

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 44 Years

A Message from Our President

Another great year has come and gone here at the Sloop Club, marked by three fabulous festivals, two fantastic fundraising events, the completion of one amazing boat restoration, three superb celebrations, five fine lectures, and plenty of wonderful singalongs, sailalongs, learning, feasting and friendship. The River is ever stronger for our presence.

The Holiday Sing brought us all together for one last joyful singout before we hunker down by the warmth of the hearth for our winter lecture series in our freshly cleaned clubhouse. If you missed the Sing, you'll still get to enjoy the holiday lights at our January meeting!

Down in Haverstraw, the Woody shed is almost ready for winter maintenance, thanks to a cadre of dedicated sailors - please join in! The more the merrier. It will be warm and toasty in the Woody's little greenhouse, and a great vantage point for winter river viewing.

Between the Holiday Sing and our December hat pass, we brought in \$386 for St. Andrews /St. Luke's Food Pantry and The Beacon Food Bank. We are very fortunate to be able to participate with organizations that do such important work in our community

As the mercury drops, we need people to come early to meetings to help start fires. Please let me know if you are able to help out in January. We also need someone dedicated to preserve, protect and restore the multrum (mostly just keep it clean and stocked). Does anyone have access to sawdust?

Thank you all for your hard work, dedication and good company. May the New Year bring us fair winds -

Susan

Inside this issue:

Putting the Woody and the harbor to bed, holiday cheer, litte art and big hearts, and much, much more...



Photos by ralph Szur and Ben Larson-Wolbrink

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING TUESDAY., Jan. 2, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY, Jan. 5, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

Name _____ Street Address _____

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

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 _____

_____ Email _____

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.

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Jim Birmingham, Patrick Gallagher,
Tom LaBarr, Ben Mazer,
Steve Schwartz,

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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, December 1, 2017

Beacon Sloop Club general meeting on December 1, 2017
Recorded by Antony Tseng

Start: 7:33pm

Song: Stopping along the way

Welcome by Susan

- Please renew your membership if you want to vote

October Treasurer's report by Aaron Verdile

Building Report by David Eberle: Old Woody wood on above the mantle but still needs to be sealed. Next spring will replace the roof. Also need to remove the walls in the former children area to inspect the beams.

Woody report by Jim Birmingham: The Harbor is done. We normally don't put the docks around the clubhouse but we are expecting an early install at the end to the winter. We plan on replacing the dingy docks (2 – 20 foot docks). The Woody is currently in Haverstraw and the frame for the snow cover is built. There will be a work party this Sunday at 10AM at Haverstraw Marina on Beach Road. Volunteers could bring hammer and drills. We also need carpet scraps. The plastic will be done later.

Little Boxes report by Susan. Susan thanked everyone who worked, donated, and participated to the event. Steve Feyl donated the wine (and also to the holiday sing).

Election: Ballots were handed out. Current nominations are Susan Berliner (President), Vince Farina (Vice President), Aaron Verdile (Treasurer), and Antony Tseng (Secretary). No other nominations made for any of the other positions. 2018 Officers were voted in uncontested.

Holiday Sing by Aaron: Will be raising funds and make checks to St Andrews/St Lukes Food Pantry. The event will be Friday on December 8 from 6pm to 9pm. We have close to 17-18 artists. Aaron will also be here earlier in the day of the event to start the fire.

Clubhouse Clean-up: Tomorrow at 9am. Please bring clean supplies like dust pans if you have them.

David's Holiday Party by David: This time it is not a fundraiser, just a party because the Woody is done. David's annual Christmas party is on Sunday December 10th 1 to 5PM. Music by Goldie Green's Jazz Band and Spook Handy whose great folk Music went to the top of the charts. Lot's food and drink. bring a side dish to share, we supply all the meat, fowl and fish. It's always lots of fun. David Eberle's house is 35 Slocum Road Beacon NY turn right off 9-D south of the Toronda mansion onto grandview, turn left at the bottom of the hill. It's a two-story white brick home. 845-838-9630

Winter Lecture Series by Alan: Lecture series open to members and the public for the past ten years. Normally on the second Thursday. January 11 will be David Rocco who will talk about the Mt. Beacon Eight with his book.

February 6 (Tuesday) will be Neil Maher about Apollo in the age of Aquarius (space program in light of the social movement). March 8 will be John Cox who will talk about barrels. April is still pending. May 10 is Doc Bane who will talk about the History of Iona Island. Please publicize these events. If you want to bring finger food and snacks, please come early – we need help.

2018 Festival Dates by Susan: Strawberry - June 10, Corn - August 12, Pumpkin - October 14.

St. Andrew's Food Bank by Joyce: Please donate to the hat being passed around for the food bank and the Soup Kitchen that is across from the Howland Cultural Center. \$175 to the Soup Kitchen and \$175 to St Andrews.

New Business

- (none)

Announcements

- Joyce said David Burns and his Hope Machine has given us many fundraisers. This Sunday 7pm will be performing at the Town Crier for the food pantry – hard hitting songs for hard times. Please bring nonperishable foods.

- Joyce said the Movie That Matter founded by Connie Hogarth will be on Wednesday December 6 on fashion and social responsibility. Donations that evening will go to the Beacon Arts and Education Fund. First Presbyterian Church on Liberty Street.

- Bonnie said that tomorrow night there will be gospel concert at 5pm at the Springfield Baptist Church to raise funds for the Martin Luther King day (Southern Dutchess Coalition). MLK is the third Monday in January and since the New Year's Day is on the first Monday, we may only have one rehearsal 6-7pm on the Second Monday.

- Wayne Kocher mentioned that Senator Schumer was able to get money for the positive control train equipment. This equipment is replacing union workers. The accidents and dangers could be avoided with a few good jobs.

- Matt Bowen said we continue with the protest rally every Saturday from 3pm to 4pm in either rain or shine, cold or heat.

-Raymond Arnold talked about next weekend's is the [Secular Solstice celebration](#). This person has been working on bringing this celebration for the past seven years. We have a lot songs of science, the past. NY Society of Ethical Culture at 6pm this Saturday to celebrate humanity together.

- Craig Wolf asks for a moment of silence for Maurice Hinchey.

Adjourn at 8:23pm

Election Results: 2018 Club Officers

President: Susan Berliner
Vice-president: Vincent Farina
Treasurer: Aaron Verdile
Secretary: Antony Tseng

I Swear It's All True

'Tis the 3rd of December – the Sloop Club is clean!
Not a creature is stirring, not even the Tree;
The life vests are hung from the ceiling with care,
In hopes that the mildew won't reach them up there;

The Woody is nestled all snug in its shed,
While visions of parrel beads dance in its head,
And I in my long johns and oilskin and shorts,
Had just settled in to write down this report -

When up on the rooftop arose such a clatter,
I was sure that poor David fell off of the ladder!
I flew to the multrum and mopped up the floor -
(We could use volunteers there, perhaps three or four?)

The window was open, and so was the seat -
And there, down the Clivus slid two little feet!
I rushed down to the book rack-flung wide the trap door -
And out gushed a creature I'd not seen before:

All slimy, with sawdust, his hair was all slick -
I knew in an instant this wasn't St. Nick!
As I drew back my head, and was turning around -
It was then Uncle Billy got up off the ground;

He was drenched all in slurry from the head to his foot,
And his clothes were all toxic and covered with schmutz,
A bundle of bungs he had slung on his back,
And he looked like a Sailor whose heart had turned black:

His eyes were all wild! His cackle, how merry!
The hours he'd spent on the framing and fairing!
The sanding! The painting! The shrinking! The swelling!
The grants that he'd gobbled! The tsuris! The kvelling!

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His cheeks! How they glistened! How sticky his ears!
The turpentine dripped from his chin like a beard,
The tail of an oil rag held tight in his teeth,
And the paperwork circling his head like a wreath!

The fumes rising up from his hair in the night
Were like shimmering waves off a Superfund site;
He was drippy and droll, a right smelly old elf -
I grew faint when he slithered and lurched toward the shelf;

Then what to my wondering eyes sloshed out – gllunk!
But a miniature yawl, rowed by eight tiny bungs!
More greasy than Billy, his oarsmen, they came,
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name:

“Now! Bung A, now! Bung B, now! Bung C and Bung D,
“On! Bung 1, on! Bung 2, on! Bung 4 and Bung 3!”
Then snatching the Woody Jar with prehensile toes -
With a flip of the bird, up the Clivus he rose!

He lit out for the dock, to his bungs gave a whistle -
And away they all flew, like the kids at dismissal;
And I heard him exclaim as they rowed out of sight,
“Could somebody else clean the multrum tonight?”

Thank You To Konstantin For Creating Our New Woody Donation Jar

Konstantin has crafted us a beautiful new
Woody Jar! Please take a moment to try it out. Also it's
a great time to consider the Woody for your end of year
giving.

Clearwater Receives Environmental Excellence Award

New York State Department of Environmental
Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos
recognized Hudson River Sloop Clearwater's Great
Hudson River Revival Zero Waste Initiative.

Clearwater's longtime strategy of inspiring, educating,
and engaging people is a powerful formula for
success. The Clearwater's Great Hudson River
Revival (Revival) began in 1978 as a series of small
concerts to increase environmental awareness and
raise funds for the Sloop Clearwater. Today, it is a
national model for organizations wishing to reduce
the environmental footprint of large public events.



Little Boxes Was A Huge Success

They were little, but you were big! Thank you to everyone who came, volunteered, created art and donated generously to this event! The turnout was amazing, the food, drink and music flowed, the art glowed, and a good time was had by all. We all dressed up in our Little Boxes best and celebrated in Sloop Club style, ferociously outbidding each other in support of the *Woody*. After the smoke cleared and the wounded were attended to, our little ferry sloop received \$3716 to cover winter maintenance and storage costs. Job well done! In its cozy little berth in Haverstraw, the *Woody* is smiling.

New York State Threatens to Sue Over PCB Cleanup

On Dec. 14, Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced the state will sue the EPA if the agency says the PCB removal is finished.

The state also plans to withdraw from the 2002 Record of Decision, a cleanup plan involving polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) removal from the Upper Hudson River, a 40-mile stretch north of Albany.

More details available at:

<http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/story/news/2017/12/14/new-york-sue-epa-if-hudson-river-cleanup-deemed-complete/953629001/>



Captain Steve Aloft – photo by Ralph Szur

The Woody Report

By the time you get this, the *Woody* should be safely encapsulated in her winter cover. Our volunteers have been working every weekend building frames, covering the mast, and installing a plastic tarp. A huge thank you to everyone who has come out to help.



photo by Jean Noack

Beacon Community Kitchen organizer Candi Rivera on Saturday accepted a check from Sloop member Cindy Gould representing the money raised Friday night from sloop club members. The Community Kitchen provides lunches for those in need Monday through Thursday at the Tabernacle of Christ Church in Beacon. Rivera expressed gratitude for the Beacon Sloop Club for the cash assistance.



photos by Jean Noack

Thank you to Aaron Verdile for organizing this year's holiday sing. The folks who showed up on Saturday to clean and decorate did a wonderful job. The clubhouse has never been more festive. Of course, what would it be without our musicians, friends, and all those who came out to celebrate the season.


THE INDESTRUCTIBLE MAN

THE TRUE STORY OF WORLD WAR II HERO "CAPTAIN DIXIE"

Thursday January 11
7:00 PM
Beacon Sloop Club
(Beacon Harbor)

A Free Event

w/ David Rocco



David Rocco is from Yorktown Heights, New York, and retired from the New York City Housing Department. Since then, he has led civic and environmental efforts including the Walkway Over the Hudson Project in Poughkeepsie, The Mount Beacon Fire Tower Restoration Project, the Beacon Sloop Club's Woody Guthrie vessel, and the Mount Beacon Eight organization. The latter group seeks to recognize those who died along with Dixie Kiefer in the 1945 plane crash as well as two other Navy aviators killed on the mountain ten years earlier.)

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The Beacon Sloop Club's 2018 winter lecture series begins on Thursday January 11th at 7:00 pm with, *The Indestructible Man-The True Story of a World War II Hero "Captain Dixie"* with Author David Rocco.

The Indestructible Man is the story of Navy officer Dixie Kiefer, who was an instrumental player in major battles in World War II. Kiefer was the executive officer on the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown at both the Battle of the Coral Sea and Battle of Midway. He was the last man off Yorktown before she sank at Midway.

Though seriously injured, he swam through shark-infested waters pushing a life raft filled with hurt sailors toward a rescue ship.

As captain of the carrier USS Ticonderoga, his ship came under attack by kamikaze aircraft. Though critically wounded by flying shrapnel, he remained on the bridge, overseeing counter-attacks and damage control for twelve hours.

Later, while presenting Kiefer an award for valor, the Secretary of the Navy dubbed him "the indestructible man." That ultimately proved not to be the case. Just after the end of the war, "Captain Dixie" — as his men called him — was killed along with five other Navy men in an airplane crash on Mount Beacon, New York.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information visit our website www.beaconsloopclub.org or call (845) 463-4660, (914) 879-1082

Meet the Captains!

ROUND ROBIN!

Tour the Sloop!

LIVE MUSIC!

Family Fun!

Clearwater's
Open Boat & Potluck

CRAFTS! Friday, January 5, 5pm-8pm POTLUCK

KINGSTON HOME PORT
@ The Hudson River
Maritime Museum
50 Rondout Landing,
Kingston, NY 12401

featuring a special performance by
The Mammals (trio)

Party starts @5pm - Performance @ 7pm

FREE EVENT !!!

For more information call 845-265-8080 or email cortney@clearwater.org
www.clearwater.org

Treasury Report

3:35 PM
11/20/17
Cash Basis

Beacon Sloop Club, Inc. Profit & Loss October 2017

Oct 17

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	
Woody Guthrie Restoration Proje	276.00
Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants	276.00
Investment Income	
Interest-Checking	1.93
Interest-Money Market	14.59
Total Investment Income	16.52
Membership	
Small	75.00
Total Membership	75.00
Pumpkin Festival	
Pies	2,397.80
Pumpkins	455.00
T-Shirt & Hat	521.00
Vendor	435.00
Total Pumpkin Festival	3,808.80
Special Event	
Little boxes fundraiser	55.00
Total Special Event	55.00
Total Income	4,231.32
Gross Profit	4,231.32
Expense	
Bank Expense	
Paypal	2.17
Total Bank Expense	2.17
Facilities	
Building	295.72
Utilities	39.67
Total Facilities	335.39
Merchandise	855.70
Other Expenses	
Advertising & Promotion	50.97
Insurance - Liability, D and O	14,276.00
Total Other Expenses	14,326.97
Pumpkin Expense	
Eco products	154.97
Police	1,233.14
Pumpkins	370.00
Sanitation	300.00
Total Pumpkin Expense	2,058.11
Special Events Expenses	
Little boxes	150.00
Total Special Events Expenses	150.00
Total Expense	17,728.34
Net Ordinary Income	-13,497.02
Net Income	-13,497.02
Opening Cash Balance 10/1/17	100,779.62
Closing Cash Balance 10/31/17	87,282.60



Hudson River Sloop Clearwater
Cordially invites you to attend
3RD ANNUAL SPIRIT OF THE HUDSON GALA
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&
FIFTY YEARS OF BOARD VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH
3:00-7:00 PM
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HOSTED BY
JIMMY BUFF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RADIO KINGSTON, 1490 WKNY

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Current Calendar



Executive Committee meeting, Tues.,
Jan. 2, 7:00pm., at the Clubhouse

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

Clearwater Open Boat, Fri. Jan. 5, 5-8 pm,
Kingston Homeport, 50 Rondout Landing,
Kingston NY

MLK Day Singing Parade, Mon. Jan. 15,
Springfield Baptist Church, Beacon

Clearwater’s Spirit of the Hudson Gala,
Sun. Feb. 11, 3:00-7:00 pm , The Garrison,
2015 US 9, Garrison, NY

MOVIES THAT MATTER BEACON: I’m
Not Your Negro Fri., Feb. 23, 7pm. ,
Presbyterian Church of Beacon, McKinley
Hall, 50 Liberty St., Beacon, NY

Reminder:

For most people January is renewal time, so
please send in your membership forms. Also,
It’s a good time to update you 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.

So...

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

Anyone wishing to join a crew, contact any
captain or Jim Birmingham to sign up. We
have many tasks to complete over the
winter.

The Beacon Sloop Club
Winter Lecture Series
7 pm
BSC Clubhouse

Thursday January 11,
David Rocco Mount Beacon Eight –
And the Indestructible Man

Tuesday February 6
Neil Maher – Apollo in the Age of
Aquarius -

Thursday March 8
- John Cox - Modern barrel making
from QUERCUS COOPERAGE 186
Mohonk Road High Falls, NY 12440

Thursday April 12
TBD

Thursday May 10

- History of Iona Island talk: Donald
“Doc” Bayne