

# Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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## Serving Hudson River Sloop Clearwater with Pride for 36 Years

### Message from Our President:

Happy New Year to everyone! We had a fine meeting on Friday evening. The food and music were great. Among other things, we adopted a resolution of support for Jeff Rumpf, the Executive Director of Clearwater.

Jeff has made some changes in the organization with the intent of broadening and diversifying Clearwater's fund raising program. With the economy in the state that it is in, it makes good sense to explore every possible opportunity.

The BSC faces similar challenges to those faced by Clearwater. Our usually reliable sources of grant funding have not been able to offer support at the same levels they were able to provide in prior years.

We've just signed a contract to do a full rebuild of the centerboard trunk on the Woody. This work is absolutely necessary to do at this time, if we are to have a 2009 sailing season.

David Eberle, David Cohen, and Kevin Haydon are putting together a committee to work on fund raising ideas for the BSC. If you have any ideas that you want to present, please call one of them. Phone numbers are on the masthead of the Broadside.

The annual Woody dinner is coming up on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited. We've sold out the last two years, so if you want to attend, please call Tom LaBarr @ 845-831-4267 as soon as you can.

John McLaughlin volunteered to coordinate our Earth Day event. This is going to be a combination clean-up, educational event, and a generally fun day at the river. If you want to help make it happen, call John @ 845-542-0721 The date is April 19<sup>th</sup>.

See you at the river!

Saul.

### **Inside this issue:**

Peace doves, new officers, major repairs for the Woody, and much, much more.....



**NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS TUESDAY, January 27th, 7:30 p.m.**

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, February 6th, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30**

## BSC Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

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If you can't afford the minimum, the fee may be waved.

**Mail to: Beacon Sloop Club P.O. Box 527 Beacon, NY 12508**

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](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org).

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**Please submit articles for the Beacon Sloop Club Broadside by the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday after the Friday general meeting each month (early submissions are much appreciated)**

**to [acthoma@yahoo.com](mailto: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, January 2, 2009

We always begin with a pot luck supper at 6:30 prior to the meeting.

Pot luck refers to the fact that stew was made in a kettle hung in the fireplace over the fire, and one had pot luck because one never knew what might fall down the chimney into the pot. But today pot luck means you never know what others are bringing.

It's the cheapest and most organic dinner in Beacon. The cost is one dish to share. Our many thanks to all whom make this possible. Nothing like good food, a roaring fire, good friends and a lively conversation to make for a festive mood. The meal is then followed with a couple of songs written and sung by a few of our illustrious members. The only thing missing is wine and dancing (although Lou did bring a bottle of wine and I did see a few members dancing).

The meeting was called to order by Saul Rozinsky President with a welcome to visitors, new members and old returnees.

### Items of Discussion:

#### Introduction of new officers

#### Treasurers Report

Balance of \$33,000

Contract for repair of Woody \$28,000

#### Woody Report

Contract for repair was approached and work will begin within 10 days. Work being done by Roundout Woodworking by Jim Kricker, one of the original builders of the Woody. Payment will be every two weeks for work done. Should take 6-8 weeks. The repairs are being done at White's Marina

The Woody will be participating in the Quadricentennial Celebration and will sail with the Henry Hudson Half Moon from Beacon to Poughkeepsie.

There will be a block Party Super bowl Sunday at Jim Finnigan's home.

#### Woody Dinner

Date is Saturday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at the River Terrace, Cocktail hour begins at 6 PM, Live music and Door Prices, Costs \$50 a person, deadline for response, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, Contact Tom Labarr for more information. **We need more donations for Door Prizes.**

#### Environmental Report

There will be a scheduled series of talks at 7PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month starting on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. Jim Heron the Author of Dennings Point: a Hudson River History will be the first Speaker. Admission is open and free to all. Check our website, <http://www.beaconsloopclub.org> for bad weather cancellation and rescheduling.

#### Building Report

Schedule for cleaning up the upstairs Restroom was passed around. Contact Caittin O'Henry at 845-784-1007 or Zooheaven@tjuno.com

#### Clearwater Report

Clearwater is moving to the University Settlement after the resolution of some disagreement over paying for upkeep of the Settlement by the Beacon Town Council.

There is also some dissension within Clearwater between the Director and the Festival Committee over the replacement of Festival Director, Mr Aja. The festival committee would like that decision to be rescinded. A board meeting is scheduled to discuss the issue and make a final recommendation.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed with minor amendments to send a letter to the Clearwater Board expressing our support for the Director Jeff Rumpf and our best wishes to the new Festival Director John Dindas.

Winter maintenance is being done of the boat every day at the Marina in Saugerties. Come up and help.

#### Development Committee

The coming year will be a difficult year for fundraising we will need everyone's help if you have any ideas please call or E0mail David Eberle ( 845-838-9630 or [DavidEb@aol.com](mailto:DavidEb@aol.com)) Committee members are David Eberle, David Cohen, Kevin Haydon, Gigi Fris, and Claudia. If anyone else would like to participate notify me.

#### Discussion about whether or not to accept money from Wal-Mart.

A vigorous discussion ensued. A number of people were adamant against doing so because of their treatment of employees. The question is can any good come from a bad entity? Do these community grants produce any real change or are they just tokenism? What are our standards for rejecting potential donors? If we reject this money what can we do to replace it? Can this decision be made independent of the necessity of fund raising? Can one say no without offering an alternative solution? Clearly there needs to be a lot more discussion before making any decision. For now the Discussion was tabled. It might be helpful if people that are both for and against try to develop a response that takes into account these issues.

#### Festivals

Earth day April 19<sup>th</sup>, John McLaughlin will be the coordinator .

We have a new Vendor Coordinator Committee, Mary Schmalz and Rosemary Thomas. Jim Finnigan will help pull together last years records.

#### We still need a Strawberry Festival Director Announcements

Movie and discussion "Taxi to the Dark Side" about the torture of an innocent Afghan citizen by the US., 4:15 PM Sunday Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> at the Howland Center Main St. Beacon

International artists and activists discuss Burma's Fight for Freedom, An exhibit and discussion at the Mount Beacon Fine Art Gallery, At 4 PM Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, Visit [mirea-art.com](http://mirea-art.com) for more information

Respectively Submitted

David Eberle  
Secretary



## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 23, 2008

Called to order by Saul Rozinsky president

### Items of Business

#### Contract for repair of Woody

Motion was made by David Cohen and seconded by David Eberle to approve and authorize the president to sign the contract. The Motion passed unanimously.

#### Financial status of the Club

The Contract for \$28,000 will deplete all but \$4000 of the clubs money. In addition we need to purchase new batteries for the Woody which cost approximately \$8000.

Because of the downturn in the economy Grants are becoming harder to get. We do not raise enough money with the festivals to cover our operating budget of approximately \$90,000. We need to look at alternate ways to raise money.

There was some discussion about various means to raise money including sponsoring a concert, working with local businesses, having a pre-launch dinner, having regular dinners, spaghetti dinners, broaden raffle appeal and sell earlier, hold fundraising house parties.

A Development Committee, David Eberle, Kevin Haydon, David Cohen was formed to develop a long range development plan including fundraising. With Clearwater moving to Beacon we also need to define the nature of our relationship with Clearwater with regard to fundraising events.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted

David Eberle, Secretary

### Blow Boys Blow

A long haul shanty

Blow my boys, I long to hear you,  
Blow, boys blow!  
Blow my boys, I come to cheer you,  
Blow, my bully boys, blow!

Yankee ship's gone down the river,  
Blow, boys blow!  
What do you think they got for dinner?  
Blow, my bully boys, blow!

There are many, many versions of this, and many variations on the verses. It sometimes called the *Congo River*, referring to the slave trade.

### Holiday Sing

In spite of a last minute reschedule due to a major snow storm, we had a full house for the annual holiday sing.



We need to thank the folks who dug us out, built the fire, set-up, and decorated. A special thanks goes to Sue Altkin who was unable to attend but made all the peace doves which really contributed to the spirit of the occasion.



A wide range of local performers from School children to Pete Seeger, kept the crowd involved in every song. The selections spanned styles from traditional holiday, to folk, jazz, and gospel, in several languages. The Bruderhof singers traveled two hours by bus on the

snowy roads to entertain us with traditional German carols and members of the Tues. night crew contributed a shanty.



We also collected a large box full of food for the Beacon Food Pantry. Thank you to all who made this possible by bringing a donation, providing snacks, performing, singing along, or just enjoying the show.



Photos by John McLaughlin and Alan Thomas

Sat., Jan. 10, 7:30 pm, 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WITH PETE SEEGER AND FRIENDS David Bernz, Travis Jeffrey, Magpie, Tao Rodriguez Seeger, Sarah Underhill and The Walkabout Clearwater Chorus at a new location this month only -- Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse at White Plains High School, 550 North Street, White Plains, NY - Audience songfest at 6:45 pm. \$35 at door / \$30.00 on line / children 6-12 \$10/ \$25 student ID. Advance Tickets at [www.walkaboutclearwater.org](http://www.walkaboutclearwater.org)

**The Beacon Sloop Club will celebrate Earth Day on April 19, 2009.** The official date for Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We should get together to begin planning this month. I ask all interested persons to gather at the Muddy Cup in Beacon on Wednesday, January 14 at 7:00 pm to participate in this process. We should determine the overall nature of the event which is proposed to be held on the Beacon Waterfront and ferry dock adjacent to the clubhouse. It has been suggested that some activities might take place inside the clubhouse and that the event should include some form of waterfront clean up activity. It would be great if we could act as a central planner for activities that would include other local environmental groups and local schools. I have agreed to coordinate this activity, but it is the members of BSC who should provide input and take on individual tasks to implement a successful Earth Day Celebration. Your thoughts and ideas are welcome and we certainly need you to volunteer to lead or help with the various tasks. Call me at 845-542-0721 or e-mail at [johnrmcl@aol.com](mailto:johnrmcl@aol.com) to volunteer and to provide suggestions for activities to be discussed at the initial planning meeting.

Thanks,  
John McLaughlin

**WOODY SAILOR'S BLOCK PARTY  
SUNDAY FEB. 1ST 10 A.M. 'TIL 3 P.M.  
AT JIM FINNIGAN'S YELLOW CHURCH AT  
9 DIVISION STREET IN NEW HAMBURG  
THREE BLOCKS NORTH OF  
WHITE'S MARINA  
DIRECTIONS / QUESTIONS: 845-297-9347**

**400 years ago this month**

On January 8, 1609 Henry Hudson signed a contract with the Dutch East India Company to search for a northwest passage.

The contract required that Hudson make his residence in Holland and that his wife and children live there during his voyage. It also stipulated his route and that his journals, logbooks, and charts be delivered to the directors upon his return.

It required that, "the above named Hudson shall, about the first of April, sail in order to search for a passage by the north, around the north side of Nova Zembla, and shall continue thus along the parallel until he shall be able to sail southward to the latitude of sixty degrees."

An Evening with  
Author and Beacon Institute Historian  
**Jim Heron**

Friday,  
January 16th, 2009  
7pm

Jim Heron author of "Denning's Point, a Hudson River History" will discuss his book at the Beacon Sloop Club, in Beacon, NY

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**Ice Yachts of the Hudson**

Over the holidays the FDR presidential library featured a display of vintage Hudson River ice-yachts.

The sport of iceboating was very popular in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries in the mid-Hudson valley. According to the NY Times of March 7, 1896, "The Hudson River Ice Yacht Club has been organized since 1885. It is the successor of the Poughkeepsie Ice Yacht Club, which was organized in 1861, and enjoyed a prosperous existence for twenty-four years. Poughkeepsie has always been the headquarters for ice yachts in this country, and the Challenge Pennant of America is its most honorable and highly prized trophy. The first commodore of the club was J. A. Roosevelt, uncle of FDR. There were active clubs at other locations, most notably, New Hamburg under commodore Irving Grinnell.

With their low drag and carrying hundreds of square feet of sail, these gaff rigged craft were the speed record holders of their day.

The sport was regularly featured in the publications such as Harper's Weekly and Scribner's.



*3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
 Woody Guthrie Benefit Dinner  
 &  
 31st Anniversary*

*Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>*

*at the River Terrace Restaurant,  
 2 Beekman Street, Beacon  
 At the corner of Beekman Street & Route 9 D*

*Proceeds for the Woody's Centerboard Trunk!*

*Cocktail Hour 6:00 - 7:00  
 Cash Bar*

*Live Music*

*Door Prizes*

*Dinner Includes:*

*Soda*

*Soup*

*Penne A La Vodka*

*Choose Entree:*

*Eggplant Rollatini*

*Salmon A La King*

*On puff pastry; mushrooms & tomatoes in wine sauce*

*Chicken River Terrace*

*With proscuitto, spinach & mozzarella*

*Dessert, Coffee & Tea*

*Donation: \$50.00 per person*

*Reservations required. Deadline is February 18<sup>th</sup>*

*However, space is limited, so we suggest you reserve now!*

*For information, call Tom LaBarr: 845-831-4267*

*Cut here & return to Beacon Sloop Club*

*Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_*

*Number of Persons \_\_\_\_*

*Amount of Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Please Select your Entrée      Sailor#1      Sailor#2      Sailor#3      Sailor#4*

*Eggplant Rollatini      ---      ---      ---      ---*

*Salmon A La King      ---      ---      ---      ---*

*Chicken River Terrace      ---      ---      ---      ---*

*Send to: Beacon Sloop Club/Woody Dinner, P.O. Box 527, Beacon, NY 12508*

**BSC TREASURER'S REPORT 01/02/2009**

Submitted by Jim Finnigan

BSC General Fund	Amount	Membership	Newsletter
12/08/08 - Deposit - Memberships	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
12/31/08 - Check - Alan Thomas - Newsletter expenses	(\$178.89)	\$0.00	(\$178.89)
<b>Total Monthly Income &amp; (Expenses)</b>	<b>(\$103.89)</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>	<b>(\$178.89)</b>
OPENING BALANCE 12/05/08	\$32,239.89		
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$32,136.00</b>		

2007 Academy Award Winner for Best Documentary  
**"Taxi to the Dark Side"**  
 Directed by Alex Gibney

Sunday, January 11, 2009, 4:15 PM  
 at the  
 Howland Cultural Center  
 477 Main St.  
 Beacon, NY

A gathering to respond to the call from Amnesty International to meet on the anniversary of Guantanamo Bay to support the ending of torture, the closing of Guantanamo and related places, and discuss the issue of detention.

For more info contact: Angela Valles at [anvalles01@aol.com](mailto:anvalles01@aol.com) or Connie Hogarth at [conart1@optonline.net](mailto:conart1@optonline.net)

Mirca Art Group  
**International Artists and Activists Discuss Burma's Fight for Freedom**

Saturday February 14, 2009, 4:00 PM  
 at the

Mount Beacon Fine Art Gallery

A panel discussion to include Maura Stephens, professional journalist and former *Newsweek* general editor; Stacie Freudenberg, photographer and activist; Nay Tin Myint, former leader of Aung San Suu Kyi's security detail; Kyi May Kaung, PhD., economist, poet, artist and Burmese exile; and Jeffrey Hellman, independent filmmaker and photographer.

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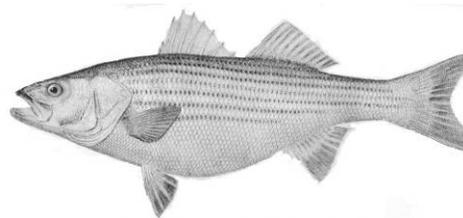
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## Current Calendar

**Executive Committee meeting**, Tuesday,  
January 27th, 7:30 p.m.

**Beacon Sloop Club meeting** every 1<sup>st</sup>  
Friday of the month: next meeting  
February 6th – potluck 6:30 p.m., general  
meeting 7:30 p.m.



**Farmers Market** every Sunday, 10-4 p.m.,  
In the BSC Clubhouse

### **Environmental Committee Winter Lecture Series**

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Jin Heron, author of:  
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**WOODY SAILORS BLOCK PARTY**,  
SUNDAY FEB. 1st 10 a.m. 'Til 3 p.m. ,at Jim  
Finnigan's yellow church, 9 Division Street , New  
Hamburg



**Woody Work Parties:** Contact a Captain  
or Gigi Fris.

**THE CLEARWATER MOMENT** daily at  
11:11 am on WAMC, or affiliate;  
Saturdays, 9 AM - 2 PM.

**Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse**, :  
Sat., Jan. 10, 7:30 pm, 20th ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION WITH PETE SEEGER AND  
FRIENDS White Plains High School, 550 North  
Street, White Plains, NY -

**International Artists and Activists  
Discuss Burma's Fight for Freedom**,  
Saturday February 14, 2009, 4:00 PM, Mount  
Beacon Fine Art Gallery

**Annual Woody Dinner**, Saturday Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
River Terrace Restaurant, 2 Beekman St., Beacon

**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](http://www.beaconsloop.org), or [www.beaconsloopclub.org](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org)