

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving Hudson River with Pride for 37 Years

A Message from Our President:

If you're wondering what's underway as spring approaches – Woody Maintenance is Sunday mornings at White's Marina in New Hamburg, the Building Committee is planning repairs to the back patio of the clubhouse, the Winter Environmental Lecture Series continues to host well attended talks, and Strawberry Festival planning is progressing. If you haven't been to the Winter Environmental Lectures Series, you're missing a good deal, so come on down on March 12th to hear Dr. Harvey Flad.

Our March 5th meeting was well attended, with a number of new faces, and two special events. Nancy Cahill held a fundraiser for Haiti, raising over \$600, which will go directly to Doctors Without Borders. Next, we were joined by Jessie Kindrid, who signed up seven sloop club members up for the annual DEC herring count. It's a great opportunity to help monitor the health of the population. The potluck was delicious and the sing-along is always fun.

There was a fine performance by Jamie Shields at the Something to Say Café on Saturday, March 6th, followed by an open mic. If you know a teenager or are just young at heart; stay tuned for the next Something to Say Café on May 8th.

There's still time to sign up for the 4th Annual Woody Guthrie Fund Raising Dinner on March 20th. Contact Tom LaBarr.

Looking ahead to April. the Klezmatics and our own David Bernz with Work O' the Weavers are playing at the Tarrytown Music Hall on April 24th in a fundraiser where BSC is among the beneficiaries. Also, remember our Earth Day Event this year is the April 25th cleanup at 11AM.

Membership renewals continue to roll in. Thank you to everyone who has renewed already and welcome to new members !!

If you haven't renewed this is your last issue of the newsletter so don't delay.

Rosemary

Inside this issue:

Digging out, ice boaters at the BSC, upcoming fundraisers, and much more....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, March 23rd, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, April 2nd, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

Please Renew

BSC Membership Form

Name _____ Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ - _____ Phone _____ - _____ - _____ Email _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ . _____ Renewal _____ New Member _____ How did you hear of us? _____

Are you a Clearwater member? _____ Would you like information regarding a Clearwater membership? _____

Newsletter format(check one): Printed E-mail Please include your e-mail address if you want your newsletter e-mailed to you.

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 waived.

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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.

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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, March 5, 2010



Welcome & Call to Order, President Rosemary

Thomas: Rosemary called the meeting to order and turned to the meeting agenda.

Auction of Haitian Students' Art for Doctors Without Borders, Nancy Cahill: Nancy led a live auction of artwork created by some of her former students and raised \$614.16 for Doctors Without Borders' work in Haiti! **Brava, Nancy!**

Treasurer's Report Sarah Elisabeth: Betty Harkins asked for a budget amendment for the Environmental Tent of \$600 accoutrements to tables, tent and materials. Approved by voice vote. Our finances look healthy!

Building Committee, Claudine Craig: Dan Searles, Mark McCarroll and Liz Nedwell cleaned, replaced and updated the club's ceiling light fixtures with CFL bulbs. Kudos all around for a great job ... and more light! Claudine announced a meeting for 9:30-11am Sat. Mar. 6 at the Club to review long-term erosion and structural issues with the building. In addition to the regular committee, Don Raskopt who advised on the Clearwater building and Chris Ancliff, Harbormaster, will attend. \$3000 is budgeted for wood, stone, fabric, paint, etc for building upkeep this year.

Woody Report, Jim Birmingham: The extreme snow of recent days cleared from Woody, frame and tarp. Current frame will be replaced for following years ... probably no materials or labor costs will be required beyond current budget. Jim invited anyone to come to help with Woody maintenance at White's Marina, New Hamburg, on Sundays from 9-10am to noon. The toe rail is being created and will be installed by the Woody Sailors. Work on the rudder has begun as well as well. Woody is scheduled to be in the water in May in time for June sailing. May 25 may be sail date marking May 29, 1910 anniversary of Glenn Curtis's first airmail run from Albany to NYC. Call for BSC & Woody involvement. Sailing classes will begin on April 14.

Fourth Annual Woody Dinner (March 20), Tom LaBarr: Plans are well underway for the annual Woody Dinner, March 20 at the River Terrace Restaurant. Music, door prizes, raffles and silent auction will add to the dinner. Please complete the form in the Broadside, call Tom for reservations or go to <http://beaconsloopclub.org>. Mail checks to the BSC POB 527, 12508 address. So far we have around 25 reservations and hope for 50 more.

Environmental Committee, Edmund Fitzgerald: The Brian Reid, Think Ice, presentation was a big success. The next presentation is March 12, "The Landscape that Defines America," An Evening with Harvey K. Flad, PhD, (Vassar), who connects the Hudson River School of painters with other keys that led to modern conservation / environmental movement. Flyers are on the web.

Festival Planning, Phyllis Newham: The Strawberry Festival, our major fund-raiser that connects Beacon and the Sloop Club is June 13. Phyllis would like to have a children's area and needs a coordinator and volunteers. Volunteers and coordinators are needed for tent setup, recycling, trash, biscuits, whipped cream, baking, smoothies, etc. Fees will be the same as last year.

A list of duties & responsibilities was circulated with current "honchos" so that people can sign up to help. **"If you're a member of the BSC, you're a volunteer at the Strawberry Festival."**

Earth Day Cleanup (April 25, 11am), Chris Ruhe: gloves, bags, food are supplied and you can see the difference it makes for the whole season. Mark your calendars. **Annual Herring Count Call for Volunteers:** Jess Kindred (NY State Department of Environmental Conservation) described the annual herring count in the Hudson River feeder creeks & tributaries. The DEC will hold training sessions, starting in Newburgh, Wed. March 10 at 2:15 and 6pm. Google: DEC herring count or email r3herrmon@gw.dec.state.ny.us. Life cycles of herring, shad and salmon are similar, and counts help to establish baselines for health of the Hudson River estuary.

Announcements

Complete & Return your Census Form.

Something to Say Cafe, Jacob Bernz: March 6, 7-9 pm, Casey Baker played to a full house last month. This month features Jamie Shields. Monthly each Saturday after the first Friday BSC meeting.

Children's show with the Eco-Puppets, Lydia Adams Davis: April 10, 2pm at the Howland Center with Kathy Byers **Earth Day at Stonykill Farm,** April 25: (Unfortunately scheduled the same day as BSC Riverfront Cleanup). BSC will have a table, but still needs volunteers. Call Betty Harkins for information.

Film, Coal Country, Friday, March 19, 6pm, Beacon Institute, 199 Main Street: Co-sponsor with Mid Hudson Progressive Alliance.

Woody replica restoration. Saul Rozinsky found the replica model and will work to restore it with Ron Bell. They need a rigging diagram to complete. Please share your Woody rigging diagram if you have one.

Concert, Tarrytown Music Hall. Get tickets online (<http://www.tarrytownmusichall.org>) or call. The Klezmatics, Work of the Weavers, Pete Seeger and others will perform at the Tarrytown Music Theatre on April 24. All profits after production costs will be given to the Woody Guthrie archives in Manhattan and to support the Sloop Woody Guthrie!

Eugene Hammond announced program on NYS Prison System, held last Sunday. Contact Eugene for followup.

Play, "The Castle," co-sponsored by BSC & produced at Tabernacle of Christ Church, 483 Main, Beacon, Saturday, April 10, 3pm.

Concert Opportunity. Dan Searles suggested that since Clearwater is not holding "Spring Splash", there is an opportunity to hold a concert/fundraiser in Beacon, perhaps at Beacon High School. Anyone interested in the opportunity or production should contact Dan or Rosemary.

House Concert, Friday, March 12, 6-9pm, 79 Vail Ave., Beacon, home of Ben Larson-Wolbrick. Performers Mary Shapiro with Patricia Morrison, both from Tucson. Potluck at 6, concert at 7pm.

Tide Chart & Sky Calendar Donation. Steve Miller of South Salem created two frames for published tide charts and sky calendars. The wood for the frames is recycled douglas fir from the '20s from the Fleischmann Brewery in Peekskill.

World Waterday Hootenanny, Sun.-Mon., March 21 and 22. Event will be streamed live at the Yippie Museum in NYC. Pete Seeger and Caitlin O'Heaney will sing "Who Have We Freed?" streamed to the event from the Club on March 22.

HUDSON RIVER PCB UPDATE: In December, General Electric completed its first season of PCB dredging, having cleaned up about half the sites that were proposed to be remediated in Phase 1 during summer and fall 2009. With higher than average rainfall, the river currents were quite strong. In addition, dredging exposed large amounts of PCB-contaminated material hidden below debris, which was previously thought to be the river bottom. Once the debris was removed almost twice as much PCBs were dredged from 10 of the proposed 18 Phase 1 work sites; 8 were left unremediated as the season came to a close. Clearwater has not yet drawn any conclusions about Phase 1, but we remain committed to seeing this clean up through to a successful completion. The project is now on hold for a year while a peer review process is undertaken to evaluate what worked and where improvements can be made in Phase 2, the remaining 35 miles of the upper Hudson, north of Albany.

GE wants the Engineering Performance Standards that govern the project to be relaxed, reducing the levels of PCBs that they are required to remove, but leaving more residual PCBs in the river that could later wash downstream to the lower Hudson, which is not slated for remediation in this Superfund clean-up. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) disagrees with GE and is proposing that a second unloading dock be constructed to shorten the wait time for empty barges that caused a serious bottleneck and reduced productivity during Phase 1.

Clearwater is determined that the PCB-contaminated sediment in the upper Hudson be removed as carefully and thoroughly as required in the original project design, including any additional contamination that is discovered, while minimizing resuspension and maximizing efficiency. To this end, we have partnered with Riverkeeper, Scenic Hudson and Natural Resources Defense Council to retain a highly-respected expert in sediment transport, W. Frank Bohlen of the Marine Sciences Department at the University of Connecticut, who will help us to develop recommendations that will assure a world-class clean up of the upper Hudson so that PCBs stop moving through the food chain and the ecosystem, and the health of the river is fully restored. – *From Manna Jo Greene*

ZERO WASTE SUCCESS STORY

This seasons' Holiday Songfest was also the site of a new idea! What to do when a group of enthusiastic popcorn and cranberry stringers includes a young one not yet ready to handle a needle safely? Well, as some of the musicians were tuning up and rehearsing, a banjo string broke beyond repair...and an idea was born. The banjo string, no longer of use to the banjo player at that moment, was generously donated...and, as it turns out, made the perfect tool for a small child to be happily included in the festivities. I am sure that it also made the perfect hanger the following week for a short term bird feeder as well! I wonder what its next job will be!

Share your own Zero Waste Success Story here next month. Send your stories to Sue Hope Altkin at heartspiritny@yahoo.com.

Sound Bites

by Gigi



Sarah Elisabeth is the new BSC Treasurer, and like many BSC members, has a unique and inspiring past. She is the woman who wears the colorful mud cloth coat and speaks in a soft, almost sleepy voice. Sarah was born in England to Caribbean parents; the family moved to the US in 1971. She resided in Queens for half of her childhood, and then relocated to Miami, Florida.

Sarah's lifelong love affair with the beach began on Long Island with the crashing Northern Atlantic waves of Jones Beach. At twelve her family moved to Miami, Florida where her love continued with the smooth tropical waves of the Southern Atlantic. She spent days as a teenager hanging out with the sand and salty surf. Early on, she realized the ocean represented a spiritual path—one of wonderful, embracing energy— a force of tremendous power, renewal and purification. When her mother had a stroke and Sarah went back for two weeks to Miami to assist, she found herself being drawn to the beach for a portion of each day; it was the ocean that kept her sane during the crisis.

After graduating high school, Sarah realized she missed the change of seasons, and moved back to NYC to study theater. She performed in children's theater and created a performance art duo, which took her Off-Broadway, but after several years she felt something was missing in the city and decided to take a cross-country trip. Green Tortoise Adventure Travel took her across the South and up to San Francisco camping and hiking for two weeks. Once again, Sarah realized that being outdoors was a prayer for her.

Upon returning to New York, Sarah decided to switch fields and study horticulture at both the Brooklyn and NY Botanical Gardens. After working with the Parks Department for five years, she migrated to a farm in Westchester County on the Rockefeller Estate called Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture. It is dedicated to nurturing organic and sustainable living.

Sarah started business as an Herbalist in 2008. In March she will be instructing herbal classes at Hostos Community College in the Bronx, at a friend's home in Montgomery and in April at the Shambhala Yoga Center.

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Sound bites cont'd

The ocean still calls to Sarah - the Hudson River's currents, running both ways to the Atlantic Ocean, keeps her feeling connected. Plus, Beacon is only three feet above sea level.

She said the first time she noticed the current's fluctuations she thought she was imagining things!

Sarah has been a Woody Sailor for two years and loves it. She also runs the compost booth at BSC festivals, and edited the updated version of Pete Seeger's "Where Have all the Flowers Gone," published in November of 2009. By the way, Sarah has a great singing voice. One night we were sailing the Woody and she decided to sing "Redemption Song" by Bob Marley. She did it a cappella, and it was so clear, so melodious - just fantastic. I look forward to hearing more songs from her this season!

**The Klezmatics, Work o' the Weavers,
Pete Seeger and Fred Hellerman Perform in
Kisses Sweeter Than Wine: The Guthrie Legacy
Concert**

**At The Tarrytown Music Hall
Saturday, April 24th at 8:00 PM**



Photo:
<http://www.klezmatics.com/>

Legends of folk and klezmer music will perform at *Kisses Sweeter Than Wine: The Guthrie Legacy Concert*. A benefit concert for the *Woody Guthrie Foundation* and *The Sloop Woody Guthrie*, the concert takes place on Saturday April 24th at 8:00 PM at the Tarrytown Music Hall.

The Klezmatics, Work o' the Weavers, Pete Seeger and Fred Hellerman will pay tribute to trailblazing American singer-songwriter **Woody Guthrie** and others that followed in his wake with musical performances throughout the evening. Actor/singer **Rob Tepper** will perform a scene from "When the Curfew Blows," his one-man-show about Guthrie's life and times and Toronto's **Theresa Tova** will join **Frank London** for some contemporary Yiddish jazz. Tickets are \$85, \$65 and \$45 and available at tickets.tarrytownmusichall.org.



PHOTO Brian Kanof

Ice Yachting on the Hudson

The February Environmental Committee Lecture featured Brian Reid, a long time Woody sailor and member of the Hudson River Ice Yachting Club. Brian was introduced by Kevin Haydon, Chair of the BSC Development Committee, who has known Brian for over twenty



years. They met at SUNY New Paltz, then ended up being fellow crew members on the Woody. Kevin hooked Brian up with his first ice yacht when contacted by an individual looking to unload their ice yacht when he was editor of Sea History Magazine.

The Hudson River Yacht Club's mission is to preserve and sail historic gaff rigged ice yachts; they meet when the ice is safe on Tivoli Bay. As stated by ice yachter Peter Guttman, to ice yacht is to "fly across tide warped floes as frigid wind gusts power classic yachts and yank the tears from your eyes."

Ice Yachting, started as a sport in NY during the 1790's. By the mid nineteenth century, Poughkeepsie was the hub of ice yachting. New Hamburg and Chelsea Yacht Clubs (they are a stone's throw in each direction from Whites Marina-where we store the Woody) were both founded at that time. An 1861 article from the NY Times describes a 15 mile race to Milton and back that took all of 31 minutes! A few members of the audience had great-great grandparents that participated in such events.

Brian explained that an ice yacht is essentially a sailboat with runners. It is designed to skate, instead of sail over the lakes and rivers. Initially, they were single sail boxes, with three runners and a tiller. During the mid nineteenth century the hull switched to a triangular shape, with a jib and mainsail rig, which further evolved into huge, over-canvassed boats that became easily off center aft. This imbalance was dangerous, as the boat could become tippy and even run away from the sailor's control. One such famous specimen of the latter sort was owned by Commodore Roosevelt and was named the Icicle. This famous ice yacht was known to race the Hudson Line trains up and down the river.

Not long after the turn of last century, the hub of ice yachting moved out of the East Coast to the Midwest and Great Lakes area. The colder climates ensure a much longer season of ice. The modern ice yachts used in races today are very expensive, about \$35K new. They are much smaller and more streamlined than their antique cousins. The helmsman uses his/her feet to steer the tiller so the hands are free to adjust the sheet. Naturally, this requires the ice yacht sailor to lie flat in the hull.

Top speeds of modern ice yachts have been reported between 50-100 miles an hour, but sailing on Tivoli Bay is much slower, although it doesn't always seem that way. Brian showed the audience a film clip on Tivoli Bay-it was an awesome synchronicity of glittering sun, the snap of the wind catching the sail accompanied by the rattle of the runners over the ice.

Their website is www.hriyc.org if you want to get updates and view pictures of their latest adventures.

Thanks again to Brian for an informative and fun night. Our next lecture is in March and explores the relationship between Hudson River School Artists and the environment. Refreshments and admission are free, as always.

See you there!!

gigi

Woody Report :

Blue skies and gentle winds ahead as we flow into March! The late February storm blasted one tarp off of the boat and scraped up the one beneath. Fortunately, at our first shed party on February 28th, the Carps, Thomases, Birmingham and Steve Van der Merwe were able to excavate the tarp with a sledgehammer and salt. They then reattached the tarp to the bow of the Woody. Besides shoveling, we sanded and oiled a few pieces in the shop. It felt good to be back at White's again.



A path was also created leading to the Woody rudder so it would be easier to access. Jimmy Goergon removed the rudder and took it to his shop in Newburgh. We got the grant from the Easter Foundation to pay for it (on the same day!) He will not be replacing the old fasteners on the rudder, as Patrick told him they were in good shape.

Chris, Kip and Jimmy will be moving the Woody topmast to Newburgh and will start the re-tooling process. The Kricker's will not be doing the Woody plank replacement until mid April. The Clearwater re-planking is scheduled to be finished on April 9th-it then has to be moved on a barge up to Albany to be swelled and rigged; they will miss the entire first month of their season. Jimmy says he'll be headed our way right after he's wrapped up with them-around April 15th. I want the Krickers to be done by the beginning of May so we can swell and rig the boat by mid May and get her down to Beacon just prior to Memorial Day.

We have just two months before the boat goes back in the water!! That's the odd thing about Winter Maintenance, not much of it takes place in the winter; the full tilt starts at the end of March. Let's all work together to make sure all of our projects are on schedule.

Gigi

Volunteer River Herring Monitoring Program: Spring 2010
 NYSDEC Hudson River Fisheries Unit and Hudson River Estuary Program

How can you help?

Volunteers will visually monitor predetermined tributaries at specific sites twice a week during April and May. Each monitoring event should last 15 minutes, with at least 6 hours between separate events. Observations are recorded on a data sheet which is sent back to NYSDEC staff at the end of the season. This information will help determine presence / absence and timing of river herring spawning on a local and regional scale.

Interested in volunteering?

Contact Jess Kindred for more information.

Phone: (845) 256-3827

E-Mail: r3hermon@gw.dec.state.ny.us

Website: www.dec.ny.gov/animals/41545.html

The Landscape that Defines America

An Evening with Harvey K. Flad, PhD

Friday, March 12, 2010

7pm

Beacon Sloop Club
 (next to the ferry dock)

The seeds of American conservation were sown by many artists of the Hudson River School in the 19th century. Dr. Flad will review four 20th century examples where the Hudson River School paintings of the natural and cultural landscape of the river and the valley became important images used by local citizens in their efforts to preserve "The Landscape that Defines America".



C. H. Moore, "Down the Hudson To West Point, 1861", courtesy of Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College

All four efforts integrated a concern for scenic views and a sense of place; preserving the Palisades led to the development of the Palisades Interstate Park. Protecting Storm King Mountain authored the National Environmental Policy Act. Defeating the proposed Greene County Nuclear Power Plant established a legal significance of Visual Impact Analysis in state law. Defeating the construction of the St. Lawrence cement plant underlined the importance of citizen input into local waterfront revitalization.



Harvey K. Flad is Emeritus Professor of Geography at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Copies of his best-selling book, *Main Street to Mainframes: Landscape and Social Change in Poughkeepsie* will be available at the event.



View of the Hudson Valley south, southeast from Ghana

For more info & possible cancellation due to weather, contact 845-542-0721 or visit our website.

www.beaconsloopclub.org

BEACON SLOOP CLUB ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SERIES

Privateers of the NYC and Hudson Waterways
Patriots or Pirates

A discussion about the Revolutionary war on the water
 Speakers: Raoul Mallalieu and Ken Miller

Friday, April 9th, 2010

7pm

Beacon Sloop Club
 (next to the ferry dock)

A Free Event!

How do you maintain trade and fight the largest Navy in the world, when your nation's Navy can't put together anything larger than a "Squadron"? The answer: Unleash a free society and it's capital and involve it in the rewards! There are questions about whether Privateers were going to sea for their own gain and if they were truly Patriots to the American "Cause".



Raoul and Ken will give a presentation with replica equipment. They will explain the results of the water-war around New York City, Long Island and the Hudson River. A slide presentation will feature a collection of paintings, drawings and photos of models of the various whole boats and frigates used in combat on the Hudson and around Long Island. The presentation will also feature a very rare song by performed by Pete Seeger called "The Phoenix and the Rose" about the British navy attack on Peekskill as well video of a fire raft attack which was a tactic used against the Phoenix and Rose.

For additional information, call 845-542-0721

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Beacon Sloop Club Treasury Report

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Submitted by Sarah Elisabeth

March 5, 2010

| BSC General Fund | Amount | Membership | Woody & Small Boats | Festival & Event | Newsletter | Clubhouse | Mural |
|--|------------|------------|---------------------|------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Membership | 755.00 | 755.00 | | | | | |
| Mural | 1,150.00 | | | | | | 1,150.00 |
| Royalty | 7.86 | | | 7.86 | | | |
| Woody Dinner | 650.00 | | | 650.00 | | | |
| Broadside | (198.30) | | | | (198.30) | | |
| Central Hudson | (56.85) | | | | | (56.85) | |
| Gigi Fris (Woody) | (283.69) | | (283.69) | | | | |
| James Goergen (Woody) | (251.15) | | (251.15) | | | | |
| US Sailing Membership | (150.00) | | (150.00) | | | | |
| Chim Chimney Inc. | (126.67) | | | | | (126.67) | |
| Rick Price (Mural) | (1,247.45) | | | | | | (1,247.45) |
| Dan Serles (Light Fixtures) | (51.47) | | | | | (51.47) | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total Monthly Income and Expenses | 197.28 | 755.00 | (684.84) | 657.86 | (198.30) | (234.99) | (97.45) |
| OPENING BALANCE | 43,719.47 | | | | | | |
| CLOSING BALANCE | 43,916.75 | | | | | | |

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Keeping PACE with Energy Options - Snow Date

**A Briefing on New Energy Efficiency, Alternative
Energy Initiatives and**

Funding Strategies for Municipalities

When: Saturday, Mar. 13th, 9am-1:30pm

Where: SUNY/New Paltz Lecture Center: LC 100

For more info: www.sustainhv.org/hvsga

The Castle

former off-Broadway play comes to Beacon

Saturday, April 10, 2010, 3p.m.

**Tabernacle of Christ Church, 483 Main St./Corner of
Tioronda Ave. Beacon, NY 12508**

“Four formerly incarcerated individuals recount their lives before, inside, and after prison with raw honesty and occasional tears. You leave not only moved by the stories and the courage it takes to tell them, but also by the power of art to help people who make it heal.” By Lucille Scott, NY Theatre

Part of proceeds will go to the Fortune Society, a re-entry program for ex offenders.

Tickets are \$20 to SLOOP CLUB MEMBERS BEFORE 3/22/10. CALL BELOW.

For a fee, Available through:

www.brownpapertickets.com/event/101498

At Door: \$23

\$10 for high risk youth (could you donate for a high risk youth? If so call below.)

**Information: (845) 542-0557 or (845) 566-9420 (Public
Parking between Teller Ave./52 & Tioronda Ave. behind
the Howland Center)**



Now on 106.5 in Beacon !

Volunteer River Herring Monitoring Program: Spring 2010

NYSDEC Hudson River Fisheries Unit and Hudson River Estuary Program



Photo courtesy of Chris Bowser

Hudson River Herring Background

Two species of “river herring” (alewife and blueback herring) use the Hudson River Estuary tributaries. These fishes are anadromous, meaning they spend most of their life at sea but migrate into freshwater to spawn. River herring ranges extend from Newfoundland south to Florida, along the Atlantic Coast.

Why Help Monitor River Herring?

River herring are important ecologically and economically. Unfortunately, river herring stocks in several east coast states are declining. How river herring use the Hudson River Estuary’s tributaries is not fully understood. The size of the Estuary (~152 miles long, with ~70 major tributaries) makes it difficult to effectively monitor river herring spawning runs. We need your help to gather more information!

How can you help?

Volunteers will visually monitor predetermined tributaries at specific sites twice a week during April and May. Each monitoring event should last 15 minutes, with at least 6 hours between separate events. Observations are recorded on a data sheet which is sent back to NYSDEC staff at the end of the season. This information will help determine presence / absence and timing of river herring spawning on a local and regional scale.

2010 Targeted Tributaries

Albany County: Coeymans Creek & Hannacrois Creek
Ulster County: Black Creek
Dutchess County: Fallkill Creek & Wappingers Creek
Orange County: Quassaick Creek
Westchester County: Sprout Brook & Pocantico River



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Interested in volunteering?

Contact Jess Kindred for more information.

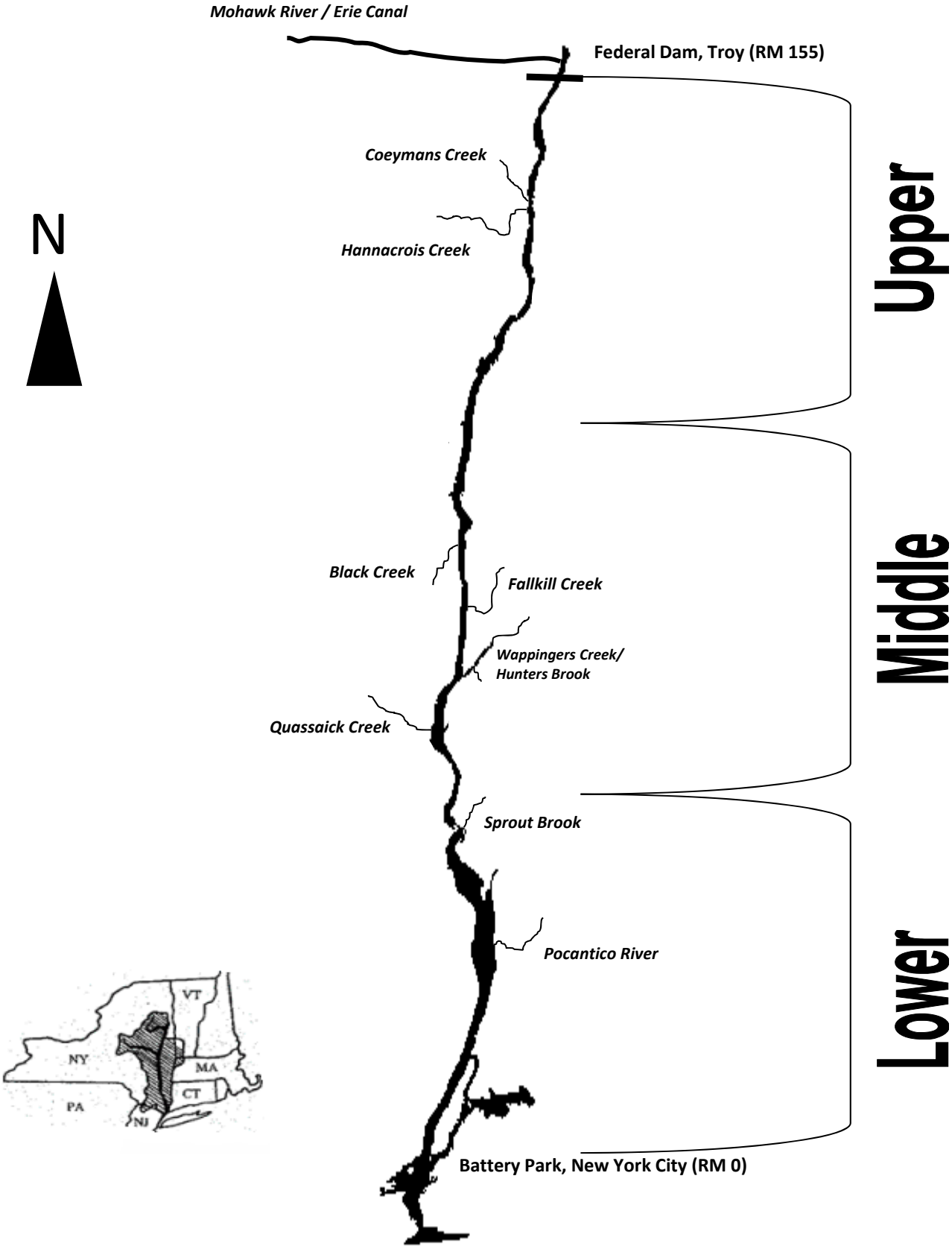
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2010 Volunteer River Herring Monitoring Sites



Current Calendar

Executive Committee meeting, Tues. March 23rd, 7:00 p.m.

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting April 2nd– potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-4 p.m., In the BSC Club House , Beacon , NY

Environmental Lecture Series, Harvey Flad “The Landscape that Defines America”, Fri. Mar. 12th, 7:00pm at the BSC Clubhouse,

Keeping PACE with Energy Options, Saturday, March 13th 9:00 am-1:30pm, SUNY/New Paltz Lecture Center, New Paltz

Walkabout Clearwater Coffee House, Ronny Cox, Sat. March 13th, 7:30 pm, 250 Bryant Ave., White Plains , NY

Film, Coal Country, Friday, March 19, 6pm, Beacon Institute, 199 Main Street, Beacon

Woody Dinner/Fundraiser, Saturday, March 20, 7:00pm, River Terrace Restaurant, 2 Beekman St., Beacon. Cocktail Hour 6:00-7:00.

Ferry Sloops Informational Meeting, Tuesday March 23rd, 7 to 9pm, Croton Free Library - 171 Cleveland Drive Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520

Herring Monitor Training Fallkill Creek and Wappingers Creek, Saturday, March 27th, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Mid-Hudson Children's Museum Pavilion (75 N Water St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601)



Woody Work Parties: On the boat. At White's Marina. Sundays, 9:00am-Noon

BSC Lecture Series, “Privateers of the NYC and Hudson Waterways”, Fri. April 9th, 7:00pm at the BSC Clubhouse,

Children's show with the Eco-Puppets, Saturday April 10, 2pm, Howland Center , Beacon

Play, “The Castle”, Saturday, April 10, 3pm, Tabernacle of Christ Church, 483 Main, Beacon,

Walkabout Clearwater Coffee House, Emma's Revolution, Sarah Thomsen, Sat. April 10th, 7:30 pm, 250 Bryant Ave., White Plains , NY

Fundraising Concert, *Kisses Sweeter Than Wine: The Guthrie Legacy Concert*, Saturday April 24, Tarrytown Music Hall

Earth Day Riverfront Clean-up, Sunday April 25, At the BSC Clubhouse

Something to Say Café, Sat., May 8, 7:00 PM, at the BSC club house.

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, or www.beaconsloopclub.org