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# Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 55 Years

## A Message from Our President

And when one person taps out a beat, while another leads into a melody, or when three people discover a harmony they never knew existed, or a crowd joins in on a chorus as though to raise the ceiling a few feet higher, then they also know there is hope for the world. -Pete Seeger

May 3rd was the 105th birthday of our founder, Pete Seeger. The entire weekend was filled with celebrations of songs of conscience, protest and change. It is fitting that Pete be honored in this way, since throughout his life, he was committed to improving the world through the power of singing.

On Friday, friends and admirers of Pete Seeger gathered at the Towne Crier to participate in the official release of <u>Chopping Wood: Thoughts and Stories of a</u> <u>Legendary American Folk Singer</u>, observations and memories by Pete Seeger and others, compiled by David Bernz. Numerous notable musical disciples and devotees performed. Each in their own way illuminated Pete's vision of the power of music, interpreting and personalizing Pete's songs in the finest folk tradition.

Meanwhile, at the Two-Way Brewery, Pete's memory was commemorated by Rick Nestler, Chris Bowser, and Linda Richards. They headlined a fund-raiser for the Sloop Clearwater, a sloop and organization Pete worked so hard to make a reality, keeping his dream alive through song.

The following day, the Beacon Sloop Club hosted a Pete Seeger song circle, after our annual River Sweep, led by Joyce Hanson and Metal. Thanks to Ken Miller for organizing the song circle, and everyone who joined in. Many participants shared songs, stories and remembrances, including Ken Miller, Lydia Adams Davis, Wayne Coacher, Guy, Corinne and Jeremy Garty, Karen Drucker, Manna Jo Greene, Mary Poppiins, and Ellen Kushner, all contributing songs and tales of positive social change.

On Sunday, the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center featured a musical Pete Seeger review, organized by Judy Allen. Among the accomplished musicians who participated were Rick and Donna Nestler, Melissa Ortquist, Karen Brooks, Patrick Stanfield Jones, Laurie Siegel, Linda Richards, Sarah Underhill, R.J. Storm and the Old School Bluegrass Band, Betty and the Baby Boomers, and David Bernz. They marked the occasion with thoughtful and moving musical tributes, including songs of advocacy and songs of hope, as Laurie Siegel so ably wrote and Laurie and Patrick Jones so beautifully sang about.

In song circles and elsewhere, Pete encouraged others to try out different harmonies. And he urged everyone, even the most reluctant participants to sing out. He wanted everyone to sing, work and live in harmony, in a world where every voice matters.

There is a big, beautiful world that could be destroyed by selfishness and foolishness. We musicians have it within our power to save it. In a small way, every single one of us counts. -Pete Seeger

## Inside this issue:

Rob

Cleaning up the waterfront, endangered species day, all hands on deck, and much, more....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday May 28, 7:00 p.m. NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, June 7, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

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he <b>Beacon, Fishkill</b> and <b>Newburgh</b> area. Members meet the first Friday of every month at the <b>Sloop Club Building</b> ocated just across from the Beacon train station. Look for the building with the Norway spruce tree growing out of the oof! A potluck dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.; oring a covered dish to share and your own place setting. The general meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and lasts about an nour or so. The meeting is followed by a sing-along. The Beacon Sloop Club and newsletter are accessible from the web: www.beaconsloopclub.org.	Finance: Grants & Dev. Harbor Membership Mooring Manager: Harbor Communications Lecture Series Membership: MLK Day Monthly Music: Musical Outreach:	Tom Elliott Mark McNutt Patricia Finnerty Susan Berliner Joyce Hanson Alan Thomas James Malchow Ben Fiege Jeremy Baum Steve van der Mer Alan Thomas Alan Thomas Matt Bowen Ken Miller Ken Miller	(845)831-4267 (518) 265-6676 (267)908 0716 (845)527-8671 (914)907-4928 (845)463-4660 908)405-1433 (845)764-5884 (914)213-5353 we (914)879-1082 (845)463-4660 (845)463-4660 (845)522-0780 (201)376-1316 (201)376-1316	intraining_99@yahoo.com vanessa.nisperos@gmail.com labarrt@gmail.com tomelliott789@gmail.com patriciafinnerty267@gmail.com joycehanson@mac.com acthoma@yahoo.com jpmalchow@gmail.com fiege.benjamin@gmail.com jeremybaum@jeremybaum.com vandermerwede@yahoo.com acthoma@yahoo.com acthoma@yahoo.com mattbowen@gmail.com powwow187@aol.com
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## **Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting**

Minutes, May 3 recorded by Trish Murphy

Opening Song Musical performance by Rob May, Ken Miller, and Hope Altkin.

#### **Opening Announcements**

Hope Altkin began the meeting by delighting listeners with a reading of the poem "Light a Candle" by Judy Myerson. Corinne kindly offered to remove the recycles and President Rob May volunteered to remove the trash. New attendees Jeffrey Judd and sail class member Moe and her husband were welcomed.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Aaron reviewed the March 2024 financial report. (See treasurer's report for full details).

#### **River Sweep/ Pete Seeger Circle of Song**

Metal stated that the River Sweep was set to begin at 9 a.m. on the coming Saturday. A guest lecture on invasive species in the Hudson would begin at 9:15 a.m. Garbage clean-up was scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. At 12:00 p.m. trash sorting on the docks takes place. The "Pete Seeger Circle of Song" and potluck will be held from 1:30-4:00 p.m. Joyce said that the Sloop Club was proud to support the 13th annual River Sweep and encouraged listeners to volunteer.

#### **Tompkins Corner Pete Seeger Festival**

Judy announced that the 8th annual Pete Seeger festival was set to take place from 2-5:00 p.m. at Tompkins corner in Putnam Valley on May 7th. Donation proceeds from the event benefit Clearwater and the River Pool.

#### AED/ CPR Training

Members were offered the opportunity to participate in AED/CPR training classes. The class will take place during the day on a Saturday (exact days TBA). Those wishing to attend should make Checks payable to: The Beacon Sloop Club, P.O Box 527, Beacon, NY 12508.

#### Strawberry Festival Report

Rosemary passed a sign-up sheet around for those wishing to become Strawberry Festival volunteers. Volunteers are needed, among other things, to shape and bake approximately 1,800 biscuits. Volunteers are also needed for the "Strawberry Prep Party" which occurs the day before the festival so that volunteers can prepare the strawberries and biscuit mix. The Strawberry Festival will take place on Sunday June 9.

#### Woody Report/Harbor Report

The Woody is docked near the Club house. Night crews will be doing maintenance on her, such as conditioning the wood and painting the boom and gaff. The Woody will proudly sail during the time of the Strawberry Festival. Captain Steve stated that the weekday sails would begin after June 9th. He offered the invitation to become a crew member to all listeners. Those wishing to become a Woody crew member can contact any of the current captains or James.

#### **Sailing Classes**

Mary Arnold said that three sailing classes had taken place thus far. Though the time to sign up for the classes has expired, Current Woody Sailors are invited to sit in on any of the Wednesday classes.

#### Erie Canal Barge Visit-October 2025

A fully functioning true to scale replica vessel of the famous "Seneca Chief" will dock in Beacon on October 23, 2025. Tours and an Erie Canal slideshow will be offered to the public at that time.

#### **Clearwater Report**

On Saturday May 11, Clear Water will be providing music on two stages at the Kingston Earth Fair. Clear Water is currently taking reservations for sails. The latter includes an upcoming "Pay What You Can" sail. The "Paddle for the Hudson" virtual fundraiser is set to launch. Participants have the goal of paddling for 55 miles (one mile for each year of the existence of the *Clearwater*) for charity. If participants are able to raise a minimum of \$550.00 the event fee is lifted for them. "Paddle for the Hudson" begins on Memorial Day and continues to the end of July.

#### **Environmental Report**

Captain Tom rejoiced that a large commercial grocery retailer in Europe was helping the environment by transporting goods through canals using hydrogen powered boats that are met at the docks by electric trucks. Due to the availability of water ways in New York, Captain Tom urged listeners write their local congress to persuade them to adopt this eco-friendly method of transporting goods. He also addressed the serious issue plastic usage and the related consequence of microplastics entering our bodies. He gave the helpful example of using popcorn in lieu of Styrofoam packing peanuts to ship items. Another helpful suggestion he provided was using powdered detergent or Borax instead of chemical and plastic laced liquid detergent.

#### **River Pool**

John from River Pool stated that he was thankful to the club for their fundraising efforts. He expressed that the recent acquiring of the dock by the Sloop Club would also benefit River Pool and the Cross River Swim in the future. The floating River Pool was a dream of the iconic Pete Seeger that the Sloop Club is very proud to support.

#### **General Announcements**

Judith will be performing at the Town Crier Cafe in Beacon at 2:30 p.m. on Mother's Day Sunday.

#### Adjournment

At 8:39 p.m. a motion to Adjourn was made by President Rob May and seconded by Susan Berliner. Circle of Song to follow.

## **Endangered Species Day**

Today (May 17) is National Endangered Species Day. It's a good time to reflect on great progress that has been made in some areas and the challenges faced in others.

At the time of our founding, eagles and other birds of prey were a rare site along the Hudson River, now we have several nesting pairs in the neighborhood and many winter visitors. They were brought back from the brink of extinction by the awareness raised by Rachel Carson, grassroots action and the enactment of the Endangered Species Act. Pete often cited Silent Spring as his awakening to the environmental movement. It didn't hurt that eagles are our national symbol and highly visible.

Many of our Hudson River Species remain endangered or under threat. The commercial fishery that used to be a major local industry is virtually nonexistent today. Years of pollution and oxygen depletion, dredging, power plant cooling, damming of tributaries and overfishing have all depressed populations of sturgeon, shad, eels and herring.

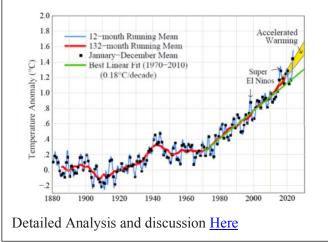
There are signs that the hard-won gains of environmentalists and conservationists are paying off. Reduction in pollutants, the closure of power plants and dam removal have all contributed to an increase in the spawning population of shortnose sturgeon.

It's too soon to declare victory. Many old threats remain and new ones, like major vessel anchorages, increased offshore commercial fishing and new invasive species continue to arise with the potential to impact populations. So, as we reflect on our slow and steady progress, we must remain vigilant.

#### **Global Temperature Outlook**

James Hansen, Pushker Kharecha, Makiko Sato

**Global temperature** (12-month mean) is still rising at 1.56°C relative to 1880-1920 in the GISS analysis through April (Fig. 1). [Robert Rohde reports that it is 1.65°C relative to 1850-1900 in the BerkeleyEarth analysis.] Global temperature is likely to continue to rise a bit for at least a month, peak this summer, and then decline as the El Nino fades toward La Nina.



## **Riversweep 2024**

Thank you to Metal and Joyce for organizing this year's River Sweep. Our volunteers fanned out along the Beacon waterfront picking up trash of all sorts.



## STRAWBERRY VOLUNTEERS of the WORLD UNITE

## Saturday June 8 Prep Day!

## Strawberry and Biscuit prep Saturday:

Please plan on helping us prepare for the festival. The Local Strawberries will be delivered about **9:00 am**. We need to wash, hull, slice and freeze about 1/3 of the berries. Then we will mix all the dry ingredients for the biscuits.

The Strawberry prep for this year's **Strawberry Festival** will be on **Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am** at <u>The Yard</u>, **4 Hanna Lane, Beacon.** We need a few people at **8:30** am for set-up.

## Site Prep Saturday:

We need strong backs and willing hands **Saturday** June 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am at Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park, for site setup.

We will be setting up the strawberry tent, and moving tables chairs, tents, and the other infrastructure needed for Sundav's festival.



All Hands On Deck for the Strawberry Festival!! Sunday, June 9. Noon-5pm Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfont Park Set-up begins at 9:00 am

Volunteers of all kinds are needed. You can volunteer for 20 minutes or the full day. Bringing friends encouraged, especially for hulling.

9:00 AM – 11AM Setup the 10x10 tents, tables, chairs, 10x20 tents, signs, tablecloths, serving stations, and so on.

10:30 AM-4:30 PM – many people needed; serving, slicing, whipping, Earth Care, hull berries (this is a very social activity) and more!!!

4:30-6:00 PM Cleanup (take the tents down, move tables/chairs back to clubhouse, and so on). Volunteers at the end of the festival are especially appreciated.

#### What is your Job?



Site Crew



Hulling





Sailing



**Biscuit Making** 



## RAISE FOR THE RIVER, ONE MILE AT A TIME.





Captain Kip Touraine October 26, 1953 – May 16, 2024

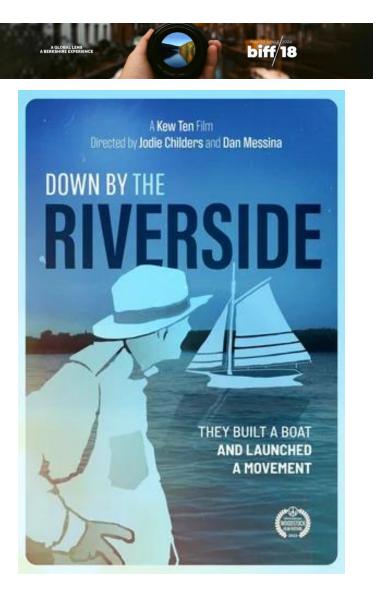
It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Kip Touraine, *Woody* captain, former harbor master, member and volunteer for more than 40 years.

Kip was the son of the late Karl Muller-Touraine and Jacqueline Tompkins, born Karl Peter Muller-Touraine in Manhattan, NY.

Kip was a self-employed Carpenter. In addition to his many roles at the Sloop Club, he volunteered for the Mountainville Fire Department and Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Kip is survived by his beloved wife: Harriet Holman-Touraine at home; his daughter: Katelyn Enjaian of Norfolk, VA; his granddaughter: Emmersyn Enjaian; and his sister: Liza (Rob) Duval of Rhode Island; and life-long friend Seth Harvey.

In lieu of flowers, you may send contributions to The Beacon Sloop Club in honor of Kip.



In case you missed the premiere in Woodstock:

*Down by the Riverside* will be showing in Great Barrington on 6/1 at the <u>Berkshire International</u> <u>Film Festival</u>.

"Down by the Riverside is a beautiful, stirring tribute to the communities of people who continue to restore and preserve this elegant symbol of the Hudson Valley."

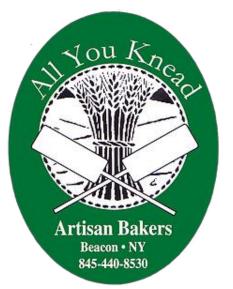
Hint: you might just recognize a few people and places in the film.

Showings – select to order tickets: Sat, Jun 1st, 9:15 AM @ Triplex #3 Stream online...

## The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.

March 2024

		Total
Income		
Corn Festival		
Vendor		160.00
Total Corn Festival	\$	160.00
Investment Income	\$	266.58
Membership		
Paypal		175.00
Snailmail		50.00
Total Membership	\$	225.00
Other Revenue		
Harbor Mooring Fee		750.00
Sailing Class		200.00
Total Other Revenue	\$	950.00
Pumpkin Festival		
Vendor		240.00
Total Pumpkin Festival	\$	240.00
Strawberry Festival		
Vendor		560.00
Total Strawberry Festival	\$	560.00
Total Income	\$	2,401.58
Gross Profit	\$	2,401.58
Expenses		
Bank Expense		
Paypal		49.83
Total Bank Expense	\$	49.83
Facilities		
Utilities		188.29
Total Facilities	\$	188.29
Other Expenses		
Donation		302.00
Insurance - Liability, D and O		695.00
Sailing Class		888.27
Website		34.30
Total Other Expenses	\$	1,919.57
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Broadside	_	97.23
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Special Events Expenses		
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Lecture Series	_	84.84
Total Special Events Facilities		84.84
Total Special Events Expenses	\$	84.84
Total Expenses	\$	2,339.76
Net Operating Income	\$	61.82
Net Income	\$	61.82
Opening Cash Balance 3/1/2024	ć	130,845.96
Closing Cash Balance 3/31/2024	\$ \$	130,907.78
Change in Investment Value	ç	543.50
Total Balance 3/31/2024	\$	131,451.28
Total Balance 3/31/2024		
Unrestricted & soft	\$ \$ \$ \$	99,516.45
Hard Restricted (total)*	\$	31,934.83
B & S Rozinsky Fund (hard)	\$	23,992.63
Board designated funds (soft)	\$	16,016.71









Clearwater's Hike and Learn: John Burroughs and the Emerging Conservation Movement in the Post-Civil War Era

When: 9am-11am, Saturday, June 1 Where: John Burroughs Slabsides, West Park, NY <u>Register to attend</u>

Join Hudson River Sloop Clearwater for a hike at John Burroughs Nature Sanctuary in West Park. The program will feature Joan Burroughs, president of the John Burroughs Association and great-granddaughter of the naturalist, who will lead us on a short hike in the Sanctuary and a tour of Slabsides, his rustic writing retreat. She will discuss his role in the nascent conservation movement in post-Civil War America.

# Current Calendar

BSC Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 28, 7:00 pm At the clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting Friday, June 7, 6:30 – 10:00pm At the clubhouse

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Clearwater's FIRST ANNUAL PADDLE FOR OUR HUDSON RAISE FOR THE RIVER, ONE MILE AT A TIME! May 25 through July 26<sup>th</sup>

Register or Support a Paddler

RiverPool's Annual Great Newburgh To Beacon Hudson River Swim

Saturday, July 27, 2024 – rain date: Sunday, July 28, 2024



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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It's time to sign up if you haven't yet. There are many, many jobs available.

We always need hullers, so bring your friends and family.

**Contact Patricia Finnerty** 

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