

# Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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## Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 41 Years

### A message from the editor's desk

After a hard Winter it seems that Spring is finally here bringing with it many volunteer opportunities and multiple events.

The ice has finally broken up so there are many tasks for the harbor team. There will be work parties every Saturday morning beginning at 8:00 to install docks, place moorings, and build new docks. Boat owners are required to put in their work hours and others who just want to lend a hand are welcome. Contact Kip for more information.

The Strawberry Festival committee has begun to meet. Contact Rosemary Thomas to volunteer. There will be additional work parties to build a new strawberry trailer and Saul is organizing the building of a second solar trailer.

We will be hosting the Clearwater crew for a potluck dinner at 5:30 on the 24<sup>th</sup> followed by a screening of Gasland II. Come out and meet the 2014 crew and bring something to share. For more info contact James Malchow or Betty Harkins.

During May we will be holding memorial events to celebrate the lives of some of our dedicated friends who left us recently. The lecture series will wrap up on the 15<sup>th</sup> and our Spring Cajun Dance is on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Then it is Strawberry Time.

### *Inside this issue:*

**New threats to the Hudson**, sustainable agriculture, upcoming events, and much, much more...



We wish to thank farmers Keith Stewart and Erik Andrus for an entertaining and thought provoking evening at our March lecture. Keith literally wrote the book on organic farming and has shown what can be done when

one understands and nurtures the living soil.

Erik was inspiring as he described how a simple idea to use infrastructure that still exists from the 19<sup>th</sup> century grew into the Vermont Sail Freight Project. It was part adventure story and part tale of American entrepreneurial spirit.

Each in his own way challenged the paradigm of corporate monoculture as the future of agriculture.

**NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, April 22nd 7:00 p.m. –NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.**