



## Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 54 Years

### A Message from Our President

The peak of summer finds the club in a flurry of activity. Woody captains and crew report that this has been a busy sailing season with a full boatload of guests or new crew members in training, just about every night of the week. It has been an exceptional sailing season, with crisp winds, fine weather, moderate temperatures and lovely vistas almost every evening. No two sailing excursions have been the same. Each time out, the river surprises us by revealing a little bit more about itself. The Woody has performed admirably throughout the sailing season—a tip of the hat to all those who maintain the boat throughout the year. Many guests have expressed their sincere thanks and admiration for all the captains and the crews. We echo those sentiments.

It was on one of those rare, perfectly magical, memorable summer days, when our Corn Festival appeared to spring up, unbidden, from the grounds of Pete and Toshi Seeger Park. It was the type of day that those of us who live near the Hudson River are lucky enough to experience every once in a while. The sparkling river, clear skies and perfect temperature made the festival a joyful experience for all. We thank the coordinators, the volunteers, the Woody captain and crew, the vendors, those who provided services, the sound technicians, and the musicians who played their hearts out, for an unforgettable experience. Next up—the Pumpkin Festival!

The spectacle of nearly 200 swimmers churning their way across the wide expanse of the Hudson River completely undisturbed by commercial and recreational boat traffic on a perfect summer day, is one that will not be soon forgotten. Exhilaration, exhaustion, joy, and pride was reflected on the faces of each of the swimmers as they emerged triumphantly from the waters of the Hudson.

Swimmers of every imaginable age, size, level of fitness and experience, gamely took up the challenge, testing themselves against the river and succeeding, all to support the River Pool. A great debt of gratitude is owed to all who worked to make the 19th annual River Pool Hudson River Swim a complete success.

The summer also brings welcomed news. Thanks to the unwavering resolve and tireless actions of environmental activists, including many club members, the Save The Hudson Bill, prohibiting the discharge of radioactive waste into our rivers, was passed into law. We express our deepest appreciation to all the river protectors.

Rob

### **Inside this issue:**

Pumpkins just around the corner, environmental news, upcoming events, and much, more...



**NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, September 26, 7:00 p.m.**

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, October 6, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.**

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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](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org).

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## Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

### Minutes, September 1, recorded by Mary Arnold

**Opening Music:** Ken Miller, Ben Mazer, Bonnie Champion, Rob May, Annie Gutowski

**Rob May**, Called the outdoor meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. This is a Carry in- Carry out facility-- please take everything home, including leftover potluck dishes. **Alan Zoellner** will take recyclables. Rob recognized Multrum Heroes and requested volunteers for the fall.

**Welcome** first-timers: **Barbara; Marjorie and Dick** (from St. Paul Minnesota); **Trish; Jay** (runs the Howland Center Open Mic).

**Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail:** **MJ Martin** discussed the ongoing, long term planning process for a 7.5-mile, 10-14 foot wide, multi modal, ADA -accessible trail from City of Beacon to Cold Spring that will connect existing trails. MJ will have info at the Pumpkin Festival and do a presentation at the BSC in November. The Hudson is considered a Fjord because it was carved out by glaciers. **Tom LaBarr** asked about a dock in the Breakneck area so the Woody can do weekend trips. MJ said they are considering access for kayaks but had not thought about larger boats. **John Greener** expressed concern that "everyone with a motorboat" would use a dock. MJ said a goal is finding more spots where people can intersect with the water trail. They are planning/consulting with state parks, the Clarkson Center, and the cities.

**Treasurer's report:** **Aaron Verdile:** reported on expenses, income, and account balances for July.

**Riverpool:** **Alan Zollner** thanked The Woody and the BSC for contributing to a successful 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Newburgh to Beacon Swim. 183 swimmers exceeded the fundraising goal. See the video on Facebook featuring photos by **Alan Thomas** and drone photography. Tomorrow is the Riverpool's last day for season, with so far 530 pool visitors. Volunteers are needed on Sunday, September 3 to disassemble the pool in the morning in the water and working in the afternoon on land for heavy lifting.

**Corn Festival Recap:** **Rosemary Thomas** announced we had "the best corn ever from Walkkill Farms. We had a new cooking arrangement from **Tom LaBarr**. **Vince** did hot dogs this year. We had ice cream for the first time--109 servings of ice cream—and lemonade, vendors, and a tremendous festival." **Bonnie Champion** said that Mexican Street Corn was a big hit, and suggested two corn lines next year, one just for Mexican Street Corn. There was a suggestion to make the festival more handicapped accessible, especially for people with mobility issues. **Tom LaBarr** suggested renting a golf cart.

**Spirit of Beacon Day Sunday, September 24:** **Rosemary Thomas:** We need a coordinator and volunteers for the parade.

**Down by the Riverside World Premier:** **Dan Mesina** and his wife **Jody Childers** co-directed a documentary filmed between 2012 and 2014 about the movement Pete Seeger started when the Clearwater was built. Its premier will be at the Woodstock Film Festival, Wednesday, September 27 at the Bearsville Theater. Linda Richards will provide opening music before the screening.

BSC members are featured in the film. Tickets are \$25 on the Woodstock Film Festival site.

**Pumpkin Festival:** **Joyce Hanson:** The pumpkin Festival will be October 15. Everyone should come out and volunteer. There are some challenges, this year, per **Rosemary Thomas:** "We have to find a new place to get the pumpkins and to bake."

**April Mae and the June Bugs Concert:** **Susan Berliner:** April Mae will give a concert for the BSC on Friday, October 27. It may be at the club house, but **Joyce Hanson** is also seeking an alternate free venue with more room.

**Woody Report:** **Steve Schwartz:** "We've got new sailors from the Spring sailing program. The crew we have gotten from there are energized. When the boat got rebuilt, we were aging out. Now, there are three new captains in training (**Metal, Andy Fairbanks, Jake Metric**), and more energy for all the sailors to progress through the ranks. That carries over to the maintenance department." He said guest sails are getting closer to capacity, usually with 10 crew and 10 guests.

**Clearwater:** **Rosemary Thomas:** The Clearwater's fall school sailing program is full, and the Clearwater will have a Pumpkin Sail on October 21 which coincides with a Walkway Over the Hudson festival. The Clearwater's annual meeting will be in person annual meeting on Sunday, October 1 at the Settlement Camp from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is free, and lunch will be served. Register online. She stated the BSC has always made a donation to Clearwater at the Annual Meeting. **Bonnie Champion** moved to donate \$1,000 to Clearwater. **Susan Berliner** seconded. Vote Carried.

**Environmental Report:** **Tom LaBarr:** "Good news: Holtec is not going to release radioactive into the Hudson. Bad News, Fukushima is going to release radioactive water into the Pacific Ocean." He recommended writing the Japanese council, writing to Japanese companies, and threatening a boycott.

**Announcements:** **Alan Thomas** announced we will phase out the printed version of the newsletter by year-end. There are only 17 people who get the printed version and do not also get the online, emailed version. "We realize there are a few people without digital access, but it is expensive in both time and dollars to produce newsletter for 17 people."

**Joyce Hanson** is selling leftover Corn Festival T Shirts for \$10. She also has some general T shirts for \$5.

**Bonnie Champion** seeks volunteers for the Martin Luther King parade and essay contest. Planning starts in fall for the January event. **Dan Messina** noted, "It was Pete Seeger's dying wish to put on that parade." **Gale Moran:** environmental activist and distance swimmer Louis Pugh is swimming the Hudson River and will be swimming past Marist College in Poughkeepsie and Beacon within the week. **Wayne Kocher** asked us watch over Storm King mountain's two railroad trestles. "Hopefully they are fixing it. If anything seems out of place, report it."

**Joyce Hanson** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Aaron Verdile** seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m., and the **Song Circle** led by **Ken Miller** commenced inside the clubhouse.

## Environmental News

### The Beacon Sloop Club Welcomes Jen Benson, Clearwater’s New Environmental Action Director

Clearwater recently announced that Jen Benson has been appointed to the position of Environmental Action Director. She previously held positions at the Hudson River Watershed Alliance and Riverkeeper and brings a wealth of experience in local environmental issues to the job. We look forward to working with her and supporting Clearwater’s environmental initiatives.

<https://www.clearwater.org/clearwater-blog/welcomejen/>

**The food and farm bill**—which sets national agricultural and nutritional policy for five years, expires at the end of this month. The farm bill can be a key component of environmental policy, addressing climate change, air and water quality, food equity and support for local farmers and farmworkers.

U.S. Reps. Marcus Molinaro and Pat Ryan announced their bipartisan commitment to ensure the Farm Bill supports NY states farmers. Representative Molinaro is a member of the house Agriculture Committee.

**The Birds and Bees Protection Act** – limiting the use of neonic pesticides was passed by the NY State legislature in June, but still awaits Governor Hochul’s signature.

Neonicotinoid pesticides are commonly applied as seed treatments to crops such as corn, soy, and wheat. An in-depth study by Cornell University found that these chemicals provided little economic benefit and were replaceable by much safer alternatives.

In May, the EPA released [an assessment](#) finding that use of neonic chemicals jeopardizes multiple species. Even relatively low doses can prevent songbirds from orienting themselves for migration, and it has been estimated that up to 40% of the bee population in New York has been lost to these chemicals.

It’s been 60 years since Silent Spring was published, in which Rachel Carson warned,

*“For the first time in the history of the world, every human being is now subjected to contact with dangerous chemicals, from the moment of conception until death.”*

Bill sponsor State Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal said, “I’m proud that both the State Senate and Assembly passed our Birds and the Bees Act ([S1856A](#)) with Assembly Member Glick, which will end the pervasive use of toxic neonics on many New York farms that don’t need them to be effective.”

## Stormy Weather



Thank you to the BSC woodsfolk, Max, Tom, Lionel, Jim, and Alan who dealt with the storm damage. There was hope that the black locust would be boat quality, but it will be firewood instead.



Before and after photos by Lionel Lutley



**Beacon’s Main Street on Sunday, September 24th for Spirit of Beacon Day 2023!**

**Festivities: 11am-4pm  
Parade: 1-2pm**

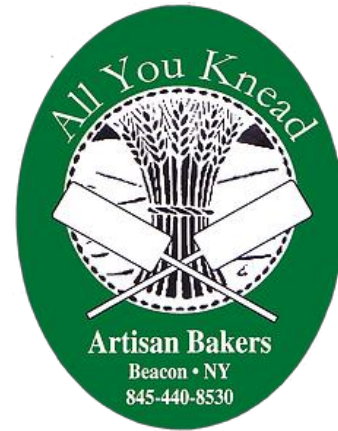


**Annual Meeting,  
October 1, 2023  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Theater,  
University Settlement Camp, Beacon NY**

**The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.**  
**Profit and Loss**  
 July 2023

	<u>Total</u>
<b>Income</b>	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	212.50
Corn Festival	
Vendor	135.00
<b>Total Corn Festival</b>	<b>\$ 135.00</b>
Interest-Money Market	78.34
<b>Total Investment Income</b>	<b>\$ 78.34</b>
<b>Membership</b>	
Paypal	225.00
Snailmail	75.00
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>	
Harbor Mooring Fee	250.00
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 975.84</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 975.84</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Bank Expense</b>	
Paypal	12.90
<b>Total Bank Expense</b>	<b>\$ 12.90</b>
Corn Expense	78.00
<b>Facilities</b>	
Festival	94.22
Utilities	48.76
Woody Maintenance	58.48
<b>Total Facilities</b>	<b>\$ 201.46</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>	
Advertising & Promotion	178.52
Tax filing fees	100.00
Website	28.17
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 306.69</b>
<b>Printing, etc.</b>	
Broadside	253.44
<b>Total Printing, etc.</b>	<b>\$ 253.44</b>
Pumpkin Expense	51.00
<b>Special Events Expenses</b>	
Woody BBQ	264.00
<b>Total Special Events Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 264.00</b>
<b>Strawberry Expense</b>	
Sanitation	650.00
smoothie expense - banana, ice	172.50
<b>Total Strawberry Expense</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.05</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,667.54</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>-\$ 1,691.70</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$ 1,691.70</b>
<b>Opening Cash Balance 7/1/2023</b>	<b>\$ 126,833.77</b>
<b>Closing Cash Balance 7/31/2023</b>	<b>\$ 125,142.07</b>
<b>Change in Investment Value</b>	<b>499.39</b>
<b>Total Balance 7/31/2023</b>	<b>\$ 125,641.46</b>
<b>Unrestricted &amp; soft</b>	<b>\$ 100,904.42</b>
<b>Hard Restricted (total)*</b>	<b>\$ 24,737.04</b>
<b>B &amp; S Rozinsky Fund (hard)</b>	<b>\$ 21,658.97</b>
<b>Board designated funds (soft)</b>	<b>\$ 15,436.17</b>



Saturday, September 23rd 7:00pm

## Current Calendar

**BSC Executive Committee Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 26, 7:00 pm  
At the Clubhouse

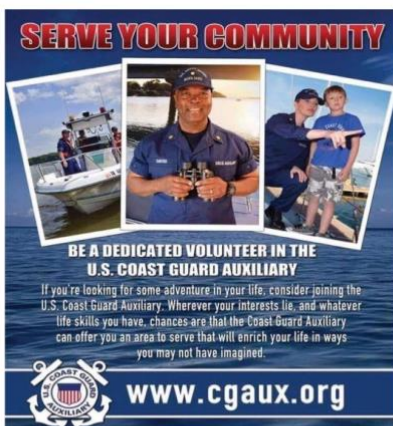
**Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting**  
Friday, October 6 6:30 – 10:00pm  
At the clubhouse

**Soon is Now**  
Sat., Sept. 23  
Long Dock Park  
2- 5:30 pm

**Fareground's  
Nourish Our Neighbors**  
Sat., Sept. 23  
The Howland Center  
7 pm

**Spirit of Beacon**  
Sun., Sept. 24  
Main St.  
Parade 1-2 pm


**Clearwater's Annual Meeting**  
Sun., Oct. 1  
University Settlement Camp  
10 am



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 [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org)

**Flotilla 10-6 Fall Meeting Schedule:**  
**Sept. 19 and Oct. 17 7-8:00pm**  
Newburgh Rowing Club, River St, Newburgh, NY 12550  
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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.

**Pumpkin Festival**  
**Sunday October 15**  
**Noon to 5pm**  
**Setup starts at 9:00**  
**Baking and prep Saturday October 14**

### Upcoming Clearwater Public Sails:



#### Spirit of Beacon Day Public Sail – Beacon, NY

**Tickets** Sep 24 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Tickets** Sep 24 @ 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

#### Pumpkin Sail Launch Public Sail – Hudson, NY

**Tickets** Oct 1 @ 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

#### Public Sail – Piermont Pumpkin Sail, Piermont, NY

**Tickets** Oct 7 @ 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

**Tickets** Oct 7 @ 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm

#### Public Sail: Last NYC Public Sail of the Season + Pumpkin Sail – One15 Marina, NY

**Tickets** Oct 14 @ 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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)

A Kew Ten Film  
Directed by Jodie Childers and Dan Messina

# DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE



THEY BUILT A BOAT  
AND LAUNCHED  
A MOVEMENT

The premiere will be on Wednesday 9/27 at the Bearsville Theater at 7:30pm, and the incredible **Linda Richards** will kick off the event with a couple of songs. Ticket information is below, and we hope to see you there!

<http://woodstock2023.eventive.org/.../down-by-the...>

