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## Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 48 Years

### A Message from Our President

It's been a glorious summer season at the Beacon Sloop Club, full of sailing, friends and festivals. Our outdoor meetings have been well attended - beautiful weather made for wonderful potlucks and singalongs.

Over our longest sailing season in many years, we sailed with enthusiastic crews and happy Thursday / Friday guests, carrying on our mission, yet with a unique opportunity for immersive crew training in the absence of our usual packed schedule of nightly guests. Welcome to all our new crew! One of the great things about the *Woody* is the new friends it brings us.

Pumpkin Festival was our last warm weather celebration - a day full of exciting, windy, guest-filled sails, delicious pie, chili and soup, and outstanding music and entertainment, including performances from our dear old friends, Roger The Jester and Arm of The Sea Theater.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this season such a joyous success!

Be sure to join us at our November meeting so you can participate in the nomination process for your new 2022 officers.

See you there!

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

Pumpkin pie, Danskammer a step in the right direction, , and much, more.....



**NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, November 23, 6:00 p.m.**

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, November 5 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!  
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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: <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 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, Ben Mazer,  
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## Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes, October 1, 2021, recorded by Tom Elliott

**Rob and Lydia** opened with a song, and Susan brought the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Susan welcomed all and asked if there were any first-time visitors. No, but Evelyn was back for the first time since the Covid shut down. Welcome back, Evelyn.

**Treasurer's Report:** Aaron gave the Treasurer's report for August, which is in the newsletter, below. David remembered that the Board planned to establish a fund dedicated to Woody repairs and restoration, and Aaron responded, yes, that is the purpose of the board-designated fund, currently at \$5,002.

**Vaccinations:** Susan told us that as the weather turns colder, we will move meetings indoors. All attendees will be asked to show proof of vaccination before entering. She said the clubhouse also needs a good cleaning before the next use (Oct. 30 or 31). The weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup> was chosen as the cleaning date.

**Recycling:** Recycling is available for bottles and cans only, and all else goes in the can marked garbage. Please don't forget to take your potluck dishes home with you. Bonnie and Bryce agreed to each take one of the filled bags home with them.

**Woody Report:** Captain Steve told us the Woody is in good shape, and winter storage preparations will begin in a couple of weeks, around Pumpkin Festival time. This season featured good crew training sessions, helping to move new people forward toward captain status. Hopefully a couple of new captains next year, and one or two the year after that. We are in really good shape for winter preparations, not much ice or snow to worry about down in Haverstraw. We are ready to see what next year brings.

**Spirit of Beacon Day:** Susan told us that the Sloop Club had been chosen by Dogwood Restaurant and Tavern to be its non-profit partner in this year's event. A number of members were on hand there Sunday, 9/23 to cheer the city's spirit along, with \$1 going to BSC for every Sloop Brewing Co. Product sold that day. Thanks, Dogwood!

**Pumpkin Festival:** Rosemary told us that this festival is only two weeks away from this Sunday. There will be a 50/50 for guessing the weight of the Giant Pumpkin, new long sleeved pumpkin T shirts are being printed, and pie crusts will be prepared at Margaret and David's on Saturday for baking pies at All You Knead. Stay tuned for a pie "car lift" if you own a SUV, as unbaked shells need transportation. Tents are at the Settlement Camp and will need to be brought down to the clubhouse the day before. Tom and Pat will bring the Environmental Tent equipment down from the Camp, and work with Betty's crew setting up Sunday morning. And Purim will be doing Tarot readings for donations at the event this year!

**Clearwater Update:** The Sloop Club has budgeted \$2,000 to donate to Clearwater this year. It has been a tough 18 months for Clearwater, with limited programming opportunities and a scaling back of staff. In spite of that, restoration work of the top deck will begin this fall. Please support CW as much as you can this year. The Annual Meeting is once again virtual, given Covid's resurgence in many areas. Members need to register in advance of the 10/3 meeting.

**Environmental Report:** Tom LaBarr, who encouraged us to write to our elected representatives to include more plastic and glass bottles in the 5cent return for deposit law, told us the bottlers are lobbying against such a move, indicating we are making progress. Let's double down on making our voices heard!

### Announcements:

**Susan** announced the Circle of Song will be held outdoors tonight, given the excellent weather. **Bob** told us the Westchester chapter of the NYSAA is holding an event at the Croton National Park Center on Sunday. **Bonnie** told us she has pecorino- Romano grated cheese from the Corn Festival to sell. 8 oz. Bags are only \$2.00 each. Also, the New Paltz Library Fair and plant sale is tomorrow. **Margaret and David** will once again host a Holiday Party on Dec. 12 at their home. Foods will be plentiful, but a little help with cooking mid-morning is needed. The event is from 1 to 5 p.m. and will be a fundraiser for Clearwater. Whispering Tree plus one other band will provide entertainment. More details will follow. **John** told us that an extension to the public comment period for input into the Danskammer expansion plan has been announced. Virtual hearings are over, but written comments are being accepted. Please lend your voice to support the union-friendly, green power storage battery farm detailed by Scenic Hudson instead of this outdated polluting fossil fuel plant. **Mary Poppiins** has new pumpkin hats available for \$20 each, a stylish and head-warming idea, especially as Pumpkin Festival nears! **Rob** told us that there is a "Stop Danskammer" action planned for Albany on October 26.

**Matt** told us there will be a Women's March from Long Dock Park to Memorial Park in Beacon on tomorrow at 5 p.m., and he gave us wonderful news that Connie Hogarth is back home from her rehabilitation in Peekskill. **Wayne** told us there will there is a plan in the works by the Climate Coalition and other groups to hold an international "Bell Ringing" on October 30 to bring attention to the current climate crisis. Watch for more information about this. **Susan** reminded us December is board officer election month, so next month nominations for officers should be made.

With no further announcements, Susan adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm, and the Circle of Song began.



## Hudson Valley Environmental Related News

### Plattekill Residents Form a Climate Smart Task Force Project (CSC) in Order to improve Their Environment

Rachel Busher is coordinating the newly formed Plattekill Climate Smart group whose early steps include creating a task force of Plattekill residents and drafting of a resolution to present to the Town of Plattekill Board following the November elections.

New York State will assist Plattekill in their development of projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change. The CSC will do an energy audit and define possible projects such as suggested by Marletown's CSC member Tom Kourad, for energy upgrades to the town hall building, replacement of streetlights with LED bulbs, lowering resident's electrical bills with community solarization, leasing land and rooftops for commercial solar, and instillation of electric vehicle chargers. Clearwater 's Manna Jo Greene hopes that 70% of towns in New York State will have completed an energy audit by 2030. (Online Seminar 8/26/21). For more information: Climate Smart Plattekill Facebook page or <rbliving42day@gmail.com

### The Town of Shawangunk is Lowering Price of Electricity

The Shawangunk Planning Board will become the lead agency for 203 acres of land on Plains Road where solar and energy projects will be built. The land will be developed by CS Energy, which has projects in 14 other states. They will develop, design, construct, and finance solar and energy projects.

The Maruder solar energy system; a 5-megawatt community solar project on twenty acres of land in the Town of Shawangunk, will provide electricity at discounted prices. Priority will be given first to those who live in Shawangunk, then others in Ulster County. The company will work with Stewart Airport to lower the risks of the panels' glare obstructing the vision of pilots flying on near-by routes. (8/11/21 Connor Linskey, Times Hudson Valley).

### Federal Protection for Migratory Birds Restored

"North America has lost almost three billion birds in the past 50 years" (L.Friedman & C.Einhorn). Also, due to global climate changes and practices by humans, our biodiverse animal population including birds have lost their habitat. Injuries and death occur due to collision with buildings, communication towers, etc.. The Trump administration had done away with such bird protection shielding businesses, landowners.

The restoration will reinstate the 1918 Migratory Bird Treaty Act providing federal protection to birds injured by both businesses and private individuals. Deb Haaland, Secretary of the Department of Interior, and first Native American person in that capacity said, "Our children and grandchildren will not know the earth as we do unless we change the status quo." (N.Y. Times 9/30/21 Friedman & Einhorn).

### Schooner on the Hudson will use carbon-free shipping

The Apollonia, a 64-foot restored sailboat (from the 1940's), is delivering goods up and down the Hudson River powered only by the wind and has done runs five times this season.

Their cargo has included: hot sauces from a farm in Hudson. The peppers in the sauce are from Hepworth Farms in Milton. Flour originated from the Sparrow Bush Farm in Livingston, delivered to the Signal Fire Bread business in Garrison. Malt for beer makers was delivered to Long Island City's Big Alice. Oak logs for mushroom cultivation were shipped from small farms to Brooklyn.

While it is more expensive to ship by schooner than truck, if for example, the brewery, like Big Alice in Long Island City who receives grain, would sell their beer for an extra 50 cents, this would help support the Apollonia project (Brian Cronin 9/17/21 The Highlands Current).

Submitted by:

Nora Gallardo, Beacon Sloop Club Member



### You did it: Denial of the Title V Permit for the Danskammer Energy Center

The permit for the proposed Danskammer power plant in the town of Newburgh has been **DENIED** by New York States Department of Environmental Conversation.

Our members have been part of the grassroots effort to oppose the conversion of the facility to full-time gas- fired generating operation from the very beginning. The DEC received over 4500 comments, many from you, which made it clear that the project made no sense and was inconsistent with the state's sustainability goals.

A huge thank you goes out to all who participated, by attending meetings, submitting comments, speaking to your representatives, and keeping the discussion alive and fact-based.

Take a deep breath; we're not done yet. The decision did not come without cost to the local community, in jobs and tax revenue. There is a very viable alternative proposal to convert the facility to provide storage for energy produced by renewable technologies that could be a win-win for all.

### Statement from DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos:

"Our review determined the proposed project does not demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. The proposed project would be inconsistent with or would interfere with the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits established in the Climate Act. Danskammer failed to demonstrate the need or justification for the proposed project notwithstanding this inconsistency.

The [full decision is outlined in a letter \(PDF\)](#) by Daniel Whitehead, Director, Division of Environmental Permits, DEC.





## Festivals Return to the Waterfront – Soft-sell Environmentalism at its best

### Corn Festival

We didn't really know what to expect as Covid restriction began to lift and people emerged from isolation. How many ears of corn would we need? Would the vendors sign-up?

Thanks to our planning committee and wonderful volunteers, the festival was right-sized and great! Kids explored the E-tent, happy people experienced the waterfront, consumed corn, chili, lemonade, and other goodies, heard some great musicians, and hopefully, came away motivated to help our mission.



### Pumpkin Festival

Ninety-nine pies on the rack, ninety-nine pies on the rack, take one down and slice it around...sorry for that.

A blustery day made for some challenges and great sailing. As always, our volunteers stepped up and we had another great festival. There were nothing but rave reviews from the attendees.

We missed Betty, but Tom Elliot and his team stepped into the breach with Eli and the E-tent was a great success. We hope to see Betty back at her post in the spring.





**To the Editor**

Dear Editor,

This is a shameless solicitation for continued Clearwater support as we navigate these turbulent waters. Clearwater has sailed a long way through the covid storm and is still facing the fourth and final phase of a major sloop re-fit, which has spanned nearly ten years. The whole Clearwater community is looking forward to calmer waters and a full sailing season in 2022, with school children back on board.

As we approach Giving Tuesday and the holiday giving season, please consider Clearwater as especially worthy this year. If you would like help with how to reach out to others in your network, just let me know. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

Rosemary Thomas  
 Clearwater Secretary (and proud Beacon Sloop Club vendor coordinator!)

**It's Election Season Again**

On Tuesday November 2, New York voters will be asked to approve Ballot Proposal 2.

The proposed amendment to Article I of the New York Constitution would establish the right of each person to clean air and water and a healthful environment by added a new section 19, establishing environmental rights.

As always, we encourage you to exercise your right to vote. Please consider this proposition when you do.

**Even closer to home: we will be accepting nominations for 2022 Beacon Sloop Club officers at the November membership meeting.**

Nominations will be open up until the vote which will be held at the December meeting. You must be a current member in good standing in order to participate in the election process.

This is also a great time to think about joining a committee. We always need people to help with organizing and administering the club's activities, maintaining the building, outreach, festivals, etc. There is always room for new ideas, and energy.



**Woody Report**

The sailing season has drawn to a close with some of the best conditions of the year. Can you say reef? With great wind at the Pumpkin Festival, our guests really got to see what sailing is like, none of that float and motor stuff. The sunsets have been spectacular the last few weeks; what more can you ask?

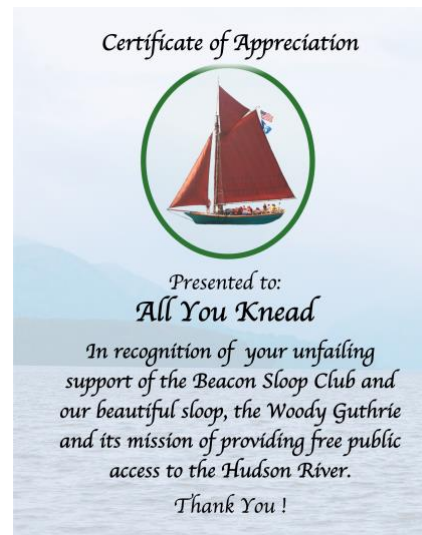
We managed to take guests out on a limited basis as covid restrictions eased and our crews reached full vaccination. Still the year was heavily focused on crew training, and we still need more captains. We need to thank Patrick, Steve and Tom for stepping in to cover extra nights as much as they could. Please let a captain know if you are interested in becoming a captain.

Derigging has begun in preparation for transiting to her winter home in Haverstraw. We will need lots of help to assemble the frame and cover her for the snow and ice. Winter maintenance is a great way to learn about the boat.



**The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.**  
**Profit and Loss**  
 September 2021

	<u>Total</u>
<b>Income</b>	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	190.05
Woody Nickles	15.00
<b>Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants</b>	<b>\$ 205.05</b>
Investment Income	34.35
Interest-Money Market	6.14
<b>Total Investment Income</b>	<b>\$ 40.49</b>
<b>Membership</b>	
Paypal	25.00
Snailmail	100.00
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>\$ 125.00</b>
<b>Pumpkin Festival</b>	
Vendor	55.00
<b>Total Pumpkin Festival</b>	<b>\$ 55.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 425.54</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 425.54</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Bank Expense</b>	
Paypal	0.99
<b>Total Bank Expense</b>	<b>\$ 0.99</b>
<b>Corn Expense</b>	
Advertising	23.12
Corn	-12.00
Electric & Water	150.00
Park Fee	200.00
Sanitation	300.00
<b>Total Corn Expense</b>	<b>\$ 661.12</b>
<b>Facilities</b>	943.00
Equipment	803.90
Utilities	152.56
Woody Maintenance	266.40
<b>Total Facilities</b>	<b>\$ 2,165.86</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>	
Website	19.37
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 19.37</b>
<b>Printing, etc.</b>	
Broadside	102.87
<b>Total Printing, etc.</b>	<b>\$ 102.87</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,950.21</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>-\$ 2,524.67</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$ 2,524.67</b>
<b>Opening Cash Balance 9/1/2021</b>	<b>\$ 116,808.46</b>
<b>Closing Cash Balance 9/30/2021</b>	<b>\$ 114,283.79</b>
<b>Change in Investment Value</b>	<b>\$ (758.08)</b>
<b>Total Balance 9/30/2021</b>	<b>\$ 113,525.71</b>
<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>\$ 89,347.12</b>
<b>Restricted (total)*</b>	<b>\$ 24,936.67</b>
<b>B &amp; S Rozinsky Fund 9/30/2021</b>	<b>\$ 20,940.40</b>
<b>Board designated funds</b>	<b>\$ 5,003.22</b>



## WOODY NICKELS

Bring your deposit containers to the Fishkill Redemption Center and tell them to put your deposit proceeds in the Beacon Sloop Club envelope.

### A&A Redemption Centers

986 Rt 52 Fishkill  
 (in the Fishkill Village Square Shopping Mall/CVS plaza)

**Tuesday Thursday Friday Saturday**  
 9:30am - 3:30 pm  
 Sunday 10-3

[www.bottlecanreturns.com](http://www.bottlecanreturns.com)

**Containers Accepted:**  
 They accept all soda and beer bottles and cans, water bottles, and other beverage cans, and all store brands of New York State returnable bottles and cans. They do not accept Gatorade, Snapple, vitamin water, ice teas, Powerade, or juice bottles. (Please make certain all your containers are NY State returnable.)

**Count Them Before You Come In:**  
 You can save time by counting your cans and bottle before you go to the center. Put them in a clear bag labeled with the quantity.

**Please rinse all your containers!**  
 dorenk@outlook.com 845.591.0126

## **Current Calendar**

### **Festival Committee Meeting – Post Mortem**

Wednesday, November 3  
5 pm  
The Red Pepper Diner

### **Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting**

Friday, November  
6:30pm potluck  
7:30 pm meeting  
Circle of Song to follow  
At the clubhouse  
Covid protocols apply. You must be vaccinated to be inside.

### **BSC Executive Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, November 23  
6:00 – 8:30pm  
**At the Clubhouse**  
Covid protocols apply. You must be vaccinated to be inside.

### **Hold the Dates**

**The ever-fabulous Eberle Holiday Party**  
**Sunday, Dec. 12**

**The return of**  
**The Beacon Sloop Club Holiday Sing**  
**Saturday, Dec. 18**



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.

Winter maintenance has begun with the derigging. There are many opportunities to become familiar with the boat, meet the captains and crews over the winter.

### **Clearwater Winter Maintenance**

If you want to see what wooden boat maintenance looks like on a larger scale, the Clearwater is going through the fourth phase of her overhaul at the Hudson River Maritime Museum in Kingston.

Stay tuned for open boat days and other opportunities to check it out.

The mast was pulled for Coast Guard inspection on October 20<sup>th</sup>. You can see the process on Clearwater's blog here:

<https://www.clearwater.org/clearwater-blog/sloop-scoop-october-2021/>

**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)