

# Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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

### Message from Our President:

We had a great meeting on Friday night. The minutes are in this newsletter. I'd like to thank Sue and Alice for their work on our Zero Waste Initiative. I saw a lot of people eating out of reusable dishes, and only a few using paper plates. It's encouraging to see that we're "walking the walk."

Thanks too to Mark for doing the hat-passes at the last two meetings. So far we've raised close to \$240 for the Woody. Thanks to everyone who helped fill the hat.

March and April are going to be busy months for the BSC. We have 2 more events in March. The first event will be an Evening with Robert Speigelman on Friday 3/20 at 7:00pm at the clubhouse. His topic will be "Cooling Mother Earth." He will be talking about New Yorkers' impact on the environment.

On March 28, Clearwater will be holding their Spring Splash. This year the concert features Jeff Tweedy. Check the Clearwater website [www.clearwater.org](http://www.clearwater.org) for ticket information. Caitlin O'Heaney is heading up the refreshment sale that BSC will be doing in the lobby before the concert, and during intermission. She needs your help to make sure we have an adequate supply of homemade treats and people to sell them. Please contact her at [zooheaven@juno.com](mailto:zooheaven@juno.com).

In April, we are celebrating Earth Day with two events. The first will be a potluck and discussion get-together with local environmental groups at the clubhouse on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The potluck and discussion will start at noon. At about 3 PM, the time of low tide, we'll do a river sweep of the shore line around the club and Riverfront Park.

We'll get as much trash as we can out of the river. Then on the 21st, we'll be hosting Dr. James Hansen at Beacon High School at 7:00 PM. There is no admission charge to this event. Dr. Hansen is a world renowned expert on global warming. He is one of those scientists whose careful and detailed findings were censored and suppressed by the political hacks of the Bush administration. I can't wait to hear his talk!

Please remember the food pantry with a donation of a packaged foodstuff at the next meeting.

See you at the river.  
Saul.

### **Inside this issue:**

Winter maintenance in full gear, memories, the Woody dinner and much, much more.....



**NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS TUESDAY, March 24th, 7:30 p.m.**

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

# BSC Membership Form

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Membership suggested donation \$25.00. Minimum of \$10.00. Please give more if you can afford it!  
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  
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If your label is red please renew to avoid missing your next issue.**

# Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes, March 6, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Saul Rozinsky.

## Treasurer's Report

We have spent \$14,100 for repairs on the Woody; we also made approximately \$1600 from the Woody Dinner. Our opening balance was \$35,000 and closing balance \$30,000.

## Woody Report- Tom Baldino

A decision was made to replace two structural cross beams at both ends of the boat for an additional cost of \$1200. Repair work is proceeding on schedule. The sloop will also be professionally caulked. Re-launch is scheduled for the last week in April.

## Diversity

Pete Seeger spoke about promoting diversity in the Sloop Club. We need to contact other groups and see what their interests are and if these interests can be matched up with the interests of the Sloop Club. The Youth Something to Say Café is bringing in some younger and very good musicians. But we need to work to bring in other groups. Perhaps we need to look at other forms of music besides folk music as Danny suggested.

## Environmental Committee

Friday evening 7:00 PM March 20<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Robert Spiegelman will give a talk "Cooling Mother Earth: New York's Footprint in Nature, Then and Now" Are We Stewards or Lords of Nature? Dr. Spiegelman is a sociologist, multi-media artist and writer. It should be a great talk.

The next talk in the Series is April 17<sup>th</sup>; Travis Bowman will be speaking about Robert Fulton and Robert Livingston and the Fulton Steamboat Co.

The last talk is May 8<sup>th</sup>. Chris Bowser, NYS DEC Science Education Specialist will be speaking about "Eels, Aliens and Shipwrecks" He is a great and very entertaining speaker.

## Zero Waste

Sue Altken spoke on a new Zero Waste Program for the club. From now on we will be using dishes and instruments which can be cleaned and recycled. Funny but seems to me we have come full cycle from the usual utensils to starch bio-degradable utensils and now back to the original utensils. If you live long enough the old comes back as the new. The new policy is that anything you bring in you must carry out (food in, waste out).

## Clearwater Spring Splash Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>

We will be proving food to sell. We need lots of baked goods to sell and people to sell. If you can help send email to [Zooheaven@juno.com](mailto:Zooheaven@juno.com)

## Earth Day / Week Activities

Sunday April 19<sup>th we</sup> will meet at noon to eat a meal and then fan out to clean up the riverfront. Many other environmental groups have been invited.

Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>, James Hansen, one of the key figures in the scientific determination of global warming will be speaking at Beacon High School. Jim worked for NASA when he did his analysis and the Bush administration tried unsuccessfully to silence him and distort his results...

The Beacon Mural will be going up on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Building Report

Claudine Craig thanked everyone for their suggestions for building improvements. There were a lot of good suggestions. She will now be reviewing these suggestions, determining their costs and then incorporate these into our development plan. Thanks for all the good work and thanks to everyone for their suggestions.

## Clearwater report

Jeff Rump president of Clearwater spoke about the Clearwater mission which is to give power back to the people. This means that the organization needs to give them the knowledge and skills to empower people to bring about environmental change. It's about the youth and creating another generation of environmental activists. They will be sponsoring all kinds of programs in many different locations. Perhaps we can support some of these activities.

## Announcements

The Unitarian Congregation at Rock Tavern is sponsoring a Tradition dance workshop 2-5 PM Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Beginners welcome, come and have a good time. Suggested donation \$5-\$10.

Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> 10 AM to 2 PM Scenic Hudson is sponsoring a swap and sell meet at the Hyde Park Drive-in Theater. Spaces sell for \$10 dollars.

Monday March 30<sup>th</sup> 7PM come learn about the Ferry Sloop Inc. and their Sloop Whimbrel contact Beverly Dyckman 914-734-5057 for information or go to their website [www.ferrysloops.org](http://www.ferrysloops.org)

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*Circle of Song following the membership meeting*



# Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Called to order by Saul Rozinsky president

**The Farmers Market** directors were present and indicated that they would like brochures about the sloop club be made available to them as many people ask about the sloop club when they are inside in the winter. And they said that they might be able to sell photos of the woody. This would be a great way to market ourselves to a new group of people. The farmers market had previously asked if our festivals could be moved to Saturday, because the police have been closing off the street and making it difficult for their customers to get to and from the market.

**The Fundraising Committee** has selected four new fundraising activities for this year. They will present them to the general memberships at a later date. Country Joe McDonald wants to put on a concert for us like he did last year. The development plan is proceeding with an analysis of membership, and of the building.

### Beacon City News

The City Council voted to have those who hold events pay for the people overtime. It is not clear what this would mean for the Beacon Sloop club? But likely it would be an added expense. There was a general discussion as to whether we or the police decide how many officers we need. We don't think we need as many as they have been assigning to the Strawberry Festival or to our other festivals. We will engage the police in a discussion about these matters.

**Woody dinner** ticket sales are slow but many people wait to the last moment.

A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the general meeting to get people to sign up for the helping with the food sales at the **Spring Splash**.

### Festivals

Pete wants us to involve local Africa-America churches in our festivals with regard to providing food.

### Committee structure

There was some general discussion about the committee structure of the sloop club. We would like to get people appointed to all the committees and key positions at the beginning of the year. We also want to have a detail account of what the duties are so that people know what they are to do. We need our older leaders to train new leaders.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Eberle Secretary

I left Earth three times, and found no other place to go. Please take care of Spaceship Earth.

*Wally Schirra*

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Woody Dinner

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Woody dinner was held at the River Terrace Restaurant in Beacon. About 70 people joined in the fun and helped raise much needed money that will go toward the new centerboard trunk.



It was a great chance for the different crews to mingle and share their experiences and just relax and enjoy themselves.



It wouldn't be a sloop club event without good music. It's great to have so much home grown talent to draw on. We had the formal entertainment and some impromptu shanty singing by the Tuesday night crew.

As always we had a wonderful selection of door prizes donated by **local merchants**. We need to thank them again for their **great support** of the club and the Woody. It would be great if some of them could join us on the river. Thank you to anyone who helped solicit donations.

Finally, a big **THANK YOU** to **Tom LaBarr** for organizing the event.



Thank you to the following:

Hudson Beach Glass  
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& More  
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The Beacon Barkery  
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Homespun Foods  
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Beacon Bath & Bubble  
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Room and Boutique  
Artisan Wine Shop  
Kringles Christmas  
House  
Mountain Tops,  
River Winds Gallery  
Sukhothai, Authentic  
Thai cuisine



## Volunteers Needed to Track Seasonal Signs of Climate Change

Volunteers across the nation are being recruited to get outdoors and help track the effects of climate on seasonal changes in plant and animal behavior.

The USA-National Phenology Network (USA-NPN), a consortium of government, academic and citizen-scientists, is launching a new national program built on volunteer observations of flowering, fruiting and other seasonal events. Scientists and resource managers will use these observations to track effects of climate change on the Earth's life-support systems.

"This program is designed for people interested in participating in climate change science, not just reading about it," said USA-NPN Executive Director and U.S. Geological Survey scientist Jake Weltzin. "We encourage everyone to visit the website ([www.usanpn.org](http://www.usanpn.org)) and then go outside and observe the marvelous cycles of plant and animal life."

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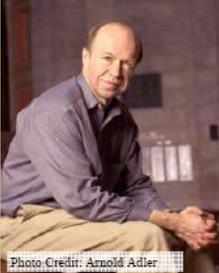
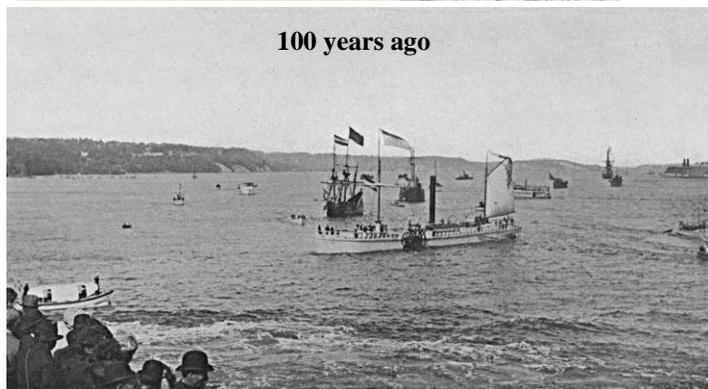


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**FREE EVENT**



Half Moon and Clermont at Newburgh 1909

## Beacon Sloop Club

### Environmental Education Series

We had a packed house for the February program on the history of the Beacon Sloop Club and local environmental action.



Pete Seeger started us off with the story of the formation of the club in 1969 and the early days of the clubhouse. It certainly took some vision to see our current home in an abandoned diner with no floor next to the ruins of an old dock.



The people who spoke were fantastic and gave us a good glimpse of the issues and excitement that fueled the growth of the club. From Betty Harkins and Dan Searles' stories of the history of the song boards to Dick Manley's training to be a captain there was a common theme that echoed Pete's stone soup story.

Shabazz Jackson recounted the story of the cleanup of the waterfront and old ferry docks and other early club activities. Tom LaBarr spoke about the club's history of environmental action, identifying and pursuing polluters of streams and tributaries.



We can all be very proud to be members of an organization with such a long and rich history of service to the community. I truly believe that without the sloop club Beacon would be a very

different place today. We had several people contact us afterwards about joining.

Thank you to all who helped out by contributing to the slide show, Aimee LaBarr, Tom LaBarr, Faith Ward, Jim



Finnigan, Toshi Seeger, Bob Murphy and the Beacon Historical Society, Arcadia Publishing, Linda Hubbard, Betty Harkins, and Donna Crawford to name a few. Thank you also to Andra Sramek, John Fasulo, Tinya Seeger, Sue Berliner, and Pete Seeger for their suggestions and leads.

We have the beginnings of an archive now. It would be great if people could write down some of their memories to go with the pictures.



I hope everyone had as much fun as we did.

Alan & Rosemarv

**.General Membership Meeting continued from page 3**

The hat was passed to collect money towards a goal of raising \$1000 from our members. \$103 dollars was collected last week and another \$119 was collected this week, Way to go. The members of this club deserve a hand of applause and many thanks to Mark.

It is amazing to watch the metamorphosis of the club and a renewed sprit of can do. Many new ideas are being presented and acted upon. One of the best changes is the winter seminar series. Making Earth Day a day of cleanup and renewal is also a great idea as is zero waste, the community garden, the fundraising and development plan, and the goal of increasing diversity. We are a vital and energized club. And sponsoring James Hansen will really put us on the environmental map. What about trying to get another key speaker next year?

We can be the force for the change we want to be whether we contribute resources, time, labor, knowledge and skills. Just look at what we have done with the building we have put shelves in and doors on the old shed, we have repaired the roof area where the tree comes through and we have repaired the water damage on the North side of the building. And we have decorated the windows and the walls. We have added an alarm system. And we fixed the old wood stove exhaust pipe. We bought a 19 ft skiff or boat. Perhaps we need to recognize everyone who has contributed, but then we would have to celebrate everyone. So kudos and thanks to everyone.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed

Respectively submitted,

David Eberle Secretary

BEACON SLOOP CLUB ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SERIES

**An Evening with  
Dr. Robert Spiegelman**

**Friday  
March 20th, 2009  
@  
7pm**

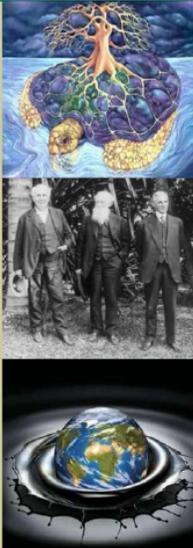
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As a sociologist, multimedia artist and writer, Dr. Spiegelman presents widely on New York, Iroquois, Irish and environmental themes. Spiegelman revisits hidden histories that link past and present, and foster indigenous values of peace, democracy and nature-in-balance. A college teacher for 12 years, he holds a Doctorate in Sociology from CUNY Graduate Center

**Woody Maintenance**

A hearty and caffeine fueled thanks to all sailors and captains for your help scraping/sanding the hull on Sunday. Ah, the glories of red bottom paint!! Steve is probably still spitting red saliva. On Monday, my students thought I'd decided to go red (not in a Communistic way), but John McLaughlin definitely went back to Happy Days hair color!



Anyway, now that that bit of sanding is out of the way, we will be focusing on finishing the pieces in the shed.

Translation: priming, painting and varnishing. I would also like to get the Woody cabin sanded out this weekend, if at all



possible. It is a job equal in filthiness to sanding the hull, only in this case you will come out looking either like an Iditarod participant or the Abominable Snowman. Please bring clothes past the rag stage to accomplish this task.

Thanks to Jimmy G. for taking on the rub rail, Tom Baldino for getting the green stuff out of Rivers and Estuaries, to Kip for buying the brown stuff from the South, to Patrick for not screeching at me for denting the cabin doors (he took them away to repair, thankfully, to Alan for the wood, to Rose, Robert, Mary, Steve, Chrissy, Sarah, and John for sanding and Nate for oiling. Oh yeah, and thanks to Lord Jim for SOMETHING, though I'm not quite sure what.

A super replacement for the Woody's stern light was discovered by accident- right inside the White's Marina store's hodgepodge case. It is bronze and fabulous-perhaps it really belongs on a fluffy white towel on a Maui beach, complete with tropical drink. Hopefully Anita will charge a fair price for an item that was collecting dust for years. Let there be light!!!!!! !!!! or at least not rusty and taped up light.

So if you have a few hours this Sunday, come by the shed and help finish up the spars. Hopefully I won't wake up and hour late and kill my car battery like last weekend.

Here's to warmer days and long, lingering hours-

Au revoir mes amis!!!

gigi



Centerboard Trunk replacement work in progress

**BSC TREASURER'S REPORT 03/06/2009**

Submitted by John McLaughlin

BSC General Fund	Amount	Member-ship	Dona-tions	Woody	Mural	Building	Enviro-n Com.	Harbor
General Fund Donations (incl. Hat Pass)	279.95	0.00	279.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Memberships	1,020.00	1,020.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Woody Donations	175.00	0.00	0.00	175.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mural Donation	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Woody Dinner Tickets	2,260.00	0.00	0.00	2,260.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Woody Dinner Raffle	301.00	0.00	0.00	301.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Central Hudson Electric	(56.80)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(56.80)	0.00	0.00
Rick Price (Mural)	(1,503.67)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,503.67)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Safeco Alarm	(105.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(105.00)	0.00	0.00
Henry Thurston	(176.95)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(176.95)
River Terrace Restaurant (Dinners & Tips)	(2,481.82)			(2,481.82)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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OPENING BALANCE 2/06/09	<b>35,182.35</b>							
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>30,357.62</b>							

**Wallkill River Watch Committee**

We are still looking for people to participate in a Wallkill River Watch committee which we are currently trying to get together. We are also trying to get together a singing group which will sing songs around the topic of the environment with the goal of getting people more interested in taking better care of the environment. People who would like to join us or who have questions should call Marie Young at 883-6803.

**Food Drive**

**We will be collecting donations of food for the Community Action Partnership Food Pantry before each general meeting. Non-perishables only for now. We cannot leave canned goods in the club until it gets a bit warmer. Please consider helping out. Contact: Michelle May 831-4019**

**North America's 1st female ship captain dies at 93.**

Molly K. Carney was the first woman in North America to become a licensed ship captain. Known by her maiden name, Molly Kool she won her captain's papers in 1939. At 23, she made history by earning the title of captain, after the Canadian Shipping Act was rewritten to say "he/she" instead of just "he," She won the respect of her male counterparts as she sailed her father's 70-foot boat in the dangerous waters of the Bay of Fundy.

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**400 years ago**

From the Henry Hudson's journal of his second voyage, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1608:



...This morning, one of our crew while looking overboard saw a mermaid calling the rest of the crew to come see her. One more came up; by that time she was close to the ship's side and looking earnestly at the men; a little after, a sea came up and overturned her. As they saw her, from the navel upward, her back and breasts were like a woman's, her body as big as ours, her skin very white, and she had long black hair hanging down behind. In her going down they saw her tail, which was like the tail of a porpoise, and speckled like a mackerel. Thomas Hiles and Robert Rayner were the men who saw her.

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Mon to Fri 9 A.M. to 7 P.M.  
Saturday 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.  
Sunday 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.

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## Current Calendar

**Executive Committee meeting**, Tuesday,  
March 24th, 7:30 p.m.

**Beacon Sloop Club meeting** every 1<sup>st</sup>  
Friday of the month: next meeting April  
3rd– potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting  
7:30 p.m.



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

**Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse**, :  
Sat., March 14, 7:30 pm, Bright Morning Star  
250 Bryant Avenue in White Plains

**Environmental Committee Winter  
Lecture Series**, Friday, March 20th, 7:00  
p.m., BSC, Dr. Robert Spiegelman,  
“Cooling Mother Earth”.

**Clearwater Spring Splash** w/ Jeff  
Tweedy, Saturday, March 28, 8:00 pm,  
Beacon High School.

**Environmental Committee Winter  
Lecture Series**, Friday, April 16th, 7:00  
p.m., BSC, Travis Bowman, “Fulton,  
Livingston and the Steamboat”

**Woody Work Parties:** Sundays at the  
shed, White’s Marina, New Hamburg  
8:00 am - Noon

**Earth Day Potluck / Gathering of  
Environmental Organizations**, Sunday  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, Noon, BSC Clubhouse  
Contact: John McLaughlin 845-542-0721

**Earth Day Riverfront Clean-up**, Sunday  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm, Beacon Waterfront

**Earth Day Special Event: Dr. James  
Hansen**, Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm,  
Beacon High School

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

**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.**

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