



Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 54 Years

A Message from Our President

"Tens of thousands knew him and loved him (Johnny Appleseed).. He's my hero." -Pete Seeger

From the film *Down By The Riverside*, directed by Jodie Childers and Dan Messina.

Like Johnny Appleseed, Pete Seeger traveled everywhere planting seeds. But his seeds were ideas. Many of those ideas blossomed into institutions. The Beacon Sloop Club is one of those institutions. And like Johnny Appleseed, tens of thousands (and more) knew and loved Pete Seeger. His idea for the Beacon Sloop Club grew and flourished with a generous helping of love, commitment and dedication. That is evident in Jodie Childers and Dan Messina's outstanding cinematic achievement, *Down By The Riverside*. Their poignant and achingly beautiful tribute captures the feelings of love and devotion for Pete and Toshi and their ideas. That love is palpable in every frame of Dan and Jodie's remarkable documentary.

The movie also shows the love and commitment everyone in the club has for the magnificent Hudson River, our timeless musical traditions, our community, the Clearwater, those who have left us, as well as our love for each other. *Down By The Riverside* tells the story of that love. It shows how love is the catalyst that awakens the indomitable spirit of ordinary people who join together and achieve extraordinary results. Building, maintaining, restoring and sailing both the Clearwater and the Woody Guthrie, vividly retold in Jodie and Dan's labor of love, are examples. Virtually every weeknight, crewmembers with widely diverse backgrounds, some with little or no previous sailing experience, work together and ably provide safe, comfortable, enjoyable and memorable sails for all of our guests. The monumental feat of revitalizing the Hudson and the riverfront are further examples. All of that work continues today.

Many challenges have tested our love and commitment over the years: the passing of beloved club members, economic woes, weather events, political headwinds, outside opposition and indifference. Each threat has ultimately strengthened us.

Our love, commitment and dedication nurture the ideas that Pete and Toshi Seeger planted long ago. Thank you, Dan and Jodie, for reminding us.

"My favorite parable in the New Testament is about the man casting seeds. Some of them fall on stones and don't even sprout. Some fall on the pathway and they sprout but they get stamped on by the people walking on the pathways. But some seeds fall on fallow ground and grow and multiply a hundred-fold." - Pete Seeger

From the film *Down By The Riverside*

Rob

Inside this issue:

The skies parted and there were pumpkins, election season, new old threats, upcoming events, and much, more...



Unloading Pumpkins – Tom LaBarr

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Wednesday, October 25, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, November 3, 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 _____

_____ Email _____

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,
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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, October 6, recorded by Rachel Zollner

August Treasurer's report – Aaron Verdile. The closing balance is \$130,502. The yearly insurance bill of approximately \$19,000 will be reflected in the October report.

Sergei Krasikov – City of Beacon Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC). They advise the city council on environmental matters and were behind the municipal composting in Beacon. He started the Fishkill Creek Watershed Alliance to advise the mayor about the water shed.

Brent Feldweg – East Fishkill CAC – Watershed Management, Cornell Cooperative Extension and Fishkill Creek Committee. The last data is from a 2004 impact study. Now they want to update the study and put in a management plan to keep the watershed healthy. 14 Municipalities are in the watershed. There are gaps in the data and. In 20 years, things change, there has been more development since 2004.

They hope to remove dams. There are 160 dams, many are defunct. The goal is to create an action plan for each site, with a consistent approach across municipalities. There are challenges getting property owners to buy in. Madam Brett Park is removing the dam. Riverkeeper is concerned about the American eel and is conducting studies on fish ladders in hydroelectric dams.

Tom commented that Nuclear lake used to have plutonium in it. Supposedly it was cleaned up.
Contact : Fishkillwatershed@gmail.com and Facebook page.

Dan Blair City Council Ward 4 - Construction is limiting open space for animals and endangering the health of the waterway. A lot of waterways are not protected by laws. A municipality can protect them within its boundaries. He is working on a law to protect Fishkill Creek utilizing water-body-protection zoning to create environment overlay zones adjacent to the creek. He is hoping to propose it before Christmas.

Now you can plant 25 feet from creek. The new proposal would create a 100-foot buffer from creek. Green building infrastructure must be managed in a certain way, not allowing light towards the creek, building codes that regulate waste disposal, keep people out of wetlands, limit impervious surfaces, prevent building in a flood plains where high water goes, etc. It's time to protect the creek now.

There is a new park near cat sanctuary.

Spirit of Beacon Recap. A bunch of people came (1/2 dozen). Maybe next time bigger group. Possibly have a float. It was rescheduled this year, because of the rain and conflicted with the Clearwater annual meeting.

Pumpkin Festival October 15 – Patricia – Thank you to volunteers. Still need more people to sign up to help. Start set up is at 9am. Breakdown is at 4:30pm. We appreciate James M and his truck.

Club House Clean up. **October 21 10am – 2pm**

Woody - Sunday Oct 15 last day of sailing. End of the month boat goes to Haverstraw for winter.

Beacon Sloop Club officer nominations. Mary Arnold not running again for Secretary.

Clearwater Report – Rosemary. Had annual meeting live in person for first time in 3 years. The new officers are:
President - Samantha Hicks
Vice President - Arthur Jones
Treasurer – Neil Gordon
Secretary – Rosemary Thomas
Clearwater is doing a Pumpkin Sail this year, starting in Hudson. In 2025-2026 there will be a big restoration. They are raising money for wood that must be purchased now.

BSC FB page has Festival pictures. Alan is working with Dan Messina to get a showing of the movie *Down By The Riverside* for BSC and Clearwater.

Environmental Report – Tom L – We need to stop using plastic. It is really bad. Big Oil started plastic. Don't bring to Sloop Club.

Beacon Historical Society wants to host a talk about the BSC. Alan Thomas and Tom LaBarr did it 10 years ago and still have the slides.

Joyce has **Pumpkin tee shirts** at a special price. More at festival.

MLK Parade – Bonnie C. I am looking for people interested in helping to organize the parade and essay contest.

Lecture Series – Alan Thomas – Starting the planning. Jan, Feb, Mar, April, May. Contact Alan or Steve Van der Merwe about potential speakers.

April Mae & The June Bugs – Friday October 27. Performance at the BSC. Doors open at 6:30pm and show at 7pm. Free donations to the BSC.

Announcements:

Part of Betty Harkin's legacy to Clearwater/BSC was her collection of frames. Alan Thomas is printing photos to go in them and will offer them for a donation to either organization.

Prison Rides Program. – Giving rides from the train station to area prisons. Looking for more volunteers to give rides. – Gail Moran – announced it.

Newspapers from Beacon area – Mary Poppins gets copies for people who don't live in Beacon.

Long Dock Park environmental event – High Tide so high separated the event from the performers

Steve – **Riverkeeper – US Coast Guard** – Trying to make large Barge anchorages North of Tapanzee Upper Hudson to Albany. No longer part of NY Waterways. No public hearings yet. Riverkeeper watching and alerting. Last time ground swell of people and comments against it. They are coast Guard change to designation. Barge and Big ship anchorages don't require permits. There are now anchorages near Norrie Point.

Alan Thomas – Steve took out on a sail the winners of the auction from the **Clearwater gala**. Bid was \$1000. Then the people on the sail donated another \$1500 to Clearwater.

Meeting Adjourned 8:53pm

Environmental News

The Coast Guard Attempts an End Run Around Restrictions Imposed in the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2020.

That legislation suspended the establishment of new anchorage grounds between Yonkers and Kingston, after the public outcry in 2016. Many of you contributed to the more than 10,000 comments highlighting the many concerns with allowing large commercial vessels to anchor in critical areas of the estuary.

In July the Coast Guard issued a bulletin, redefining the Port of New York as only extending to the Mario Cuomo Bridge, opening the area north as an inland waterway, no longer covered by the anchorage restrictions. This was done arbitrarily, without public comment, and without environmental review.

It's time again to educate our federal representatives and local official of the dangers of this cynical move. The environmental risks have not gone away.

A Little History – Nuclear Lake

Since this came up at the meeting, your editor would like to share a bit of history. I was a maintainer for the Nuclear Lake section of the Appalachian Trail for 10 years and know some of the story and most of the rumors.

Covering approximately 50 acres off route 55 in Pawling, Nuclear Lake was formed by damming the outflow of wetlands above Whaley Lake in 1948. The lake and wetland complex eventually feeds into Fishkill Creek and the Hudson River.

In 1958 the lake and adjacent property were acquired by the Nuclear Development Corporation (later United Nuclear Corp.). They are responsible for naming the lake. The facility developed and tested nuclear fuels, primarily Plutonium and Uranium, under license from the AEC.

The lake was used for disposal of diluted wastewater from wash stations, laundry, etc. to existing guidelines at the time (sound familiar), as well as experiments with disposal of lithium and sodium. There were rumors of drums of radioactive waste at the bottom of the lake, but the objects proved to be tree stumps.

In 1972 there was a chemical explosion within a glove box isolation chamber, and a secondary solvent explosion, which blew out one side of a building, resulting in nuclear contamination of the building and area in the blast's path. This required a major cleanup of the facility and the soil surrounding it.

During and after remediation, fish, air, water and soil were sampled by multiple agencies, including the DEC, DOH, AEC and NRC. There was considerable contention over methods and standards, but in July of 1975 the site was declared fit for unrestricted use, and UNC's license was terminated.

In 1979 the property was acquired by the National Park Service and became part of the Appalachian Trail.

Spirit of Beacon Day



Thank you to all our members who showed their community spirit, representing the club in the parade. We had to scramble a bit due to the change of date, so we are extra appreciative. Many of the founders of Spirit of Beacon Day were club members and marching is a long-standing sloop club tradition.

Photos by Jean Noack

Restoration Advisory Board Meeting + Community Poster Board Session 5pm-9pm, Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Newburgh Armory Unity Center
(321 S William St, Newburgh, NY 12550 – [map](#)).

The poster session will take place from 5-7pm, followed by the RAB meeting at 7pm.

To learn more about the City of Newburgh's drinking water contamination, attend the upcoming Restoration Advisory Board Meeting and Poster Session.

For decades, firefighting foam runoff Stewart Air National Guard Base flowed into the City of Newburgh's drinking water supply, Washington Lake with toxic PFOA.

In Memoria – Bill Flank

Bill passed away at the age of 91 in Silver Spring, MD. A chemist and devoted environmentalist Bill was a great supporter of Clearwater and a long-time board member.

As a multi-sloop-club member (Riverlovers and the Beacon Sloop Club). He provided his expertise to us through his input to the newsletter many times.

Our thoughts go out to Sandi and his family.



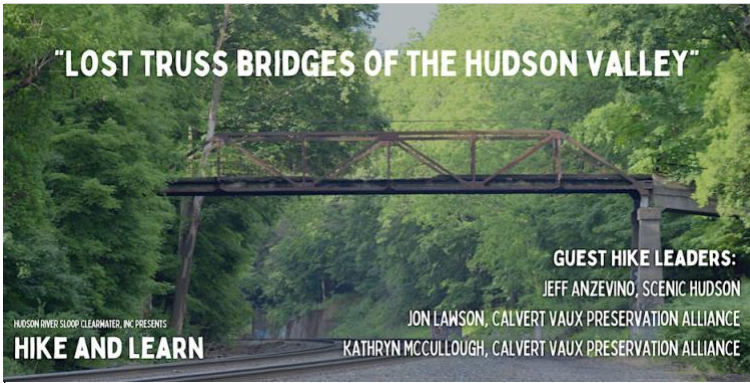
Pumpkin Festival 2023

We were worried about the forecast, but every day it got a bit better, and we were blessed with a beautiful day. We can't thank all our volunteers individually, but we have to call out the setup and take down crews and the folks with the trucks. We typically finish in the dark, not this year! Thank you all for making this a great community event!



Photos by Alan Thomas and Tom LaBarr

108 pies, 30 gallons of soup and chili, dozens of volunteers, thousands of happy people, but who's counting.



Saturday, November 11 · 1:30 - 3:30pm EST
Free

Join Hudson River Sloop Clearwater for a 2-hour walk of The Hoyt Drive Warren Truss. The program will feature Jeff Anzevino of Scenic Hudson, as well as, Jon Lawson and Kathryn McCullough of the Calvert Vaux Preservation Alliance. Over the course of the walk, our speakers will lead an informal conversation about the Hudson Valley's collection of historic truss bridges, that if restored and reopened could provide valuable Hudson River access to communities in need.

[Register Here.](#)



Meet Clearwater and Morgan O'Kane in Kingston to celebrate another amazing season together on the Hudson River with friends and family.

Sponsored by Sloop Brewing Co., Clearwater will be celebrating the end of our 54th sailing season on the Hudson River with a performance by folk sensation Morgan O'Kane. Since Clearwater's maiden voyage, music has always been a powerful way to unite communities with the shared goal of protecting and preserving the Hudson River. With a Sloop Brewing Co. beer in hand, enjoy live music at an event that supports a critical leadership and education resource in communities up and down the river.

[Free Tickets](#)

FRI OCT 27

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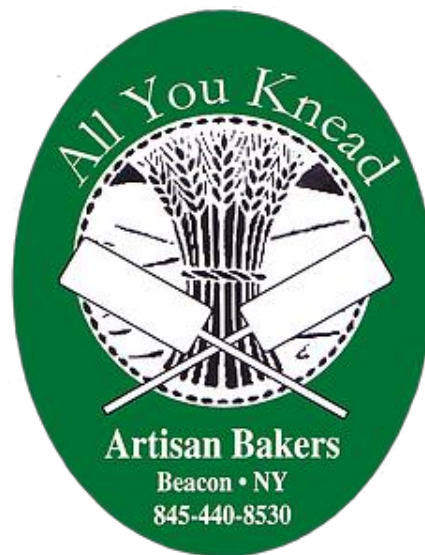
6:30pm Doors * 7:00pm Showtime
Free Admission * donations to the BSC appreciated
 FOR MORE INFO PLEASE VISIT APRILMAE.COM OR BEACONSLLOOP.ORG

Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse
Christine Lavin & Don White
Saturday, November 11, 2023, 7:30 pm
 Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation
 468 Rosedale Ave
 White Plains, NY 10605

Christine Lavin is a singer, songwriter, guitarist, recording artist, author, videographer based in New York City. In September 2019 Christine spent a month at the artist retreat Yaddo in Saratoga Springs. Three of the songs she wrote there are included on her latest HOOTERVILLE album. In April 2019 she was inducted into the Rochester, NY Music Hall Of Fame. Christine performs concerts all over the US, Canada, and points beyond (Australia, Germany, Israel), often hosting knitting circles and Downton Abbey-style napkin folding backstage at each show. Songs of hers have been performed by artists as diverse as Broadway stars Betty Buckley, Sutton Foster, Karen Ziemba, and Klea Blackhurst, cabaret divas Andrea Marcovicci, Barbara Brussell, and Colleen McHugh, the a cappella Dartmouth Decibelles, and The Accidentals, winners of the National Harmony Sweepstakes Championship. Christine has been called "A fearless folkZinger!" by the Orlando Sentinel, "Wildly entertaining," by The New Yorker, and "A fresh kick in the pants!" by the late Paul Newman.

The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.
August 2023

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	160.75
Corn Festival	
Corn & Hotdogs	3,053.00
Ice Cream	545.00
Lemonade	1,166.00
Vendor	938.50
Watermelon	124.00
Total Corn Festival	<u>\$ 5,826.50</u>
Gross Sales of Inventory	1,186.00
Investment Income	21.15
Interest-Money Market	78.58
Total Investment Income	<u>\$ 99.73</u>
Membership	
Paypal	120.00
Snailmail	75.00
Total Membership	<u>\$ 195.00</u>
Pumpkin Festival	
Vendor	287.50
Total Pumpkin Festival	<u>\$ 287.50</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 7,755.48</u>
Gross Profit	<u>\$ 7,755.48</u>
Expenses	
Bank Expense	
Paypal	49.50
Total Bank Expense	<u>\$ 49.50</u>
Corn Expense	-259.75
Advertising	30.92
Compost	310.00
Corn	490.76
Eco-supplies	200.64
Ice Cream	305.23
Total Corn Expense	<u>\$ 1,077.80</u>
Cost of Inventory	926.25
Facilities	
Festival	60.44
Utilities	94.30
Woody Maintenance	40.76
Total Facilities	<u>\$ 195.50</u>
Other Expenses	
Sailing Class	59.10
Website	28.17
Total Other Expenses	<u>\$ 87.27</u>
Printing, etc.	
Postage, Mailing Service	248.00
Total Printing, etc.	<u>\$ 248.00</u>
Special Events Expenses	
Woody BBQ	47.34
Total Special Events Expenses	<u>\$ 47.34</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 2,631.66</u>
Net Operating Income	<u>\$ 5,123.82</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 5,123.82</u>
Opening Cash Balance 8/1/2023	\$ 125,641.46
Closing Cash Balance 8/31/2023	\$ 130,765.28
Change in Investment Value	-262.75
Total Balance 8/31/2023	\$ 130,502.53
Unrestricted & soft	\$ 106,047.85
Hard Restricted (total)*	\$ 24,454.68
B & S Rozinsky Fund (hard)	\$ 21,417.37
Board designated funds (soft)	\$ 15,507.65



**A Huge Thank you Simone Williams’
All You Knead Bakery**

Once again, Simone made her bakery available to the sloop club on Saturday to bake pies for the festival.

We were able to bake 118 pies in less that 4 hours, including 12 that Simone and Rosa sold for us at the store and farmer’s market. So many people stop in because of the delicious smell wafting down Main St. that we decided to try it as insurance against the dreary forecast.

Being able to do this on an industrial scale has been a big boost to the festival, doubling our capacity. Thank you also to our baking team, the folks who procured the ingredients, transported pies, took recyclables, etc.

Thank you again to Simone for your support of the club and a clean and healthy river, and to Rosa for keeping us out of trouble.

Current Calendar

BSC Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 25, 7:00 pm
At the Clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting

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At the clubhouse

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Boogie Boo! w/ April Mae & the June Bugs

Fri., October 27, 7 pm
At the clubhouse

Clearwater's Fall Foliage Sail

Music by Noah B. Harley
Sat., October 28, 3:30 pm
50 Strand St., Kingston NY

Clearwater's Last Sail of 2023

Sun., October 29, 11 am
50 Strand St., Kingston NY

Clearwater's End of Season Celebration

w/ Morgan O'Kane
Sun., October 29, 3:30 pm
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Hike and Learn

Lost Truss Bridges of the Hudson Valley
Sat., November 11
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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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**Nominations for 2024 Beacon Sloop Club
Officers will be solicited
at the
November Membership Meeting.**

Nominees (and nominators) must be current members in good standing.

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

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

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