Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 46 Years

A Message from Our President

Not everybody realizes that the "Sloop" in Beacon Sloop Club is not the *Woody Guthrie*, but the *Clearwater*. Pete founded Clearwater in 1969; shortly thereafter he founded the Beacon Sloop club as a support organization for Clearwater – one of a string of Sloop Clubs up and down the Hudson created to provide support to Clearwater wherever it docked at any given time.

Whenever Clearwater came into port, Sloop Club members would be there with a pot of soup, fresh baked pie, load of firewood or news from the land. We would take crew for showers, laundry, or, for the truly intrepid, a head bucket run - a fine opportunity for an intimate experience with your local sewage treatment plant. And always, the crew would welcome us aboard to share in their delicious woodstove supper or some music.

Back in the days of Pumpkin Sail, *Woody* sailors would spend sleep deprived weeks of their lives sailing alongside *Clearwater* from port to port, passing pumpkins, serving Stone Soup, teaching the children of the river about the fish, plankton and history that swirled through their lives, singing and eating with the crew and musicians aboard the boats.

Back in those days, almost every Sloop Club member was a Revival volunteer, which meant a weekend or longer pitching in to run the festival, celebrating Clearwater's mission and each other. Every third weekend in June, Revival still rises, Brigadoon-like, from the mists of time, fully formed, a magical village of river lovers and fast friends, working together in glorious celebration once every year, then quietly return to their daily lives for the next fifty-one weeks or so.

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Supporting the mothership, fall thoughts turn to pumpkins and sailing, more sustainability tips, and much more.....



Clearwater crew members on the Woody – photo by Michael Barnett

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, September 24, 7:00 p.m. NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY, October 4, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

Name	Street Address	
City State ZIP	_ Phone	
Membership donation \$ Renewal	New Member Save Our Sloop Fund donation \$	
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?		
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.

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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, September 6, 2019, recorded by Gail Moran

The meeting opened with the song "Free the Bird". Susan welcomed new people – all from Brooklyn.

Treasury Report

Aaron gave the treasury report (complete report elsewhere in the newsletter). The opening balance was \$87,402 and the closing balance was \$87,211. The Saul & Bonnie Rozinsky Woody Fund has \$12,652. The rough figures for the Corn Festival showed it netting about \$3,000.

Woody Nickels

Konstantin encouraged us to bring all returnable bottles, cans etc. to the center across from the Fishkill Recreation Center and give them your receipts, which they will save for Beacon Sloop Club redemption.

Corn Festival

It was a great festival. We bought 1200 ears of corn and had only 13 ears left at the end of the day. Corn was from Walkill View Farm in New Paltz. Shop Rite donated water. Hannaford donated cheese and mayo for the flavored corns. Topps gave us a \$25 certificate. These were all non- Beacon establishments. Christine was given kudos as the best Earth Care coordinator since Vivien, whose shoes she more than filled.

Harbor Report

By Jim Birmingham. We purchased a pontoon boat to replace the old one that sank. It is in New Windsor being stripped and rebuilt to be ready for breaking down the Harbor in late October. We hope to sell the motor that came with the boat.

Woody Report

Also by Jim Birmingham.

- -We will be doing a Hudson Valley Ramble sail, September 21.
- -Sept 22 will be the sail for CW's Sloop Club Congress.
- -There will be a Sailor/Captain meeting the 1st weekend of October. One topic will be getting the boat away for the winter.
- -There is a work party tomorrow. Potluck too.

Trash

Being that we are a carry in/carry out facility, Susan asked for a volunteer to take the trash.

Clearwater

- -The annual meeting is September 22, 9AM at the Red Barn. It will include a potluck breakfast and a vote for Board of Directors. They really need our support so please attend.
- -We give a yearly donation. It has been \$1000 and then \$2000. The board is recommending a \$2500 donation this year. Rosemary said we started giving them \$1000 when we only had \$10,000 in our bank account. This year we have \$87,000. James said go to the annual meeting or other CW events. There is always a large BSC representation. Susan said the 'Sloop' in BSC originally referred to the Clearwater boat. Steve asked who were members of Clearwater? Many of us are. That means we are taking OUR money and giving it to OUR organization (who currently have a big need). Joyce made the motion to approve the \$2500. James said approve that or approve a higher amount. We agreed to the \$2500. Then James made the motion to add another \$1000 for a total of \$3500. Bonnie expressed the concern that it would be expected yearly. She was told they never ask us. In the end, we agreed to the additional \$1000. So \$3500 to Clearwater.
- -We don't have a date for the thank you sail yet.

Spirit of Beacon Day

September 29, the parade kicks off at 1:00, line up at 12 by Bank Square. We hope to have the 'Little Woody' float again. We were invited to be on the Center Stage and talk about Pete Seeger and play music.

Little Boxes

This yearly event will be November 23 at the Red Barn. Susan has flyers to pass out. \$25 gets you a 3" x 3" canvas to decorate (paint, collage, etc.) and admission to the event. Alternatively, you can just pay admission. There will be food and drink from local merchants and about 100 canvases to bid on. The winning bid proceeds will go ½ to the artist and ½ to the BSC. Cash prizes will be awarded for three categories that people will have the opportunity to vote on. It is a fun night.

Multrum

Susan asked for volunteers for cleaning the Multrum. (She may have had some but the list is missing.) The new list is September & October – Konstantin and November -Gail

Announcements

- -Konstantin Doren Tuesday night, at 23 W Center St, Beacon, there will be a meeting to discuss plans for the Pete & Toshi Seeger Park new buildings. The BSC is getting a shed.
- -Wayne Kochler A meeting to discuss the proposed Danskamer power plant will be in Newburgh on Monday. A meeting in Poughkeepsie is upcoming.

Call Governor Cuomo to protest the plant.

-Dave Eberle said that Movies that Matter needs to raise about \$2000. We passed a hat for contributions.

Pumpkin Festival Call for Volunteers October 19, 20

On Saturday we need people to help with:

Making dough balls

Rolling out crust

Pie Baking

On Sunday we need people for



Set up Pie Selling Cream whipping Soup and Chili Earth Care



Take down and cleanup Membership and Merchandising And

> Many, Many, More tasks Contact

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Please come out and support the community and the Sloop Club and have a little fun down by the riverside.

President's message cont'd

We also all volunteered at Clearwater's Annual Meeting, working side by side in the kitchen or grounds with other Clearwater members who came from far and wide to join in the festivities - which included multiple potluck meals, workshops, singalongs around the bonfire and square dancing into the night. People camped out and had breakfast together the next morning.

Pumpkin Sail, Revival, Annual Meeting - they were all woven into the calendars of our years and lives. Entire generations of children were born and raised through these events, and consider themselves to be "Clearwater babies." Perhaps you have one? Perhaps you are one. Many of us are who we are because of Clearwater.

Relationships forged working and living together for Clearwater - sometimes like sardines on the *Woody* or *Clearwater*, huddling together for warmth against the icy pre-dawn October fog on the river – still provide vital pathways for our work in the Hudson River community: alliance and allegiance that bring strength and efficacy to both The Sloop Club and Clearwater.

Every year, *Clearwater* brings us out on a wonderful "Thank You Sail." They give us tickets and merchandise for our raffles, share their seine nets and sound systems, spearhead our shared mission of restoring, preserving and protecting the Hudson river. We can sleep well tonight, knowing that tomorrow Clearwater will be on the job.

Since the beginning, our members have served on Clearwater committees, on their board, and as paid employees of Clearwater – boat crew and office staff.

There was a time when all Sloop Club members were Clearwater members. Today, Clearwater needs our support more than ever. If you can find a way to make it happen, becoming a member is one effective way that we can each increase our collective commitment to Clearwater and to each other. Wouldn't it be great if we could say that we're all members again?

See you at the Annual Meeting!

For the River, Susan

Sustainable Living Practices: Repair, Reuse, Rethink: Part 3

According to a National Cancer Institute report (2018) 38.4% of U.S. males and females will be diagnosed with cancer during their lifetime. A study by the Yale School of Public Health has confirmed that chemicals released by hydraulic fracking, such as methane, contaminate both air and water, and are linked to cancer. According to Yale Professor, Nicole Deziel, Ph.D., cited in the study, children's cancers require more research, as they are more vulnerable, particularly to leukemia, which has a short latency period. He added that 650,000 K-12th graders live within a mile radius of a fracked well in the U.S., as well as 15 million Americans in general. Fracking is currently present in 30 out of 50 U.S. States (Nation Of Changes 10/16). Our local proposed Danskammer plant would use fracked gas. This article is the third of a series and will concentrate on how individuals and groups can reduce air pollution working toward the goal of sustainability.

Outside our home we can do the following:

- -Walk or bike as a means of transportation. Drive at a smooth pace 55-60 mph for fuel efficiency. Drive less by multi purposing and carpooling. The latter may increase friendships.
- -Instead of spraying our kids with toxic substances against ticks, use for example: a mixture of 8 oz. hydrogen peroxide, with the same amount of baking soda, then add, 4 oz. Epsom salt, and 2 oz. lavender.
- Use natural products to kill weeds, like vinegar or hot water. Glyphosate plus added ingredient in weed killing Round-Up make it carcinogen.
- -Use peppermint spays, and "Have -a- Heart" traps instead of harmful pesticides.
- "Hug a weed every day." Weeds can be beneficial as they put back oxygen into the air. Trees that keep their leaves all winter provide year around oxygen. Milkweeds are beneficial to butterflies.
- -Plant air purifiers include: Aloe, Spider, Boston fern, and Golden Pothus.
- -Purchase earth friendly products. Call DEC to locate a dumpsite for used products that contain toxins.

In our home:

- -Ceramic tiles can be cleaned with ¼ cup white vinegar in one-gallon water.
- -Ventilate your home. Keep daytime temperature at 60; let sunshine in during winter.
- -In summer, use fans to circulate air. If air conditioning is necessary, set thermostats at 78 degrees.
- -Close the blinds and shades to limit summer heat build-up. Open windows at night to increase cooler air.
- -Turn off all lights and electrical appliances in unoccupied areas -limit use of household appliances. Run the appliances at off-peak (after 7 p.m.), such as dishwashers, dryers, pool pumps, and water heaters.

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Come Celebrate the Hudson River and Support the Sloop Woody Guthrie!

Have fun! Eat! Drink! Listen to great live music! Make something amazing! Get a jump on your holiday shopping!

Make money! Enjoy the company of old friends and new!

It's the perfect evening: on Saturday, November 23rd from 6:00-9:00 at Scenic Hudson's Red Barn River Center, The Beacon Sloop Club is sponsoring "Little Boxes," a delightful art event to help raise funds to sustain the *Woody Guthrie*.

Tickets are \$25 and include a 3"x3" canvas on which you will create your interpretation of the Hudson River – whatever the river means to you! Return your finished canvas to us by Thursday, November 21st and come to the party on Saturday.

Not an artist? Not a problem! Neither are we. This is a *fun*raiser and a fundraiser. The idea is to be creative and join the fun. You just might surprise yourself! Your tiny masterpiece of ingenuity will be hung, along with all the other tiny masterpieces, at the Red Barn, waiting for you to show up and celebrate the *Woody*, your friends, and your imagination. There will be three \$50 People's Choice Awards: one for The Most Spectacular, one for The Most Creative, and one for The Funniest. You get to vote for each category.

But the fun has only just begun.

This event is also a silent auction. You set the starting bid for your canvas. Then each canvas will be auctioned off – *Woody* gets half, and you get half. Plus, you get the opportunity to polish off all your holiday shopping in time to enjoy the rest of your holiday season!

The ferry sloop *Woody Guthrie* was commissioned by Pete Seeger in 1978 as part of his dream to preserve, protect and restore the Hudson River, by making the river accessible to anyone who wants to sail. For 41 years, the *Woody* has taken thousands of people for free sails on the river, but the years take a heavy toll on wooden boats. With your hard work and generous support, we must now raise money for winter maintenance to continue its mission of free sunset sails to the public. You can help!

Sound complicated? It's easy. Here's how it works: you buy your canvas at the next meeting, Pumpkin Fest or purchase a ticket online at http://littleboxes2019.bpt.me. Exchange your ticket for your canvas at the RiverWinds Gallery at 172 Main Street in Beacon. Want another canvas? Want ten? You can pick up extra canvases at either site for \$5 each. Enter as many canvases as you like! Let your imagination be your guide.

So mark your calendar, and join us for an evening of delicious finger foods and drinks from local Beacon establishments, live music and lots of fun and friendship.

Little Boxes at the Red Barn. Be there, and be square. For more information, call 845-527-8671.

Sustainable Living Practices: Repair, Reuse, Rethink: Part 3 Continued

- -Set refrigerators and freezers at more efficient temperatures;
- -Use only dried wood in your fireplace.
- -Purchase and install energy efficient lighting and appliances with the "Energy Star "labels.

Groups have come together to discuss the proposed Danskammer Plant, another source of methane pollution (methane heats up the climate over 80 times more than CO2).

- A City of Beacon and Scenic Hudson public forum 8/28 at the Beacon Scenic Hudson Center drew a crowd and environmental experts.
- On 9/9, at the City of Newburgh Town Hall, the pros and cons of this plant were discussed to a standing room only crowd.

"Each day, think what can I do to help our earth?" Wayne Kocher emphasized.

Nora Gallardo and Wayne Kocher

WOODY NICKELS

Go to the Fishkill Redemption Center and tell them to put your deposit proceeds in the Beacon Sloop Club envelope. Ask for a receipt.

> A&A Redemption Centers 794 Rt. 52 Fishkill

(across from Fishkill recreational center)

Open 7 Days: av-Saturday: 9:30-

Monday-Saturday: 9:30-5:30 Sunday: 10:00-4:00

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 except 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!

The Woody Report

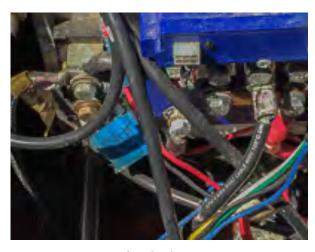
The sailing season is moving right along, with some beautiful fall weather, amazing sunsets, and sometimes a bit of wind too. We've had nothing but kudos from our guests.

Our October work party installed bumpers on the charging dock, mounted lights, and tackled the corrosion on the motor contacts. Two years of salt washing has not been kind to our electrical system. A loose wire was found on the controller input and was repaired. That seems to have fixed the hesitation problem (we hope). With some new bearings and adjustments to the pulley positions the squeak is gone as well! That was a bit more involved than planned; thanks Steve for the extra effort.

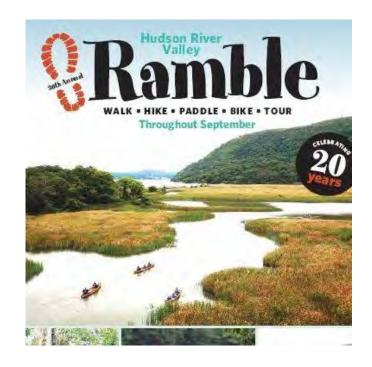
There will be a captains and sailors meeting the first weekend of October, stay tuned for the time and date. It will be posted to the Woody Sailor's group, so keep an eye out. We will discuss the winter storage and maintenance plan and other Woody business.



Nancy bringing us home from Bannerman's



Before the cleanup



Hudson Valley Ramble
Sail On the Woody Guthrie
Saturday,
September 21
Noon – 5 pm
Take a ride on the sloop Woody Guthrie and sail
on the Hudson River upon this historic wooden
Hudson river sloop!

Advance registration is required: Contact Susan (call or text) At 845-527-8671 to sign up

There will be five 45 minute sails starting on the hour at 12, 1, 2, 3 and 4pm.

Please arrive 15 mins before your sail is set to start. Walk ups are welcome if we have room.

Dress appropriately for the weather. Life jackets will be provided.

Woody Sailors:
We need crew support. Contact Steve Schwartz,
sloopcapt@aol.com
845-891-9417
if you can help.

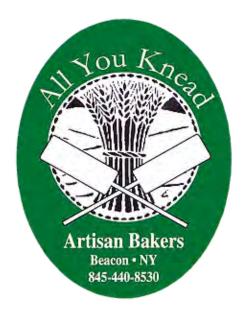
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Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	265.00
Corn Festival	
Vendor	215.00
Total Corn Festival	215.00
Investment Income	
Interest-Business	103.40
Interest-Checking	4.70
Interest-Money Market	14.93
Total Investment Income	123.03
Membership	
Paypal	25.00
Snailmail	100.00
Total Membership	125.00
Other Revenue	
Harbor Mooring Fee	500.00
Total Other Revenue	500.00
Pumpkin Festival	
Vendor	165.00
Total Pumpkin Festival	165.00
Special Event	
Woody BBQ	190.00
Total Special Event	190.00
Strawberry Festival	
Vendor	515.00
Total Strawberry Festival	515.00
Total Income	2,098.03
Gross Profit	2,098.03
Expense	
Bank Expense	
Paypal	2.25
Total Bank Expense	2.25
Facilities	
Harbor	2,000.00
Utilities	37.26
Total Facilities	2,037.26
Other Expenses	
Website	50.97
Total Other Expenses	50.97
Printing, etc.	
Postage, Mailing Service	154.00
Total Printing, etc.	154.00
Special Events Expenses	
Woody BBQ	45.07
Special Events Expenses - Other	
Total Special Events Expenses	45.07
Total Expense	2,289.55
Net Ordinary Income	-191.52
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Opening Cash Balance 7/1/19	\$ 87,402.86
Closing Cash Balance 7/31/19	\$ 87,211.34
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BSRF Opening 7/1/19	\$ 12,523.97
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Contribution

Change in Investment value

Bonnie & Saul Rozinsky Fund 7/31





Clearwater Annual Meeting September 22, 2019 9:30-1:00 pm

Agenda:

9:30 Potluck

10:00 Opening Song, open board meeting #1 , approve minutes

10:10 ED Intro & remarks, introduce board candidates

10:30 Environmental Action Report

10:40 Education report

10:50 Thank you to outgoing board members

11:00 Voting Ends. Sloop Club Charter presentations

11:15 Overview of plans for celebrating 50 years of

Clearwater and 100 of Pete Seeger

11:25 New Board announced, Adjourn meeting #1

11:45 Guest Speakers Betsy Garthwaite and Tim

Guinee

12:05 Begin board meeting #2

12:30 Adjourn board meeting, begin Q & A

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Current Calendar

Executive Committee meeting, Tues., Sept. 24, 7:00pm. At the Clubhouse.

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting, Oct. 4–potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m

Hudson Valley Ramble – Sailing on the Woody, Sat. Sept. 21, 12-5 pm, sails on the hour

Clearwater Annual Meeting, Sun. Sept. 22, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm, Scenic Hudson's River Center, Long Dock Park, Beacon

Spirit of Beacon Day Parade, Sun., Sept. 29, 2019 at Line up noon – 1 PM, Main St. Sloop Club performance 3:30 (could be a bit earlier).



Little Boxes – Art Show and Funraiser, Sat. Nov. 23, 6:00-9:00 pm, Scenic Hudson's River Center, Long Dock Park, Beacon



Anyone wishing to join a Woody crew can contact any captain or Jim Birmingham to sign up. No experience is required. We will train you.

Hold the dates:

Crust rolling and pie baking Oct. 19

Pumpkin Festival, October 20

