

# Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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## Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 41 Years

### A Message from Our President

The festivals are over and the harbor has been put into winter storage. We have a chance to catch our breath and turn our attention to other matters. The club has been discussing the direction to go toward getting our sailing program back on the water. At the end of the October meeting, a straw poll was taken that showed strong support for continuing our sailing program, with a wooden boat. At this time we are exploring a possible course of action that could include increased community involvement in the project. Come to the December meeting to find out more.

With the result of the recent general election, we can expect to get busy on other fronts. Barbara Boxer will lose the chairmanship of the Senate Environmental committee. The new chairman has described climate change as a fraud. We can expect changes in the Senate's attitude toward a wide variety of environmental and energy issues.

Locally, a story on WAMC yesterday spoke of Pilgrim Pipeline Corporation's attempts to "bully" property owners into allowing survey teams to enter their property. WAMC reported that Pilgrim is sending letters to property owners threatening condemnation under "eminent domain" to those who do not cooperate. An opponent pointed out that Pilgrim is not a government entity and has no such power.

Keep your eyes and ears open. These are interesting times.

Lots of good stuff coming up...David's house party, Holiday sing, Environmental lecture series...see you soon.

Saul

#### **Inside this issue:**

**A record pumpkin festival**, dancing for the food pantry, the members speak, oil and water don't mix, and much, much more..



*Joyce Hanson presents a check for \$504 to the Beacon Food Pantry*

**NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, November 25th 7:00 p.m. –NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, December 5th 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.**