

# Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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## Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 43 Years

### A Message from Our President

Happy December to all. I hope everyone is looking forward to a joyous holiday season and new year. I want to thank everyone who helped plan the Little Boxes art show and all those who came out to attend it. It was a great event with some fantastic artwork.

At our December meeting we held club elections. We have elected new officers for Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The club expressed gratitude to Gail Moran, our outgoing Secretary who served for two years, as well as Sarah Elisabeth, who has been our Treasurer since 2010. Whenever you see either of them be sure to thank them for all the time and effort they put in on behalf of the club.

Come January we will be welcoming Susan Berliner as our new Vice President, Aaron Verdile (the outgoing VP) as our new Treasurer, and Antony Tseng as the Secretary.

Also at the December meeting the club had a farewell to Chris Ruhe, who is moving away from the area. Chris sang us a few farewell songs, and he is sure to be missed.

Work on the Woody is progressing steadily. Volunteers recently lifted the spars into the shed rafters above the boat and then on 12/3 a strong volunteer turnout enabled us to lift the mast off a trailer, carry it into the shed, and then hoist it into place, hanging from blocks and straps a good 12 or 15 feet off the ground. It was a pretty exciting job to do.

I look forward to seeing you all in the next few weeks or after the new year. Until then, enjoy the season.

### **Inside this issue:**

**Little boxes and no ticky-tacky, holiday spirit at the sloopclub, and much , much, more....**



**NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING TUESDAY., Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.**

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.**

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Membership donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_ Save Our Sloop Fund donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Newsletter format (check one): Printed  E-mail  Please consider e-mail it saves money and paper.

Additional Members at this address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you like information on Clearwater Membership?  How did you hear of us? \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Link to Online Renewal: <http://beaconsloop.org/Join.html>**

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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# Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, Dec. 2, 2016

The meeting opened with the song “Michael Row the Boat Ashore”. New people were welcomed as well as several people who hadn’t been here for some time.

There was no Treasury report as Sarah is on vacation.

Jim Birmingham gave a Woody report. The work on the Woody is speeding up now that the shipwrights are back on the job. And bills keep coming in - \$213,000 to date. Volunteers continue to be needed, especially tomorrow to raise the mast up into storage.

Aaron Verdile announced the free Holiday Sing on December 10 at 6PM. He will be setting up starting at 2 or 3. You can bring snacks & desserts for the sing and cash or canned goods for the food pantry.

David Eberle’s Holiday party is the following day, December 11, from 1-5 at his home 35 Slocum Ave, Beacon. There will be lots of food and music. Potluck is welcome too. This is a fundraiser, with \$10 the suggested donation. If you don’t have that, come anyway.

Little Boxes Art – Funraiser and Fundraiser for the Woody – silent auction, raffle, music, drinks – December 4 at the Scenic Hudson red barn.

Tonight is election night for Beacon Sloop Club officers. Those who had been nominated last month introduced themselves and James asked for other nominations. Elected were:

- James Malchow – president
  - Susan Berliner – vice-president
  - Aaron Verdile – treasurer
  - Antony Tseng – secretary
- Outgoing treasurer and secretary, Sarah Elisabeth and Gail Moran were thanked for their service.

We were reminded to make our voices heard and submit comments on the proposed anchorage sites on the Hudson River by December 6. As Nora said the Hudson is the holy water of the environmental movement.

Steve Vandemerwede and Alan Thomas shared info on the upcoming Winter Lecture Series. The series will be on the second Thursday of the month. The first lecture is January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7PM featuring Alan Pedersen speaking on Birds of the Hudson Valley

### Announcements

Spoke Handy updated us on Standing Rock and how vets were going out to protect the Water Protectors. In Mahwah, NJ on Dec 5, there will be a prayer ceremony on the Ramapo Indian Reservation. This reservation is also threatened by the Pilgrim Pipeline. If you want updates from Food and Water Watch Advocacy Group, text: 69866 - DAPL

Wayne Kochler said any pipeline will leak sooner or later. Call the governor’s office to voice your opposition. There’s a lot we can do. Like snowflakes sticking together, we can make a storm.

Beverly updated us about Ferry Sloop meetings, which are the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7PM and usually has an interesting speaker. Also Riverlovers have their meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month with potluck and video.

## And the winners are...



The works above were chosen by the attendees for awards but, the real winner of the Little Boxes art show was the Woody Guthrie and all of the clubs’ members and supporters. The quality of the artwork and the talent of our people was absolutely amazing once again this year.

Thank you to Susan and Rosemary for leading our team of volunteers, to everyone who helped in planning and at the event, our musicians, and to the local businesses who supported us with donations. It was a wonderful evening of art, music, food, and conversation.



## Bringing Holiday Cheer to Our Community



Photo by Joyce Hanson

Thank you to Aaron Verdile for organizing this year's Holiday Sing and a big shout out to our musicians.

This is one of our fun traditions and a chance to support the food pantry.

Thank you to all who came out to share a warm fire, good music, and holiday spirit.



The Eberle holiday party has also become a sloop club tradition. Thank you to David, Linda, Margaret, and Liz for opening their home for this wonderful event.

There was so much food, so many Santas (did anyone count them), and once again great music by the Judith Tullock Band and Lydia Adams Davis. All that, and we raised a bit of money for the Woody.

Such a great way to top off a year of hard work by our volunteers.

**Happy Holidays to All !!!**

## The Woody Report

The work on the Woody is progressing nicely with a full crew of shipwrights and a few of our heartier volunteers. The frame work is up to number 17 on port and starboard., about 70% complete. Six floors are made and ready to install, 4 are made and need final shaping. The stem is complete and installed. The mast step is 98% complete, not yet installed. The ballast shoe is bored, countersunk and ready to be installed. The keel splice installed.

The deadwood is installed except for the fairing piece above the propeller aperture-this is made but needs final shaping, work to rebate and installation (70% complete). Final work to rebate (80% complete) on other deadwood needs to be finished.

The transom/horntimber knee patterned and started. (35% complete). The breasthook and knightheads are installed and the sampson post is complete and ready for installation. Two out of three sections of kingplank are complete but not installed.

Deck framing complete except for potentially cutting back the inboard ends of the frames within the cuddy. (+-98% complete)



Due to Sarah's vacation we are omitting this month's treasury report.

We are also in the process of reformatting the reporting to come directly from Quickbooks rather than using the old excel format as an intermediary.

This change will give a more accurate view of the Club's financial position at the end of the previous month after reconciliation has been done.

This is an important step in the evolution of our financial system as the complexity of our assets have grown.

The finance committee would like to thank Sarah Elisabeth for seven years of service and for bring us from a very manual system into the world of real accounting.



BEACON SLOOP CLUB ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SERIES

## ***Birds of the Hudson River***

*w/ Alan Peterson*

**Thursday January 12**

**7:00 PM**

**Beacon Sloop Club**

**(Beacon Harbor)**

**A Free Event**



**Thank You Simone!!**



Alan Peterson is currently co-education chairman of the Ralph T Waterman Bird Club of Dutchess County. A lifelong birder, he is a 19 year veteran of the New Jersey World Series of Birding with a Master's Degree in zoology to go along with his DVM degree from Ohio State University in 1985. Come join us for an interactive discussion about what birds there are to enjoy while you cruise the river. *(photos by Deborah Kral)*

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## **Current Calendar**

**Executive Committee meeting**, Tues., Dec. 27th 7:00pm., at the Clubhouse

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

**BSC Winter Lecture Series – Birds of the Hudson River – w/ Alan Peterson**, Thur. Jan. 12, 7:00 pm, at the BSC Clubhouse.

**MOVIES THAT MATTER BEACON: Indian Point**, Fri., Jan. 27, 7:30pm (doors open at 7pm) , First Presbyterian Church of Beacon, McKinley Hall, 50 Liberty St., Beacon, NY. Free. (845) 838 2415,  
[www.movieshatmatterbeacon.org](http://www.movieshatmatterbeacon.org)

**The BSC winter Lecture Series is being planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, January through May. We have a great line up in the works, just a little juggling to do to mesh with our speaker's schedules, so stay tuned. We hope to announce the full program shortly.**

**We could use a few volunteers for set-up, clean-up, and to bring refreshments for our guests. Please contact Alan Thomas or Steve Van der Merwe if you would like to help.**



Woody work parties will continue at the HRMM. Contact James Malchow to receive weekly updates.

We know it is cold but it's still a rewarding experience to come out and contribute to the project.

### **Reminder:**

For most people January is renewal time, so please send in your membership forms. Also, It's a good time to update your contact info, and think about electronic vs. print newsletter delivery.

As always we will accommodate if the yearly fee is a burden. The money is important to us but our people are so much more valuable.

Those who choose email will get the newsletter sooner, with color graphics, and help to reduce our costs. This also puts you on the distribution for interim mailings regarding events and important issues. We try to be very discrete and limit emails to important items.

So...

**Please renew. Our strength is our people and we need each and every one of you to carry out our mission.**

**Membership questions :**

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**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)