

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 40 Years

A Message from Our President

It may have been a cold winter night but it was warm and cozy in the Sloop Club, thanks to Aaron who sealed up the void around the tree. I would also like to thank Cato for helping to clean up the Club before the meeting.

We had several visitors who we hope will return, including Peter Blood and Angie Patterson who published the well known folk music book, *Rise Up Singing*. They were here to participate and film the circle of song.

The circle of song is one of the traditions of the Beacon Sloop Club started by Pete Seeger. Circle singing is one of the many ways rituals were conducted in ancient times which has continued up to today. Singing was one the principle means to promote social solidarity and to effect a transformation, by using music to the help people experience the spiritual, be energized, and have a zest for life.

Depending on the nature of the music, it can either dampen the spirit or increase the spirit and promote a sense of harmony and health. In every culture one can find people gathering together to sing folk songs, These Songs are about Events in the lives of the people, The rhythm of the music helps to develop a shared consciousness, or shared view of the world. We sing these songs to motivate others to join us in what we are doing, to share the burden, to participate in the protest, or to rebel against the injustice of life. We sing simple songs with simple words which encode a powerful message. The circle of song is as important as sailing the River, and presenting talks about the River in getting across our message. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the musicians and people who participate.

We are in the process of getting bids to repair the interior wall between the wood stove and the Multrum. This is sadly the last remaining portion of the original diner. Built to 1920's standards, it has suffered extensive insect damage and needs to be completely replaced.

It has been too cold to work on the Woody but there will be a block party later this month. We have raised \$200 which is being matched by the Raise the Sail Challenge Grant. We have \$1300 to go. We will also be looking into the possibility of getting additional grant monies to assist in the repair of the Woody.

The Strawberry Festival Committee had its first committee meeting which means that spring cannot be far behind.

Sincerely,

David Eberle

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Fight the winter doldrums by: learning about the history of the waterfront, attending the block party, the Woody Dinner, or other upcoming events, and much more....



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NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, February 19th 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, March 1st 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.