

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 41 Years

A message from our president:

Wow! We've passed the midpoint of 2014. It seems like it all happened so fast. The Strawberry Festival was a great success, with even the weather cooperating. After last Summer with extreme heat, and this past winter with the Arctic Vortex, we enjoyed a fine Spring. We made the most of it, as did Clearwater.

The Fourth of July weekend found a guest vessel in the Beacon Harbor. She is the sailing barge Ceres from Vermont. She is re-creating the era when agricultural goods were transported from farm to city market on sailing craft. She is a fascinating boat with a somewhat unusual rig that could allow a spar to double as a cargo boom. She also has a pair of leeboards to provide directional stability. They are a neat solution to the problem of navigation in shoal water without the need for a penetration through the hull. Take a look if you get the chance.

We are getting closer by the week to the point where we will be able to make a detailed plan as to how to proceed with the Woody. Like everything we do, there are differences of opinion on the details, but we all want the Woody back sailing. There is little question that no matter how we solve the problems with our aging boat, we can continue to have her documented as the Woody Guthrie, Beacon NY. Historical registration may be a more complicated issue. We are gathering information. One thing is sure, once a boat makes it onto the "historic registry," future work often requires approval as to materials and methods. Lets make sure we want to go in this direction before we committ.

Seegerfest is this month. We'll have an open house at the club. Before you know it, Corn Festival will be here. See you at the river.

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Inside this issue:

Thank you Strawberry Volunteers, a visit from Enel Green Power, learning the two-step, upcoming events, and much more..



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, July 22nd 7:00 p.m. –NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, August 1st 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.