

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving Hudson River with Pride for 37 Years

A Message from Our President:

The forecast promises us a bright and sunny day for the Corn Festival. So, we are hoping for big crowd and a busy day. Three cheers for Bonnie Champion for stepping up and taking on the coordinators role. And three more cheers for everyone who has helped her and for the volunteers who will come together to make the festival fun and successful.

We are about half way through the sailing season and the winds have been brisk most nights and the Woody is doing well. We are reaping the benefits of a busy winter of maintenance and taking out guests almost every night.

Once again the Woody was the flagship for the River Swim. What a fun event and how great to help out our sister organization, River Pool of Beacon. I got a chance to experience it first hand for the first time this year. Wasn't I surprised in mid-river when I heard Bonnie yell, "Hey Rosemary, I found someone to sell the corn."

The weekend after the Corn Festival the Woody will be in Garrison for the Arts Fair both days. We need captains, crew and shore support for this fun two-day event. We always take out many guests at this one so it would be great to get a few extra folks on deck. If you can help out please let Jim Birmingham know as soon as possible.

Looking ahead to activities in the fall there are lots of opportunities to participate. The club is signed up for Spirit of Beacon Day, Stony Kill Harvest Fest, and the Ramble. There are few other opportunities on the horizon as well. Topping it all off is the Pumpkin Festival in October. David Eberle has agreed to be this year's coordinator so please give him your full support.

Have a Safe and Happy Summer,

Rosemary

Inside this issue:

Corn Festival, small victories, BSC members get wet, and much, much, more....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, August 24th, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, September 3rd, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30

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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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Please submit articles for the Beacon Sloop Club Broadside by the 1st Monday after the Friday general meeting each month (early submissions are much appreciated) to acthoma@yahoo.com

Input requiring scanning must be in 1 week in advance To: Alan Thomas PO Box 430, Hughsonville, NY 12537

Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes, August 6, 2010

Call to Order, Club President, Rosemary Thomas.

After an opening song by Pete Seeger, Rosemary called the meeting to order and welcomed first-time visitors from Beacon, Nanuet and New Jersey.

Treasurers Report, Alan Thomas for Sara Elizabeth.

For August, the starting balance was \$56,729; the ending balance, \$56,946 (see full report elsewhere in the newsletter). Rosemary Thomas reported that changes were made in the Treasurer's procedures and equipment to make reporting easier and more accurate.

Sloop Woody Guthrie, Tom LaBarr. Tom reminded membership that the Woody sails every weekday evening and provides an opportunity for learning for volunteers. Tom is seeking volunteers for the Corn Festival (8/15) and Garrison Arts Festival (8/21-22).

The Ramble, Mary Schmalz. Mary reminded membership of the Ramble for the Sloop Club, September 19. She is selling raffle tickets to raise money for the Ramble. The NY State Farmland Trust is raising awareness, among other things, about the 9000 acres of NY farmland being lost each year. Mary also pointed out that Art Along the Hudson picked the Beacon mural gracing Main Street, painted by Rick Price, supported by the Club, as the cover art for its fall brochure.

Building and Patio, Claudine Craig. Volunteers are being called to proceed with repairs and painting. The sound system has been updated. As usual, thanks to Gigi and Alice Vaughan for cleaning the Club house. The main log has been put in place to begin the reinforcement and construction of the patio.

Multrum Update, Caitlin O'Heaney. Caitlin asked for a round of applause for Sue Altkin who "did a fabulous job of cleaning the Multrum" and passed a sign-up for volunteers.

TOD update, Mark Roland (beacondeservesbetter.com). Mark reported that the TOD is being re-evaluated by the City and the MTA. The public awareness-raising project initiated by the mayor as part of the TOD negotiation process and reaction by the public has worked to begin redefinition of the project..

Corn Festival, Bonnie Champion. On August 15 the Club hosts the annual Corn Festival where 1000 ears of corn will roast at a buck an ear. Vegetarian and regular chili, fresh peaches and water round out the menu. Free rides on the Woody are offered all afternoon. Volunteers are welcome to tell corny jokes, set up, cook, participate and tear down. Gloria Waslyn will host a children's area and would like volunteers to help. David Eberle requested volunteers to help visitors shuck trash.

Spirit Journey: Tony Angel, Cameron & Glora

Waslyn. Gloria passed the hat for Tony who is on a journey to walk the Appalachian Trail to raise awareness and money for Family of Woodstock (<http://www.familyofwoodstockinc.org/>). It supports the homeless and people in need throughout the region. While he was homeless after his recycling job with National Parks was terminated, Tony worked with the organization. Read Tony's blog at

<http://spiritjourney25.wordpress.com>.

Announcements.

1. People will gather Sunday, August 8, for the second annual International Walk for World Peace in Woodstock. Pete Seeger and many BSC members participated to ask, "May Peace Prevail on Earth." From the walk, Pete and Roland Moussa performed later at the Bearsville Theatre.
2. Art Kamell, long-time Sloop Club member, is temporarily recovering from a minor stroke at "Elant at Fishkill", 22 Robert R Kasin Way, Beacon, 845-831-8704.

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NYSDEC [Hudson River Estuary Program](#)
 and
 The Hudson River Watershed Alliance

WATERSHED ROUNDTABLE
 focusing on Rockland and [Orange County](#)
 10am - 2pm

Tuesday, August 31st, 2010
 Kowawese Unique Area At Plum Point in [New Windsor](#),
 space is limited -- please RSVP to Janet Burnet at

janetburnet@aol.com

The Great Newburgh to Beacon Swim 2010



Thank you to all the Sloop Club Members who helped to make the River Pool's 7th annual river swim a big success. Many of us are members of both organizations but whatever hat you were wearing your efforts were greatly appreciated. Our sailors ferried swimmers to the splash-in on the Woody and the boat provided a landmark for the swimmers. Others helped with food, set-up, merchandise, music, etc.

There were several members who took it one stroke (1000 strokes?) further and completed the swim, including Vane Lashua (secretary), Bonnie Champion (Corn Festival coordinator), and Rosemary Thomas (our president).



Beacon Sloop Club president Rosemary Thomas at the finish

The Woody Needs Your Help at Upcoming Events

We need Captains, Crew, and Shore Support for committed events:

- The Corn Festival August 15th
- The Garrison Arts Fair August 21st and 22nd
(including transit down and back)
- The Hudson Valley Ramble Sept 19th

Contact Jim Birmingham or any captain if you can help.

We've also been invited to the 15th Annual Kid's Expo in Poughkeepsie, September 25th and 26th if we can work out a plan.

Senate Passes Hydrofracking Moratorium Bill

The New York State Senate session ended at 12:17 a.m. on August 4th after passing a bill that would impose a moratorium until May 15, 2011 on the granting of permits for upstate hydrofracking. The measure sponsored by Sen. Antoine Thompson (D-Buffalo) passed by a 48-9 margin.

The Assembly will take the measure up later in the year when the members return. From an email from Assemblyman Marc Molinaro:

For your information, the bill did come before the Ways and Means Committee on July 1, prior to our completing regular session. As a member of the committee, I did support the legislation and it did pass and was forwarded to the full body for consideration. The majority did not bring it to the floor prior to our adjourning.

Now that a budget has been adopted by both houses, the Speaker has stated the Assembly is not likely to reconvene until after November 15th.

Thank you

Marc Molinaro

For more on this story:

<http://www.nydailynews.com/blogs/dailypolitics/2010/08/so-long-farewell.html>

EPA Meeting Abruptly cancelled

On Monday August 9th, just three days before the EPA public meeting on hydraulic fracturing was scheduled to take place, the venue was abruptly changed from SUNY Binghamton to the OnCenter Complex in Syracuse. Then less than 24 hours later the EPA announced that the meeting was cancelled altogether and will be rescheduled in September.

This was purportedly due to rumors that there would be more than 8,000 people at opposing rallies as well as planned sit-ins and other civil disobedience by groups of "environmental extremists" during the meeting. If you care about this issue you can contact Judith Enck, Regional Administrator of Region 2 of the EPA and ask for a serious public review of the issues as soon as possible. [click here](#). For more on this subject:

<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/08/10/8000-people-e-p-a-defers-hearing-on-fracking/?src=mv>

Thank you to all our members who have written letters, called their representatives, and helped inform the public, especially John McLaughlin and Peter Rostenberg and for drafting a position letter for the club.

You can view Pete's performance in Albany at:

<http://www.nydailynews.com/blogs/dailypolitics/2010/07/when-drill-baby-drill-turns-to.html>

Proposed Transit-oriented-development for Beacon

Official City of Beacon July 2010 Update: The City Council has decided not to consider or advance the Metro-North Railroad transit-oriented development (TOD) in its current form. The council would have to enact zoning changes in order for the development to proceed.

As originally proposed, Metro-North wanted to build approximately 600 dwelling units and 120,000 square feet of commercial space near the train station. The 22-acre, \$290 million development was to include streets, shops, apartments, condominiums, offices and a promenade built on top of a double-deck parking garage.

The consensus was reached after a series of open discussions and outreach in the community, including newspaper articles, cable broadcasts, public hearings and town hall meetings. The mayor will propose a lower density plan, with residential space reduced by one third and commercial space by more than 60 percent.

According to Mayor Gold, *"When a municipality does planning, they have to consider that the impacts they are doing will last potentially for hundreds of years. It's more important to do it right than to do it quickly.... it has to be a scale that is appropriate for Beacon."*

We applaud Mayor Gold and the city council for taking the time to listen to and consider the views of the citizens of Beacon and look forward to an integrated development plan that maintains the natural aesthetic of the waterfront and vibrancy of Main Street. Thank you also to all of our members who took the time to study the issues and make their views known.

For further information:

<http://www.cityofbeacon.org/factsheets/proposed-transit-oriented-development-tod-district>

<http://pqasb.pqarchiver.com/poughkeepsiejournal/access/2096603031.html?FMT=ABS&date=Jul+31%2C+2010>

<http://pqasb.pqarchiver.com/poughkeepsiejournal/access/2094689971.html?FMT=ABS&date=Jul+29%2C+2010>

<http://beacondeservesbetter.org/>

Sound Bites by Gigi Fris

This month we have two bites from the past (no, not Edward and Bella from *Twilight!*) featured: Terry Arnold and Sigurd Gatland. Terry and Sig are two important pieces to putting together the puzzle of the story of the first wave of environmental activists in the Hudson Valley.

Hopefully, the blurry notes I wrote on the wrinkled Dunkin' Donuts bag about them are accurate! Both of these senior members were working hard under the Strawberry tent this June for hours without a break. Terry was busy making biscuits, while Sigurd outlasted everybody in a hulling marathon at the neighboring table.

Terry Arnold's Tale:

Terry was the woman who cemented the location of the Clearwater Festival, thirty five years ago. The festival coordinator for The Smithsonian Institute, in DC, had met Terry at a Solar Exhibition, and knew she was familiar with the Hudson Valley. He called one day to ask if she knew of a place to hold a

Folk Festival; Terry mistook his initial meaning, and thought he was house hunting. "No, no" he said, "It's a space for Mr. Peter Seeger." Terry had no idea who Pete Seeger was.

Terry, however, landed the Croton Park location for Pete. The first festival was mobbed; about 10,000 people showed up! The Weavers and Arlo Guthrie played, among many others. Needless to say, Terry continued showing up as well, helping to cook for Festival volunteers for the past thirty five years.

Terry also belongs to the BSC and The River Lovers of Croton. The latter group meets in her home and organizes a shad festival each year. All the proceeds are donated to Clearwater.

While deftly handling the biscuit dough, Terry comments, "I would have come if it killed me. You make friends, you do great things, and you have a lot of fun."

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Pius Mau Pailug, master navigator

Mau Pailug died July 12th at the age of 78. For 39 years he was the only palu, or master of the old Polynesian navigation skills. Taught by his grandfather to know the feel of waves and wind in different locations and the position of more than 100 stars in the star-compass he became a palu at 18.

In 1976 he sailed a double-hulled canoe named Hokule'a (Star of Gladness) 2000 miles from Hawaii to Tahiti without compass, sextant or charts.

Woody Report:

Hey guys, hope all club members are enjoying their summers, on or off of the Woody. Woody sailors and captains have been volunteering to do the usual July tasks: taking out weekly guests, monitoring the River Swim, taking out the winner of the Woody Raffle Dinner Sails (in this case one of our own sailors, Wally Cox and selling tickets for our next raffle drawing.

I have been taking a little break from active boat duty, but have started working on the registration form for the National Register of Historical Places. I am applying for the Woody, using the Clearwater's application as a template for our own, thanks to Alan Thomas for getting me a copy. The application is broken down into five parts:

technical description, basis of design, significance of Woody to American History, ownership, reminiscences/media stuff.

At the Executive Meeting, I asked Pete to supply info on ownership/significance, which he has already done (thank-you, Pete!), with the help of Sarah Elisabeth. Alan and LaBarr are supplying media archival stuff. I have asked Jimmy Kricker, the original shipwright, to contribute the technical description. I will get Cy Hamlin, the architect, to supply anything missing from Pete and Jimmy. **But there is one thing ALL of you, especially older members, can do: send me anecdotes about the boat. Send me a personal recollection of yourself on the Woody that you will always cherish, whether it was working with a certain captain, or on a festival, or on maintenance. How did this moment fuse you with the boat and the environment (river and community)?**

Also, does anybody have footage of an NBC special on Pete and the club, from 1975? Essentially, whatever you think will help bring this application to life, bring it on, people! But don't send originals, just copies.

I am not sure how long these applications take to process with the state and federal governments, but I think this is a good idea for us, and hope you think so, too.

If you have any suggestions, comments, etc. email them to: gigifris@yahoo.com or mail them to PO Box 52, New Paltz, NY 12561 or call me at (845) 616-5820 or (845) 883-9794.

Thanks in advance for you help and support!

gigi



What is wrong with this picture? Answer in next month's Broadside Photo by Ben Mazer

Sigurd Gatland's Reminiscences

I became curious about the silver haired man with the perky plaid cap sitting next to me hulling berries. When I told him I was the Maintenance Coordinator for the Woody, he told me to look in the boat logs from the 1970's, and his name would be recorded there.



Photo of tulip tree canoe, 1975
By Faith Ward

Sig met Pete working on the notorious 50 foot dug out canoe, as Sig had learned to use an adze (an axe-like tool used to dress wood) in his youth. Afterwards, Sig and his family joined the BSC.

Turns out Sig ended up as first official Woody crew, despite the fact he was in his thirties with no sailing experience. Pete was the owner and main captain. One day, Pete told the crew they were sailing from Beacon to South Street Seaport. When the Woody got into the city, it was around 5pm, and traffic on the river was high. Because the Woody did not have a motor back then, it had the right of way. All the tugs, freighters, barges, etc. had to stop for the Woody, and everybody was really annoyed at both boat and crew!

Well, they finally docked at South Street Seaport. In those days, wherever Pete went, the crew sang along, no matter what their vocal abilities were. So they performed, then sat waiting for the tides to turn, as they had to make their way through Buttermilk Channel, on the east side of Governor's Island. It was, at this hour, night.

While en route, a tug boat came speeding up in the dark, dangerously close to the Woody, and tried to radio them of impending collision, only to find the Woody was without a radio! The tug captain grabbed a bullhorn, because his boat couldn't stop, so the Woody could be warned to pull out of the tug's path. Disaster was averted, and the crew finally rested on Staten Island.

Sig crewed for ten years, and left when he retired from IBM. But, he still shows up to help at the Strawberry and Clearwater festivals each June, and has not missed one since 1978!

Beacon Sloop Club Executive Committee Treasury Report

Submitted by Sarah Elisabeth

July 27, 2010

BSC General Fund	Amount	Membership	Woody & Small Boats	Festival & Event	Newsletter	Harbor	Clubhouse
Membership	315.00	290.00				25.00	
Harbor	450.00					450.00	
Donation	310.00			310.00			
Vendor	150.00			150.00			
Staples (Address Rubber Stamp)	(22.99)						(22.99)
Royal Carting	(181.13)			(181.13)			
Pop-Up Tents	(629.97)			(629.97)			
Newsletter	(100.80)				(100.80)		
Smoothies	(73.70)			(73.70)			
Total Monthly Income and Expenses (-)	216.41	290.00		(424.80)	(100.80)	475.00	(22.99)
OPENING BALANCE	56,729.96						
CLOSING BALANCE	56,946.37						



Appalachian Trail walk for the homeless, and for the environment.

Tony Angel last reported in from Gorham New Hampshire on August 9th. Tony is walking the Appalachian trail to raise funds for the homeless and to raise awareness of environmental issues throughout Appalachia. You can follow Tony's Progress on:

<http://spiritjourney25.wordpress.com/>

Donations can be made to the Tony Angel Homeless Fund through;

Family of Woodstock
Attn: Tony Angel Homeless Fund
16 Rock City Road
Woodstock, NY 12498

Questions? Contact us at spiritjourney25@gmail.com

Tony also needs direct support for food and equipment which can be sent ahead for pickup.

Every Sunday Farmers Market
 at the Beacon Waterfront 10-4pm
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Assemblyman Kenneth Zebrowski
and

Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee

In cooperation with the Hudson River Watershed Alliance
 Invite you to a Community Forum
 On the Future of the Hudson River and its Watershed

September 29, 2010

6:30-9:00 pm

Nyack Library: 59 South Broadway, 10960

Provide your input, and participate in a conversation about the

2010-2014 Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda with

Fran Dunwell NYSDEC Hudson River Estuary Coordinator



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Current Calendar

Executive Committee meeting, Tues. August 24th 7:00 p.m., at the BSC clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting September 3rd– potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-4 p.m., At the Ferry Dock , Beacon , NY

PLANET BLUE WITH CHRIS RUHE and Tonia Shou on radio station WVKR 91.3 FM, Every Mon., 5 to 6 p.m.

Beacon Sloop Club Corn Festival, Sunday, August 15th, Noon – 5:00 pm, at the Beacon Waterfront

CEIE: Third Thursday Series Film: End of the Line - Where Have All the Fish Gone?, Thurs August 19, 7pm to 9pm, CEIE 199 Denning's Ave

Garrison Fine Arts and Crafts Fair, Saturday August 21st- Sunday August 22nd, at the Garrison Waterfront

3rd annual CATSKILL MOUNTAIN ECO-HERITAGE FESTIVAL Sat., Sept. 4, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Dinner 5 - 7 pm, Concert 7 pm. at Ashokan Center. Admission: \$5 adults, free for kids under 5, \$15 special day carpool rate, \$10 evening concert; dinner extra. (845) 657-8333. www.ashokancenter.org



Free Sails on the Woody Guthrie, weeknights beginning in June, 6:00pm , at the clubhouse.

2nd Saturdays in Beacon, Saturday Sept. 11 6:00 pm – 9:00pm, Main St, Beacon

Science on the River, Saturday, September 11, 2010, 2:00 PM, Norrie Point Environmental Center, Staatsburg, NY, jvmcavoy@gw.dec.state.ny.us, 845-889-4745 x105

Hudson Valley Ramble Sails on the Woody, Sunday. September 19th, noon-5:00pm, at the Beacon Waterfront

Spirit of Beacon Day, Sunday, September 26th, 11:00am-4:00pm, Main Street, Beacon

Community Forum On the Future of the Hudson River and its Watershed, Wednesday, September 29, 6:30-9:00 pm, Nyack Library: 59 South Broadway, Nyack, NY

Vigil for Peace every Saturday from 12-2 p.m. at the intersection of Rts. 9 and 9D opposite Staples and at the corner of the South Hills Mall.

Details of calendar events may be found elsewhere in the newsletter.
For more info about the BSC: www.beaconsloop.org, or www.beaconsloopclub.org