

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 47 Years

A Message from Our President

From spring through fall, we focus our work and thought on the river. The deep winter months give us some time to turn inward and consider how our individual actions, collectively, impact the earth. Our society has brought us to a place where we pollute so casually, we are often barely aware of how we contribute to the gradual ungreening of our planet every single day. The realities of daily living compel us to act in ways that harm the earth, even as we work so hard to protect and preserve the river. It's a rare day when I don't drive my car, turn on lights, use hot water, use something packaged or manufactured, or add something to the waste stream. How about you?

At the Sloop Club, we devote so much conscious energy to environmental action and awareness - through festivals, Woody sails, song circles, riversweeps, monthly environmental reports and newsletters, using compostables, reusables, solar, wood and hydroelectric power, the multrum, reusing, recycling, composting - and we do it well. What can we do to reduce our casual pollution?

Susan

Inside this issue:

Marching and singing for justice, concern over compressors, upcoming events, and much more.....



Photo by Alan Zollner

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, February 25, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, March 6, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

Name _____ Street Address _____

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

Household Membership donation \$ _____ Renewal _____ New Member _____

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? I would like to help with _____

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, February 7, 2020, recorded by Tom Elliott

The meeting opened with the song, "Rainbow Race". President Susan welcomed everyone. Susan informed us that long time club member and dear friend, Liz Nedwell, had passed away on December 18th and asked us to join her in a moment of silence in her memory.

Treasury Report: Aaron reported December income of \$9,362 against expenses of \$3,376 and a closing balance of \$82,362 from an opening of \$76,376. Aaron also thanked Ivy for agreeing to help with Quickbooks providing depth in accounting knowledge.

MLK Report: Susan asked members to show appreciation for all the hard work Bonnie had done organizing the MLK essay contest and parade. Bonnie came to the microphone with much applause and told us how important this event is, especially in regards to keeping children involved in the legacy of Dr. King. She thanked Dave and Maggie for opening up their home for essay readers, and thanked all those who read and helped in choosing the eventual six winners of the contest. She also thanked all those who came to march in the parade and the musicians. Special thanks went to Konstantin for his effort in creating 74 certificates for all the students who contributed essays.

Lecture Series: Alan thanked everyone for helping out with the set up for last month's lecture at the Red Barn. On Thursday, February 20, Manna Jo Greene, Clearwater Environmental Action Director, will speak on "Ensuring Nuclear Decommissioning."

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In May David Amram, renowned composer, folklorist, and talented performer will speak on the history of the folk music and multicultural music movements. Alan asked for help in locating a keyboard for use in the presentation.

Woody Report: Captain Steve reported that the cover has blown off the boat again in Haverstraw due to the high winds. Tomorrow helpers are needed at 10 a.m. to go to the marina and help re-attach the cover. Steve also announced there will be a March 7th Captain's meeting at the Sloop Club building at 9 a.m. followed by a sailor's meeting at 10 a.m. After the meetings there will be a Potluck Whipping and Splicing Party. If you don't know how to do this, it's a perfect time to learn. Steve reminded us that the sailing class begins on April 8

Environmental Report: Captain Tom reminded us to please separate our recycling items from trash in the barrels provided. This effort needs to be adhered to at home as well, recycling is becoming more complicated and expensive. We may find recycling centers becoming stricter about excluding non-recyclable materials from our bins. Maybe we should consider going back to sorting items ourselves before setting items on the curb, as we used to back in the early days of the recycling effort.

Tom also recommended that people make their next car a plug-in hybrid. Charging stations are becoming more available (six are now in place in Beacon) and most area towns have at least one, often near a municipal building. If your town doesn't have one, see your local representatives to find where one might be nearby. There are at least two apps that show locations. Tom's favorite is Charge Point, which shows you all charging stations in each town, not only those owned by their company. The app also shows you if the charger is available. While it takes a while to charge at home on 120 volt service, commercial chargers running in 90 minutes or so, and new "superchargers" being set up at Tesla corporation stations are the fastest yet.

Paperweights: Captain Tom told us the beautiful, light catching; paperweights featuring an etching of the Woody are available in aquamarine. More colors can be custom ordered with a lead-time of six to eight weeks. The paperweights are made by Hudson Beach Glass Studio, our neighbor and supporter, and the \$50 cost is split 50/50 with the BSC, earmarked for Woody maintenance. He will have paperweights at next month's meeting, so bring cash or check to purchase.

River Sweep: Susan asked us to mark our calendars on May 2nd for this year's River Sweep event, a program of Riverkeeper that we participate in each year.

Liz Nedwell: Mary Poppins came forward to speak about our good friend, Liz Nedwell, who passed away last month. Mary told us that Liz had been a good friend of hers over many years and was very involved in the Sloop Club, taking many pictures of club activities and of Pete and Toshi Seeger. Ms. Nedwell had been living near relations in the Finger Lakes area and her passing came as a surprise. Over the years she had been a caretaker of her father, and later, her husband, who had battled brain cancer. Mary remembered her as one who gave much of herself and was a true and constant friend. She will be missed by many.

Woody Nickels: Konstantin reported that \$18.00 was received in January and \$30.00 in December. Please keep at it. The return facility is located at 794 Route 52 in Fishkill, NY, across from the police station and recreation center. Hours are Monday-Saturday: 9:30 to 5:30 and Sunday: 10:00 to 4:00.

Announcements:

Susan asked if someone could take on cleaning the Multrum. Alan Z. took on the task this month. Yeah, Alan!

Eugene participated in a protest at the Danskammer LLC plant in the Town of Newburg. He said the issue with Danskammer is still undecided in Albany and encouraged members to join in protests. The new, much larger gas-powered plant is not needed and probably will be shuttered in a few years anyway, at the community's expense. We need renewable energy-sourced electricity.

Bonnie announced that the Governor has proposed a ban on Styrofoam in New York. We should all contact our elected representatives and support this ban. Styrofoam is a highly toxic form of plastic.

Susan announced that Judith Tulloch will be performing on Sunday, February 9, at the Falcon in Marlborough, NY. The performance is a brunch concert from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Susan gave an update on the 2020 Clearwater Revival planned for Croton Harmon. There will be a celebration at the park, but not at the main waterfront area. It will be more intimate than last year's large program. Clearwater will provide an update, first to last year's volunteers early next week, followed shortly by updates to Clearwater members, then finally the news media. Susan asked Clearwater members to please renew their memberships this year in support of our mother ship. The plan is to return to a full sized Great Hudson River Revival in 2021.

Bonnie announced that the Gospel Choir will be singing at the 7th Day Adventist church on route 9D (past Council Point) at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

Susan invited all to stay for the Song Circle, and the meeting was adjourned.

Where Will The Danskammer's Compressor Stations Be Located?

MLK Day Parade 2020

On 2/6, about 40 people demonstrated in the rain with signs, homemade drums, and chants in front of the Danskammer office on 181 South Plank Road. There will be more demonstrations in the future, as Danskammer has submitted their application to continue steps toward increasing their use of out of state fracked gas, including building another plant near-by the present one in the Town of Newburgh. One issue that must be addressed is where will the compressor stations be located?

Their application does not reveal the location (s) of needed compressor stations to move their proposed increases of gas along its transport pipes. Yet, the recently submitted Danskammer application includes compression stations:

“Gas compression will be required to increase pressure to 700 psig (nominal) when pressure in the supply line is lower than this level. Gas compressors will be located in the Auxiliary Area and are expected **to be constructed**, owned, and operated by Danskammer. “ The application went on to say that the possibility exists that Central Hudson Gas & Electric (CHGE) “would own and operate the gas compressors if that would be mutually beneficial.”

The public should be told of these compressor locations because:

- Air quality and health assessments need to be done prior to construction.

In Minisink, located in Orange County, NY, there was a natural gas, 12,260 horsepower compressor station built near houses, despite arguments in court that the station should not be close to housing. Then after the station was built, local residents lost, again in court, their request to close it due to an increase of noise, nosebleeds, headaches, asthma, and rashes found to be caused by the volatile organic compounds, and higher particulates in the air. They lost because there were no pre-construction air quality, or health assessments done before the plant's construction!

According to “Fore River Residents Against The Compressor Station (FRRACS),” a community group in South Shore, Weymouth, Mass, who are also facing a fracked gas compression station construction, and whose members have been arrested for blocking the site, “normal operations spill 10 cancer-causing chemicals into the air, and property values would be reduced 25-50%. These stations spill chemicals from two to five miles into the surrounding area.”

A Southwest Penn. University Health Project article 10/12/17, stated that “compressors emit: nitrous oxides, carbon monoxide, organic compounds, and formaldehyde. The 18 compressor stations located in New York State are the 7th largest ‘point source’ of air pollution in the state. “

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**Clearwater’s 5th Annual Spirit of the Hudson Gala
Celebrating Tom Chapin’s 75th Birthday!**

The Garrison, 2015 US Route 9, Garrison, NY



For Tickets

Gala funds support Clearwater’s environmental advocacy and education programs on the Hudson River.

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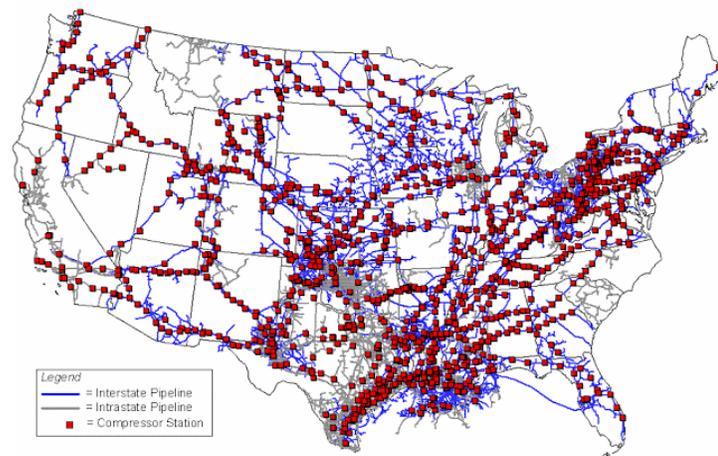
- The areas around a station annoy people and the environment. In another Penn. State article, “Understanding Natural Gas Compression & Stations” (3/26/15), found compressor stations generate a lot of noise to surrounding neighbors; it is a potential source of methane emission, significant light and traffic occur during construction & operation; reduced tree growth occurs on forested land where soil was disturbed.

In conclusion, there are alternate non-fossil fuel projects to consider. The Town of Saugerties has opened a new solar power site consisting of 7,000 solar panels, and the town is buying 40% of its total output for their electricity. Goshen is on the way to installing mass panels. Highly skilled laborers already in the fossil fuel industry could be retrained to do such work. These jobs are predicted to grow.

On 2/6/20 Mayor Bill de Blasio, during his State of the City speech, said that there would be a citywide policy to stop the construction of any new fossil fuel projects. Governor Cuomo has not yet done the same for New York State.

On 1/23/20 at the “Red Barn” in Beacon, Scenic Hudson held a meeting to bring groups together to prevent the expansion of the Danskammer plant with such organizations represented as Extinction Rebellion, Orange Rapp, Beacon Seed, Water Action, and Clearwater. The people will not be silenced.

Nora Gallardo
Beacon Sloop Club member



Source: Energy Information Administration, Office of Oil & Gas, Natural Gas Division, Natural Gas Transportation Information System.

Clearwater to Host Smaller Community Celebration in Place of The Great Hudson River Revival in 2020

June 20th and 21st, Croton Point Park

The full letter to the Clearwater Community may be found at:

Letter

Additional Information in the form of Q&A is posted as well.

Revival FAQ

What that means to the Beacon Sloop Club: Free sailing on the Woody Guthrie has been a Revival tradition. This year’s event will not allow access to the waterfront, so we urge our members and sailors to support Clearwater in other ways.

Clearwater Winter Open Boat

February 22, 2020 @ 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Hudson River Maritime Museum Barn
50 Rondout Landing, Kingston NY 12401

Free Winter Open Boat celebration in the barn at the Hudson River Maritime Museum with potluck food, music, and kids activities. Sloop tours will be included.

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Cougar Rewilding Foundation, www.cougarrewilding.org

Meet the "unknown hero
of the civil rights movement"
-TIME



**BROTHER
OUTSIDER**
THE LIFE OF BAYARD RUSTIN
A film by Bennett Singer and Nancy Kates

Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin

During his 60-year career as an activist, Rustin formulated many of the strategies that propelled the movement. But his open sexuality forced him to remain in the background. Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin combines rare archival footage with provocative interviews to illuminate the life and work of a forgotten prophet of social change. This event is in collaboration with POV, the award-winning independent non-fiction film series on PBS, www.pbs.org/pov Free. Fri., Feb. 28, 7:30 pm, At McKinley Hall, 50 Liberty Street, Beacon, NY Info: (845) 838-2415, <https://moviesthatmatterbeacon.org>



TRUE JUSTICE - Tuesday, Feb.18, Doors open

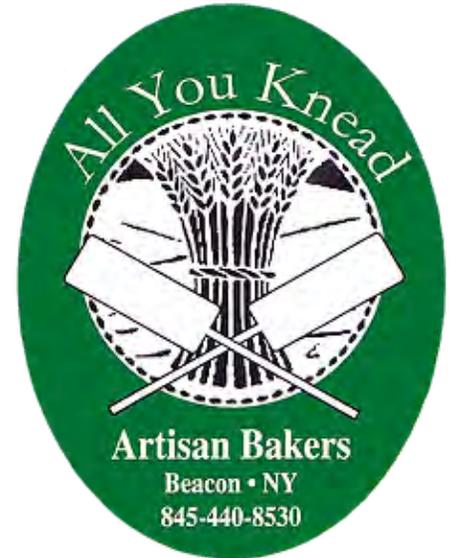
7pm Film 7:30 For more than three decades, Alabama public interest attorney Bryan Stevenson, founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, has advocated on behalf of the poor, the incarcerated and the condemned, seeking to eradicate racial discrimination in the criminal justice system. An intimate portrait of this remarkable man, True Justice: Bryan Stevenson's Fight for Equality follows his struggle to create greater fairness in the system and shows how racial injustice emerged, evolved and continues to threaten the country, challenging viewers to confront it. Free. At McKinley Hall, 50 Liberty Street, Beacon, NY Info: (845) 838-2415, <https://moviesthatmatterbeacon.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/events/536823146927651/>

5:26 PM
01/01/20
Cash Basis

Beacon Sloop Club, Inc.
Profit & Loss
December 2019
Dec 19

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	
Amazonsmile Foundation	40.00
Food Pantry donatlon	848.00
Woody maintanice fund	2,450.00
Contribution, Gifts, Grants - Other	4,975.00
Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants	8,313.00
Gross Sales of Inventory	24.24
Investment Income	
Interest-Business	8.00
Interest-Checking	2.52
Interest-Money Market	11.77
Total Investment Income	20.29
Membership	
Paypal	25.00
Snailmail	550.00
Total Membership	575.00
Special Event	
Little boxes fundraiser	
Artwork Paid / Donated	90.00
Door and/or canvas	340.00
Total Little boxes fundraiser	430.00
Total Special Event	430.00
Total Income	9,362.53
Gross Profit	9,362.53
Expense	
Bank Expense	
Paypal	0.85
Total Bank Expense	0.85
Facillities	
Utilities	146.10
Total Facilities	146.10
Grants	2,499.00
Printing, etc.	
Postage, Mailing Service	11.00
Printing and Copying	104.86
Total Printing, etc.	115.86
Special Events Expenses	
Little boxes	61.93
Special Events Facilities	
Environmental	553.21
Total Special Events Facilities	553.21
Total Special Events Expenses	615.14
Total Expense	3,376.95
Net Ordinary Income	5,985.58

Opening Cash Balance 12/1/19	\$ 76,376.46
Closing Cash Balance 12/31/19	\$ 82,362.04
Unrestricted	\$ 76,369.04
Restricted (For Woody Use)	\$ 5,993.00
BSRF Opening 12/1/19	\$ 13,643.54
Contribution	
Change in Investment value	\$ 191.00
B & S Rozinsky Fund 12/31	\$ 13,834.54



WOODY NICKELS

Go to the Fishkill Redemption Center and tell them to put your deposit proceeds in the Beacon Sloop Club envelope. Ask for a receipt.

A&A Redemption Centers
794 Rt. 52 Fishkill
(across from Fishkill recreational center)

Open 7 Days:
Monday-Saturday: 9:30-5:30
Sunday: 10:00-4:00

www.bottlecansreturns.com

Containers Accepted:

They accept all soda and beer bottles and cans, water bottles, and other beverage cans, and all store brands of New York State returnable bottles and cans. They do not except Gatorade, Snapple, vitamin water, ice teas, Powerade, or juice bottles. (Please make certain all your containers are NY State returnable.)

Count Them Before You Come In:

You can save time by counting your cans and bottle before you go to the center. Put them in a clear bag labeled with the quantity.

Please rinse all your containers!

Current Calendar



Executive Committee meeting, Tues., Feb. 25, 7:00pm.

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

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Woody Maintenance, Sat. Mar. 7, Captain's Meeting 9:00 am, Sailor's Meeting, 10:00, whipping, splicing and lowering the boom to follow, at the BSC clubhouse

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