebuild. It was suggested that the work be done by volunteers working together and overseen by a shipwright. It was also suggested that the club look into different boats, such as a kayaking program. J.C. Calderon asked if the new boat would include parts of the old boat. Jim Birmingham said parts can be transferred but the bids are for entirely new boats. It was asked what the difference in annual maintenance costs would be between a repaired Woody and a new boat.

Saul explained what costs exist regardless of whether the boat is new or repaired. Alan Thomas said that it would make sense to budget about \$15,000 a year for standard upkeep without major work.

James Malchow asked what realistic options exist for the old Woody if a new boat is built. Tinya Seeger said that it might be suitable to include the boat with other possessions of the original owners, but added that it should not be left on land. Saul said that wherever the boat ends up it will face rot.

Additional discussion about the different options was held. Jim Birmingham stressed that the bids are estimates, not exact numbers.

Discussion about the Woody was paused for Sarah Elisabeth to give the Treasury Report. The opening balance was \$204,484 and the closing balance was \$208,550.

Rosemary Thomas reported on the Pumpkin Festival. Volunteers are needed on October 11th at 9:00 a.m. and on October 12th at the park at 8:00 a.m. Details and logistics for the festival were discussed.

Alan Thomas announced that nominations for club officers will begin at the November meeting and suggested looking into a nominating committee.

Rosemary Thomas announced that on November 1st there is a Cajun Dance and the proceeds will be divided between the club and the food bank.

Hope Altkin encouraged club members to volunteer on board the Clearwater. They are short on sailing volunteers at the moment. All skill levels are welcome. The Clearwater annual meeting was held on September 27 and there was a Sloop Club Congress. Discussion was held there about bringing the club and Clearwater closer together. Alan Thomas thanked Susan Bozso for delivering the club's check to the meeting and for receiving our 2015 sloop club charter.

Discussion returned to the Woody. Susan Bozso said that all ideas should be considered fairly and respectfully, and perhaps an independent meeting should be held. She reiterated the point that we should be careful not to get tunnel vision on this issue and fail to look at other projects the club might do. Eugene Hamond said that he feels there might be more meaningful ways to use the money than on a sail boat. Saul Rozinsky said that it appears that most club members want a sailing program and most agree it should be on a wooden boat. Much of the disagreement is over the details.

Bonnie Champion asked if the boat would have to be wooden. Steve Schwartz said it is often the case that the executive committee chooses to make decisions without the full membership but it is better for the full membership to discuss and vote on issues, regardless of how much or little experience each member has had with the boat. Steve said that in spite of the seemingly astronomical cost, there is an experience the Woody gives that is invaluable. Steve also noted that other boat restoration projects on the Hudson are looking at \$20 million in costs and we should think about the value of the boat beyond the dollar amount for repairs and restoration.

David Eberle responded to Steve's comments and said the club's board is not trying to exclude the membership. Dan Searles suggested thinking outside the box in our fundraising.

Connie Hogarth asked for a special meeting to discuss the Woody and made a motion to devote the bulk of the November meeting to the Woody. Rosemary Thomas recommended starting the meeting at 7:00 to have more discussion time. Alan Thomas said that we should be sure to substantiate the possible options so that we know what is realistic or not. Matt Bowen suggested notifying everyone that next month's meeting will be devoted to the Woody. Bonnie Champion asked for more detail about technical issues.

Tinya Seeger said the reason her family got a wooden boat is because the fiberglass can make people sick, it's made from oil products, and the wooden boat brought people together. Tinya said that bringing people together may not be relevant to the club now, so if we do not want it maybe another organization will want it and use it.

Saul Rozinsky said that the club has a problem with getting enough volunteers. Ken Miller said that one possibility might be to put the boat at the University Settlement and have a community boat building and repair program like Rocking the Boat.

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# The Sloop Club Marches for the Planet – photos by Mel Healy

The Beacon Sloop Club joined with Clearwater and other local organizations as part of a throng of 300,000-400,000 people who peacefully marched in New York City to demand action from world leaders to address climate change.

Thank you to all who made the effort, who helped organize, or supported this effort.

We made a powerful statement. Let's hope they were listening.



# **Pumpkin Volunteers**



Saturday October 11, Sunday October 12

# Pie Baking:

# Saturday 9:00 AM, 35 Slocum Rd., Beacon

**Crusty People** at David Eberle's with rolling pins, food processors, clean hands, and community spirit. We will prepare the crusts.

**Mixers and Bakers,** a small team to mix filling and bake the pies at Simone's commercial bakery on Main St.

# **Sunday Festival Volunteers:**

8:00-8:30 at the Clubhouse: A few volunteers are needed early to transport equipment and unload pumpkins. Pumpkins arrive at 9:00am

9:00- 11:00 am Park set-up and vendor check-in, setting up tents, running water lines etc.

11:30- 5:00 pm Pie slicers and sellers, earth care people, chili and soup cooks and sellers, pumpkin patch minders, clean-up crew, and many more important jobs.

Stone Soup: organic vegetable broth. Contact Gigi for questions.

Clean Up Crew, 5-7pm. We need to leave the park as we found it. (Usually it's cleaner)

If you can help with parking please contact Rosemary Thomas 463-4660, rmthomas99@yahoo.com.

We need people so please come if you can help for an hour or all day, whatever you can do.



### Minutes, Continued from page 3

Votes were held approving the November meeting for discussion about the Woody and a 7:00 start time. Dan Searles said we should change our music at the festivals to attract young people.

### Announcements

Sarah Elisabeth announced an October 19th fundraiser in Garrison for Hudson Valley Seed.

Nora Gallardo announced that there are plans to build oil pipelines through the Hudson Valley and people should be concerned if they are contacted by companies who want to survey their property.

Eugene Hamond announced announced a November 15th concert by the NYC Labor Chorus in honor of Pete Seeger.

Connie Hogarth welcomed back Frances Cott, who thanked the club for their get-well cards.

Connie announced a lecture on the death penalty at Manhattanville College on October 7th. Connie also announced a that the Southern Dutchess NAACP is having a luncheon on October 18th and that on October 21 Amy Goodman will be speaking at Manhattanville College.

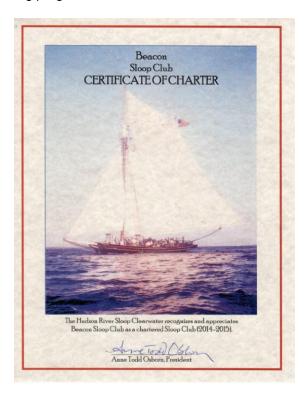
Sarah Elisabeth announced that there will be a skit at the Pumpkin Festival about fossil fuels being transported in the Hudson Valley.

Bonnie Champion announced a concert by Lydia Adams Davis on November 16th.

The meeting ended at 9:37 p.m.

**Errata:** The September meeting minutes captured Joyce Hanson's statement imprecisely.

Joyce Hanson stated Clearwater wants us to get our sailing program first and foremost.



# **Clearwater Annual Meeting**



The Clearwater Annual Meeting was held on September 27<sup>th</sup> with strong representation from the Beacon Sloop Club. Many of our members enjoy 'dual-citizenship' and are members

of both organizations (why not all?).

It was a great opportunity to meet new executive director Peter Gross and other members of the staff, to discuss common goals and issues, and just have a little fun with our friends from other clubs.

It was also a rather historic event with two members of our executive committee elected to Clearwater's board. Congratulations to Don Raskopf and James Malchow and a big thank you to them for stepping up and giving of their time.

Susan Reid Bozsó presented a donation of \$1000 from the sloop club and accepted our new charter from board president Anne Todd Osborne.







# Clearwater Family Fun Sail at the Beacon Sloop Club Pumpkin Festival!

The sloop will be sailing at the Pumpkin Festival in Beacon this Sunday, October 12th. Bring your family onboard at noon for a special Family Fun sail with pumpkin painting and Halloween sing alongs with Clearwater's music director, Linda Richards!

Families will have the opportunity to help raise the sails, steer and navigate the boat, paint a pumpkin (and take it home) and sing along to some spooky tunes!

Spaces are limited. Get your tickets

# Krewe de la Rue Returns Saturday, Nov.1



On Saturday, Nov. 1st at St. Luke's Parish House, The Beacon Sloop Club will hold a Cajun Dance featuring Krewe de la Rue.

Even if you have never danced, you will want to once you hear this energized and engaging band. Buffy Lewis will teach lessons in basics of two-step and waltz from 6:30-7pm. The dance will be from 7pm -10pm.

Arrive early and share a potluck dinner at 5:30. Refreshments, beverages and dessert will be served throughout the event. This will be an enjoyable evening for all.

St. Luke's is located at 850 Wolcott Ave, Beacon, NY 12508. This dance will benefit both The Beacon Food Pantry and The Beacon Sloop Club. Admission is \$15. For further info: <a href="https://www.beaconsloopclub.org">www.beaconsloopclub.org</a> or (914) 907-4928

# Hudson River Watershed Alliance Annual Watershed Conference

The Sloop Club participated in the conference held at the Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library. It featured presentations and workshops from regulators, business, environmental organizations, municipal officials, and academia.

Several themes emerged, the potential advantages of distributed systems over 'big pipe' solutions for waste water, applications for living systems instead of conventional treatment facilities, and the role of the whole watershed in the health of the Hudson River. Overshadowing it all was the specter of climate change.

Is the huge influx of sediment from its tributaries responsible for the precipitate drop in young striped bass in the Hudson over the last two years? What effect does the increasing concentrations of pharmaceuticals have on the species who spawn in the creeks?

New York state spent 74% of the budget for water related projects on enforcement and emergency remediation of failed infrastructure. Representative from the DEC introduced a program designed to take more proactive action and to try and take a more goal oriented approach across political boundaries.

# **Spirit of Beacon Day**



Once again the beacon Sloop Club put on its marching shoes for the Spirit of Beacon day parade, showing our support for the community and our spirit. It was a great chance to once again show off our beautiful banner designed by Aimee LaBarr and just have some fun.

About a dozen hearty soles (bad pun) went the distance and many more joined up along the route. Thank you to all. There is talk of floats and more elaborate displays for next year. If interested contact Rosemary Thomas.



# Geology Walk with Bill Prehoda



Join hydrogeologist Bill Prehoda on Saturday, October 25th at 10 a.m. at the Center for Environmental Innovation and Education (CEIE) for a lively and educational tour of Denning's Point as he "tells all" about

the drama of geology in our rocky past. to register

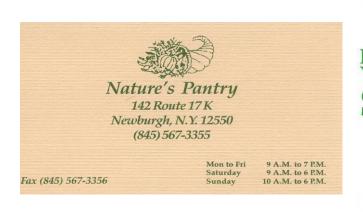
Beacon Sloop Club Treasury Report								
Submitted by Sarah Elisabeth Tuesday, September 23, 2014								
BSC General Fund	Amount	Snailmail	Paypal	Boats	Festival & Event	Newsletter	Harbor	Clubhouse
Donation	2132.00							
Save Our Sloop	2425.00			2425.00				
Vendor	935.00				935.00			
Membership	240.00	40.00	200.00					
Total	5732.00							
Corn Festival	-265.68				-265.68			
Safeco	-105.00							-105.00
Broadside	-124.70							
Stamps	-49.00							-49.00
Staples	-68.10							-68.10
Save Our Sloop	-440.00				-440.00			
Riversweep	-63.50				-63.50			
Strawberry Festival	-550.49				-550.49			
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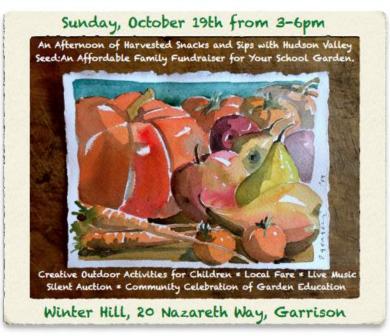


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Tickets are limited so purchase them in advance online or mail check/cash to Hudson Valley Seed. P.O. Box 223 Beacon NY 12508 to reserve a place.

The Beacon Sloop Club's

Rain or shine

# **Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

Noon - 5:00 pm

Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park, Beacon

# HOMEMADE PUMPKIN PIE

Craft Vendors Stone Soup



Food
Children's
Activities
Music

# Two Solar Powered Stages Featuring Local Musicians

Vinny & Mel, Phyllis Newham MC's, Rivertown Kids Spooky Stories of the Hudson with Jonathan Kruk, Spirit of Thunderheart, Bindlestick Bill, Karen & Betty, Chris Ruhe, Veronica Kent, Fossil Fuel Free Future Willow Blue w/ Heather Vacarr, Andy Revkin, R J Storm & Old School Bluegrass Band, Cecilia St. King Melissa Ortquist, Karen Brooks, Betty Boomer, & Sarah Underhill Dan Einbender & Rick & Donna Nestler, Mighty Girl

# CAJUN DANCE BENEFIT with Krewe de la Rue



# SAT. NOV. 1<sup>ST</sup>, 7:00 PM

St. Luke's Parish House 850 Wolcott Ave., Beacon, Ny 12508

5:30pm – Pot Luck bring a main dish to share 6:30–7pm – Lessons in basics of two–step and waltz Admission: \$15

# RAFFLES AND DOOR PRIZES

**REFRESHMENTS:** Beverages and Dessert available

DANCE: To Benefit Beacon Food Pantry AUCTION ITEMS: To Benefit the Beacon Sloop Club INFO: 914–907–4928, www.beaconsloopclub.org

# **Current Calendar**

**Executive Committee meeting**, Tues. October 28th 7:00pm., at the Clubhouse

**Beacon Sloop Club meeting** every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month: next meeting Nov. 7th– potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting **7:00 p.m. – Note change** 

**Farmers Market** every Sunday, 10-3 p.m., At the Long Dock Park, Beacon NY

**PLANET BLUE WITH CHRIS RUH**E on radio station WVKR 91.3 FM, Every Mon., 5 to 6 p.m.

**Pie Crust Making-**, Sat. Oct. 11, 9:00 am-until done, David Eberle's House, 35 Slocum Rd., Beacon NY

**Woody Tarp installation**, Sat. Oct. 11, 9:00am, White's Marina, New Hamburg, NY

Walk & Talk at CEIE | Herbalist Sarah Elisabeth
Saturday October 11, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 11:30
AM

**Park Set up**, Sun. Oct. 12, a few people at 8:00, the rest 9:00-11 am, Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park, Beacon

**Pumpkin Festival,** Sun. Oct. 12, noon-5 pm, Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park, Beacon

**Park Clean-up,** Sun. Oct. 12, 5 – 7 pm, Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park, Beacon

Walk & Talk at CEIE | Geology Walk with Bill Prehoda, Saturday October 25, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM EDT

CAJUN DANCE with Krewe de la Rue, Sat., Nov. 1, Potluck Supper 5:30, Dance 7-10pm. 6:30-7pm lessons in basics of two-step & waltz. A Benefit for The Beacon Food Panty and Beacon Sloop Club. St. Luke's Parish House, 850 Wolcott Ave., Beacon, NY. Admission \$15. <a href="https://www.beaconsloopclub.org">www.beaconsloopclub.org</a>, 914 907-4928



Winter Maintenance on the Woody Guthrie, contact a captain

**Lead Acid Battery Recycling,** Fri. Sept.. 5, at the September meeting, BSC Clubhouse

Sunday Author Series | de Flon & de Flon Sunday November 2, 2014 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Walk & Talk at CEIE | History Walk with Karen Gell Saturday November 8, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

# **Membership Reminder**

For most people membership renewals are due in January. This is a very critical year for the Beacon Sloop Club. With the planned work on the Woody, ongoing discussions over parking and festivals, and key environmental issues such as fracking and oil transport coming to a head it's important that you renew, participate, and be counted. As always it's not about the money, arrangements can be made for financial hardship. Our strength is in our membership.

Contact: Vane Lashua, or Sarah Elisabeth

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

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