

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving Hudson River with Pride for 37 Years

A Message from Our President:

The Woody is back in Beacon Harbor, has resumed weeknight sails with guests and has participated in the Cornwall Riverfest. The maintenance volunteers and sailors who make this possible deserve a big round of applause. A special thank you to Gigi for pulling it all together yet again.

Our Strawberry Festival is a few days away. We have a fine lineup of music, fresh local strawberries, local cream for whipping, a big oven for baking biscuits, lots of vendors (old favorites and new), and free sails on our beloved Woody. Many volunteers are lined up and we always greatly appreciate extra hands, especially at setup (Sat 8:30AM, Sun 9AM) and take-down (Sun 5PM), or to staff 'relief shifts' Sunday afternoon. There's also the fun strawberry prep party the day before (contact Tom LaBarr).

The weekend after Strawberry Festival is the Clearwater Revival in Croton Point Park. The Sloop Club has a table in the main sloop club tent with our sister clubs (contact David Eberle to volunteer here) and the Woody is offering free sails, which means we need people for 'shore support' and possibly crew (contact Jim Birmingham).

Lastly, on Saturday 6/4, Tony Angel began his 2118 mile trek of the full length of the Appalachian Trail with a symbolic walk starting at the BSC clubhouse and proceeding to the falls in Beacon. This walk will raise awareness of and money for the homeless. You can follow Tony's progress on his blog (see inside).

Hope to see you all at the Festival,

Rosemary

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Let the Festivals begin, the Woody returns to Beacon, a little bit of history, and much more...



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, June 22nd, 7:00 p.m.

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

Name _____ Street Address _____

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

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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 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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Please submit articles for the Beacon Sloop Club Broadside by the 1st Monday after the Friday general meeting each month (early submissions are much appreciated) to 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, June 4, 2010

Call to Order. Club President Rosemary Thomas opened the meeting after the introductory song. She welcomed many first-time visitors to the club.

Treasurer's Report, Sarah Elizabeth. [See treasurer's report elsewhere in the newsletter.] \$59,025.71 was the closing balance.

Woody Report, Tom LaBarr. The Woody is at the dock, refitted and ready for the Cornwall RiverFest on June 5. With the winter renovations, including the new rudder and topmast, planking, electrical upgrades and repairs to the hull, the Sloop Woody Guthrie starts another season of free sails every weekday evening of the summer along with weekends at festivals and celebrations. To volunteer as crew, show up at 6pm any weekday or contact Jim Birmingham, see the Facebook page, visit <http://beaconsloopclub.org> or call 845-297-7697 for reservations.

Hudson River Ramble, Mary Shmaltz. The Woody will be participating in the Hudson River Ramble, September 17 this year. The Ramble is in its 11th year. The Ramble celebrates the Greenway and the Hudson Valley.

Strawberry Festival, Strawberries, Tom LaBarr. HELP, beginning 9-10am, Saturday June 12! Work will begin on sorting and hulling the strawberries and prepping the dough at the LaBarr home, the fifth house north of Rt 84 on the river side of Rt 9D, and red like strawberries. Lunch and refreshments are provided. Among other refreshments, strawberry daiquiris, with or without rum, await everyone at the finish line.

Strawberry Festival, Set up, Saul Rozinsky. Sat, 6/12, 8:30-9am. Saul will work with 6-8 people to put up the Strawberry Tent, haul chairs and tables, set up the music tent, electrical service and otherwise prepare for Sunday. Volunteers are also needed **immediately following the Festival, at 5pm.** David Eberle, waste coordinator needs volunteers **during the festival** to watch over the recycling, trash and garbage containers. These people work two hour shifts.

Strawberry Festival, Phyllis Newman. Volunteers are asked to show up early ... or late to help with virtually any area at the Festival, including in the Strawberry Tent. "If you're a member of the BSC, you're a volunteer at the Strawberry Festival."

Strawberry Festival, Environmental Tent, Betty Harkins. Sun., 6/13, 10am. Volunteer to set up near the large tent! During the festival, please direct people to "fisherman's point" (the SW corner of Riverfront Park) to visit the goats, fish, Clearwater exhibits, River Pool at Beacon, Shane Hobel, Andy Revkin (Pace U., NYT, Dot Earth).

Building Committee, Claudine Craig. Many thanks are due to **Saul, Pete, Michael, Ron, Roland and others** who sorted, cut, split and stacked wood for the fall and winter last week. Work is on-going with the patio. Next project is to make the building "pretty" possibly including painting. **Caitlin O'Heaney, Empress of the Multrum**, reported that the multrum is clean. . Volunteers are always needed to help with cleaning, supplies and refreshing the wood chips. **Roger Gottlieb** donated a painting to be used either for fundraising or to be hung in the building. **Bill Hudson** reminded the committee that pine needles need to be cleared regularly from around the hole in the roof for the trunk of the pine tree. Regular cleaning will help the roof and postpone major repairs!

Corn Festival [August 15]. Call for a Coordinator

Succeeds! Bonnie Finkenaur volunteered to coordinate the festival with Rosemary's help. **David Cohen** will pick up the 1000 ears of corn and direct the making of the non-vegetarian chili.

Spirit Journey, Tony Angel (with Gloria Waslyn, Mary Poppins, Tamara Cooper and Sue Carrol of Family of Woodstock). On June 5 Tony Angel will begin to walk the entire Appalachian Trail. Part of this effort is to raise money for the homeless and to bring focus on the environment.

(see <http://spiritjourney25.wordpress.com> and <http://www.familyofwoodstockinc.org>).

Clearwater Festival, David Eberle. Call to volunteer (838-9360) to staff the Beacon Sloop Club table at the Festival, Sat/Sun, June 19-20.

City of Beacon/MTA Transit Oriented Development (TOD), John Gilvey. John spoke on behalf of <http://beacondeservesbetter.org> to raise awareness of the implications of TOD for the Beacon waterfront. Thursday, June 10 at 7pm will be an informational meeting at Hudson Valley Auctioneers, 432 Main Street, Beacon.

Announcements

River Pool at Beacon, Betty Harkins. Betty announced that three trees have been donated in a continuing program sponsored by River Pool to replace dead and dying trees at the park. A hat pass generated over \$120 to help with planting of the third tree.

Peter Rostenberg presented a petition for citizens of Fishkill against a proposed mobile home development on top of an area between Route 9 and Clove Creek that is a primary aquifer and coincidentally, a flood plain.

Kate Creegan-Kurtz spoke at the meeting about trying to organize a visibility action for finding sustainable energy in the shadow of the crisis in the gulf. People were interested in the action can contact her at 917-848-1490 (c) or, wheatthx@aol.com



Highland Valley is a proposal to build 110-210 mobile homes on sand and gravel (think conduit for liquids good and bad) directly over state and municipal designated important groundwater. The Fishkill-Sprout Creek, NYS DOH-designated, Primary Aquifer's most productive arm is Clove Creek groundwater. This is the water to be built upon, the source water for the Village of Fishkill. It would also be located in a designated Critical Environmental Area. The project is also located in the NEW YORK HIGHLANDS REGION, and the highlands are now part of a four state (PA< NJ< NY< CT) effort to protect source drinking water.

The Town of Fishkill's next Board meeting is scheduled for June 16. There is a public comment period too. Town Clerk, Darlene Bellis. 845-831-7800 can direct you to the person who can fill you in on the details and comment deadline.

Children living in this community would have to attend the small Haldane school system in Cold Spring, Putnam County. I include here a heart-felt, common-sense citizen petition on that aspect of the proposal.

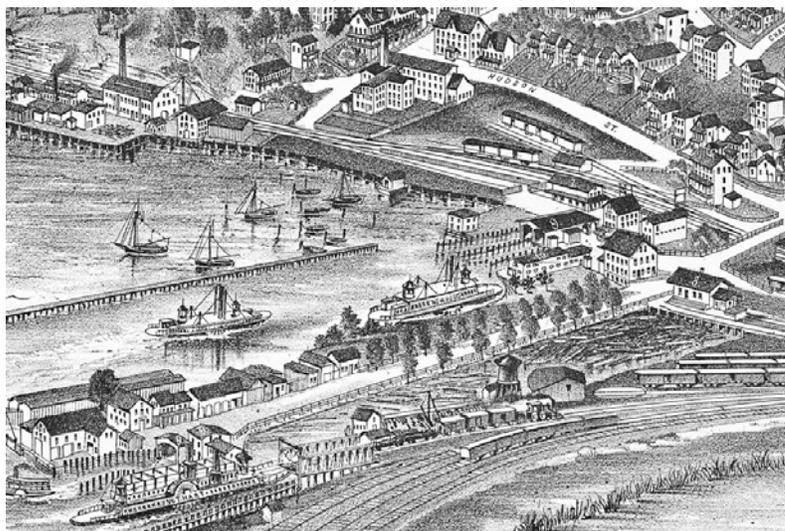
<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/highlandvalley/>

Submitted by: Peter Rostenberg



BEACON ON THE HUDSON, U. S. A.
1886

Detail of the waterfront



Pete brought me a copy of this 1886 map of Beacon drawn by L. R. Burleigh of Troy NY a few months ago. This really shows what transformations the harbor area has gone through (and the city as well). Imagine trying to hold a festival a hundred years ago.

It took me awhile to get a high quality copy suitable for the newsletter. I received a high resolution copy courtesy of the Library of Congress. It still loses something when shrunk to fit. If anyone would like a large high resolution file let me know.- Editor

Upper Delaware River Declared “Most Endangered”

American Rivers issued a list of the 10 most endangered rivers in the U.S. The Upper Delaware River in New York State, the source of drinking water for 17 million people, topped the list because of the threat from gas drilling. Hydro-fracking chemicals pose a risk of contamination on the New York and on the Pennsylvania side of the watershed.

This clean water source is threatened by natural gas extraction activities in the Marcellus Shale, where chemicals injected into the ground create untreatable toxic waste water," American Rivers said.

STRAWBERRY WORKERS of the WORLD UNITE

The Strawberry prep party for this year’s **Strawberry Festival** will be on **Saturday, June 12th** at the LaBarr’s house. Please plan on helping us prepare for the festival. The Local Strawberries will be delivered about 10:00. We need to wash, hull, slice and freeze about 1/3 of the berries. Lunch will be served when we are finished with the berries. Then we have to mix all the dry ingredients for the biscuits. We will be serving **STRAWBERRY DRINKS** and **CHOCOLATE COVERED STRAWBERRIES** all afternoon and into the evening. Then we have dinner, clean up and party till we drop. We are located at 1347 Route 9D, 5th houses north of Route 84 on the riverside. It is a red house.

NOTE: This is not a potluck; all food and drink are provided. Musicians bring your instruments for the party.

Please call or email us if think you are going to be able to make it. We need to know the number of people, so we can have more than enough food and drink available.

Tom & Aimee LaBarr at 831-4267
labarrt@engr.newpaltz.edu

Strawberry Festival Volunteer Opportunities



Once Again We Need Volunteers

Saturday June 12th, 9:00 am

Site Set-up, tent, chairs and tables, etc

Sunday, June 13th, all day

- Biscuit mixers and bakers
- Strawberry hullers and slicers
- Whip cream whippers
- Biscuit slicers
- Servers
- Trash and Recycling
- Ticket sellers
- Sailors
- Clean-up and Breakdown

We especially need help at the end of the festival for clean-up and return of equipment to the clubhouse.

An Evening in the River w/ Chris Bowser

Chris Bowser, science education specialist with the New York State DEC Hudson River Estuary Program and National Estuarine Research Reserve led us on an adventure in the Hudson River. Several hardy sloop club volunteers donned waders and joined Chris and Scenic Hudson Educator Kate Ronan for seining off of the Long Dock.



Several seining passes yielded a variety of beautiful and interesting fish,



Including, White Perch, varieties of shiner, and shrimp. Chris walked us through the identification process using a version of Clearwater's dichotomous Hudson River fish guide. It took us some time but we were able to correctly identify a beautiful Golden Shiner without too much professional help.

For every species Chris had a story about their habits or role in the ecosystem. What better way to spend a beautiful spring evening on the river.



Earth Day Riverfront Clean-up



Many thanks to Chis Rhue for again organizing the annual Earth Day clean-up. The weather was challenging but some of our braver crew and members came out to help beautify our home.

Chris even shamed a few people trying to sneak into the Farmers Market into grabbing gloves and a bag.

There was not nearly the haul we had last year which is a hopeful sign. Many bags of trash, flotsam and jetsam, and recyclables were collected nonetheless. Gigi had a particularly impressive collection.

Thanks to all who helped! It was a job we needed done fair or foul weather.



Sound Bites

From Gigi: This month I decided to write a short piece on my own experience with the club.

Walt Whitman once wrote:

Do I contradict myself?

*Very well, then I contradict myself
(I am large, I contain multitudes)*



While attending my first Pumpkin Festival in 1992, I found the Beacon Sloop Club to be confusing. Some members were arguing, others going off on tangents, and then there were those people promoting a bewildering array of fantastic and unlikely proposals. I found the BSC to be a weak place, without a rudder; without the swagger and confidence I associated with strength, but it turned out I was wrong.

Twelve years later, in 2004, I was in a rudderless place myself. Relationships had collapsed, all absolute truths had crumbled, and all hard philosophies had proved themselves false. I felt uncomfortable with this state of uncertainty.



On May 1st, two hours after burying my dear beagle of 15 years, I was feeling like nothing could ever distance me from my heartbreak. The phone rang. It was Patrick Gallagher, one of the former members of Steve Schwartz's wild and crazy Tuesday

crew. In a tone unsuccessfully repressing his native mischievousness, he said, "Guess what? I've just been made a Woody captain, and I am looking for some crew." Talk about synchronicity! I leaped at his invitation.

Turns out *the Woody* was just the rudder I was looking for; sailing without dogma or pretense. Standing on its curving bow, feet firm on the old pine planks, I could follow the darkening or the brightening of light playing on the water. I could watch and feel the deep orange sails luff without wind or burgeon with a sudden gale; the shapes of this liquid universe mirroring my own thoughts: pink, scarlet, emerald, blue, and utterly transient.

Six years later, I am now in charge of Woody Maintenance. The struggle of being "boss," for me, is to realize I don't know the answers to 50% of the questions asked of me, and to be continuously learning when to flow and when to let go. Hopefully, the certainty of my confusion allows all newcomers to *the Woody* to find an authentic place for them, and for me to help them realize how deeply I appreciate their various talents and efforts.

In Shakespeare's Hamlet, the character Polonius says:

*This above all: to thine own self be true
And it must follow, as the night, the day
Thou canst not then be false to any man.*

The beauty of the BSC is that it gives us all the chance to be our true selves, for better or worse. Looking back to the 1992 Pumpkin Festival, I now see a little club that organically, independently made a lot of powerful choices to better this community, with its modest festivals, free sails and circles of song. Their confusion, like chaos, contains a certain divine order.

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Woody Report:

In the early hours of May 30th, *the Woody* departed from White's Marina to head home to Beacon Harbor.

Maintenance at White's will not resume until late October, at which point we will, hopefully, have contracted the Krickers to replace the cockpit wainscoting, cap and benches.

As for this winter and spring, I would like to give a heartfelt shout out to the following Captains and sailors, based on the information garnered from the sailor's log.

- The top ten (drum roll) Woody volunteer maintenance hours are:
- #1 Captain Ben-60 hours-thanks for rigging the boat!
- #2 Captain Kip-56.5 hours-almost double the required amount, not to mention all



his harbor hours. Thanks for all your solutions.

- #3 Alan Thomas-54 hours-thanks for being there through thick and thin
- #4 John McLaughlin- 49.5 hours-thanks for helping prepare the mast-both wood and electrical!
- #5 Jimmy Goergen- 49 hours- the steadfast and talented carpenter-responsible for constructing the new rudder and topmast.
- #6 Jim Birmingham-34 hours-thanks for getting us out of the ice age in January and always being the mediator!
- #7 Marty Carp-32.5 hours-Marty, you were constantly there for us with a great attitude, even during the coldest of days
- #8 Tom Baldino-31 hours- Tom's mad scientist manner of melting ice and plugging leaks is quite admirable
- #9 Bruce Fox-30.5 hours-thanks to Bruce (Kip and Jimmy) we have a new topmast
- #10 Rich Holzman-30 hours- AKA "Whenever you call me, I'll be there." Thanks, pal.

All Woody Sailors are required to put in 30 hours, but these were the 10 folks who actually did their required share or much more. Thanks, gentlemen, for your incredible support of our boat and program. I hope you can inspire others to do the same!

I wish you all a happy sailing season.

Godspeed,

Gigi Fris
Maintenance Coordinator

Editor's note: Of course we all know that Gigi put in many more hours than anyone on her list....here are a few shots of the final push to get back on the river...



Sound Bites (continued from page 5)

Lastly, beyond *the Woody*, I can honestly say, despite the contention over the Rick Price mural project, every time I take the turn off 9D down Main Street, my lips are compelled into a wide smile. The little triangle of land, formerly awash in weeds, is now a smooth lawn. The old rusted, broken down fence is long gone, and a lovely water goddess hovers above, embracing all the infinite contradictions of our community, while celebrating the fruits of our love for it.

See you on the river,

gigi

Local Food Pantries

As the garden season is upon us you can donate homegrown produce to neighbors in the Hudson Valley Contact the Food, Nutrition and Wellness Program at the Dutchess County Cornell Cooperative Extension (845-677-8223) to find out how.

Some Local Food Pantries

Dutchess CAP Beacon Food Pantry

554 Main St. Beacon, NY 12508 **Phone:** 845-831-2620

First Reformed Church of Fishkill Food Pantry

1153 Main St., Fishkill, NY 12524 **Phone:** 845-896-4546

Ebenezer Baptist Food Pantry (FP/SK)

90 1st St., Newburgh, NY 12550 **Phone:** 845-562-9678

To check out other places, visit www.hungeractionnys.org and search for your local community



Beacon Sloop Club Treasury Report							
Submitted by Sarah Elisabeth							
June 4, 2010							
BSC General Fund	Amount	Membership	Woody & Small Boats	Festival & Event	Newsletter	Harbor	Clubhouse
Membership	145.00	145.00					
Concert Merchandise	275.00			275.00			
Donation (Concert and Hat Pass)	6,159.84			6,048.29			111.55
Harbor	1,600.00	100.00				1,500.00	
Vendors	1,775.00			1,775.00			
Sailing Class	50.00			50.00			
Taxes	(50.00)						(50.00)
Kip Touraine (Woody)	(47.09)		(47.09)				
Chris Rhue (Shore Cleanup)	(55.06)			(55.06)			
Joyce Hanson (Pete's Birthday)	(9.56)			-9.56			
Gergen Woodworks (Woody Rudder)	(1,300.00)		(1,300.00)				
White's Hudson River Marina	(331.18)		(331.18)				
David Cohen (Oars and Oarlocks)	(139.18)		(139.18)				
Portajohns	(197.00)			(197.00)			
Food Service Permit	(20.00)			(20.00)			
Sailing Class Books	(160.45)			(160.45)			
Newsletter and Strawberry Festival F	(242.01)			(53.21)	(188.80)		
Total Monthly Income and Expense	7,453.31	245.00	(1,817.45)	7,653.01	(188.80)	1,500.00	61.55
OPENING BALANCE	51,572.40						
CLOSING BALANCE	59,025.71						



Appalachian Trail walk for the homeless, and for the environment.

Tony Angel left the Beacon Sloop Club on Sat. June 5th accompanied by Pete Seeger and other members of the club and supporters to begin his 2,178 mile journey on the Appalachian Trail. Tony is walking the trail to raise funds for the homeless and to raise awareness of environmental issues throughout Appalachia. You can follow Tony's Progress on: spiritjourney25.wordpress.com

Donations can be made to the Tony Angel Homeless Fund through Family of Woodstock.

Family of Woodstock
Attn: Tony Angel Homeless Fund
16 Rock City Road
Woodstock, NY 12498

Questions? Contact us at spiritjourney25@gmail.com



Thank You! to the **Beacon Natural Market** for storing the heavy cream for the Strawberry Festival in their walk-in cooler.
 348 Main Street. Beacon. NY 12508

Every Sunday Farmers Market
 at the Beacon Waterfront 10-4pm
Simply Valley
All Local Hudson Valley Products
 Sprout Creek Farm Cheeses
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 Fresh Made Pasta
 Mario's Brick Oven Bread
 Mary Finger Organic Free Range Eggs
 Special Large Quantity orders call 845-562-0192

Nature's Pantry
 142 Route 17 K
 Newburgh, N.Y. 12550
 (845) 567-3355

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.

Fax (845) 567-3356



Now on 106.5 in Beacon !

Current Calendar

Executive Committee meeting, Tues. June 22nd, 7:00 p.m.

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

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-4 p.m., At the Ferry Dock , Beacon , NY

Strawberry Prep Party, Saturday June 12th, 10:00 am – we're done, at the LaBarr's house, Route 9D, Beacon

Strawberry Festival Site prep, Saturday June 12th, 9:00 am- noon, Riverfront Park, Beacon

Strawberry Festival set-up and food prep , Sunday June 13th, 8:30-11:00, Riverfront Park, Beacon

Strawberry Festival , Sunday June 13th, Noon-5:00 pm , Riverfront Park, Beacon

Strawberry Festival Site Clean-up, Sunday June 13th, 5:00 pm- done , Riverfront Park, Beacon



Free Sails on the Woody Guthrie, weeknights beginning in June, 6:00pm , at the clubhouse.

Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival 2010
June 19 & 20, Croton Point Park
Croton-on-Hudson, NY

The Great Newburgh to Beacon 7th Annual Hudson River Swim, JULY 31st, 2010, at the Beacon and Newburgh waterfronts
Rain Date: August 1st.



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