

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 47 Years

A Message from Our President

It's a multrum miracle! After years of rollicking good times, much head-scratching and speculation, our carnival ride upstairs has finally met its match. During the course of routine March multrum maintenance, our new friend, Samuel, and Jim B. devised an ingenious seat fix involving two molly toggles and a hacksaw. Come see! Now if you want to sail around, you'll have to go out on the *Woody*.

March is shaping up to be a *Woody* month. If you've never connected with our little ferry sloop and its nefarious crews, you'll have plenty of opportunities in the next few weeks. The boat is slated to return to Beacon from its winter berth in Haverstraw Marina at the end of the month, so each weekend in March will need all hands on deck, old and new! You can help de-winterize and ready the boat for the transit back to Beacon, install and repair the docks at our end, and help with the transit. Once the *Woody* is home, we'll need lots of hands to sand, oil, tar and rig. No experience necessary! If you've never done it before, you'll have plenty of new friends to teach you, so come join the fun and learn the ropes. This is the best way to start!

If you don't get a chance to come to the boat, you're still invited to the Annual Woody Dinner. Mark your calendar for March 29, and join us for a gala evening dedicated to connecting and reconnecting with all our Slooper friends, and raising funds for our sail program which, by the way, is #16 on Hudson Valley Magazine's February 2020 list of 25 Things Every Hudson Valleyite Must Do!

See you there-
Susan

Postponed

Inside this issue:

Whipping and splicing party, holding Entergy responsible, rescheduled events, and much more.....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, April 3, 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,
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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, March 6, 2020, recorded by Tom Elliott

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The meeting opened with the song, "Rainbow Race," performed by Sloop Club members. President Susan welcomed everyone. There was one first time attendee, Sergio Perez, a Beacon resident of seven years, and a teacher at the local high school. He is interested in joining the Sloop Club. He was greeted warmly by members.

Susan reminded us we are a carry-in/carry-out meeting place, and volunteers were recruited to take a bag of trash or recycling home with them. She asked who would be willing to clean the Multrum this month. Alan Z. noted that it took him only 15 minutes to do it last month. Christine and her friend, Samuel agreed to do it this month. Thank you both!

James Malchow asked to come forward to make an announcement. He came to the microphone and told us that our friend and club member, Betty Harkins is hospitalized at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. A card was circulated wishing her a speedy recovery.

Treasury Report: Treasurer Aaron gave the financial report for January. Income of \$2,913 was received against \$1,634 in expenses for a positive total of \$1,279 for the month. Aaron explained that, going forward, a new way of reporting assets is being used in our accounting, which will now include the Bonnie and Saul Rozinsky Fund as part of our closing cash balance.

Woody Report: Captain Jim reported that the Woody is doing well in the water at the Haverstraw marina. At the end of this month or the beginning of April the boat will be brought back to Beacon to prepare for the season. There will be a work party in advance of transit to remove the tarp and frame. Details will be announced soon. Tomorrow: a Captain's Meeting at 9:00 a.m., a Sailor's Meeting at 10:00 a.m. followed by a whipping and splicing workshop and potluck led by Mate James. Captain Jim also noted that there may be an opportunity for the Woody to participate in the Cornwall Festival on June 7th this year, if plans work out.

Lecture Series: Alan T. thanked everyone for helping out with Manna Jo Greene's talk on nuclear plant decommissioning last month. He said Manna Jo did a really good job of going over the facts and issues related to the Indian Point plant, and showed us how we can get involved with helping chances of a good outcome there.

The next talk is at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Sloop Club: Christopher Spatz will speak on "Bringing Back the Legend: Cougar Recovery in Eastern North America," based on the work of the Rewilding Foundation. The April date is still being worked out, but the May speaker is David Amram. He will talk about his role in Beat-era poetry and in folk music. Alan is still looking for a portable electronic keyboard with weighted keys to be used in the May presentation.

Woody Dinner: Joyce told us that The Woody Dinner will take place at St. Rocco's Society in Beacon on Sunday, March 29th. The event will run from 4:30 to 9:30, with appetizers, and cash bar at the outset and a buffet dinner at about 6:30 p.m. Judith Tulloch and her band will play throughout the evening. Tickets are \$40.00 and can be purchased directly from the club, or online at www.woodydinner.2020.bpt. Prizes are available for up to four people who buy their tickets online.

Environmental Report: Susan told us that the deadline for public comments to the NRC regarding the transfer of ownership of the Indian Point plant from Entergy to Holtec has been extended to March 25th. If you haven't read the info provided by Clearwater about the issues or signed a letter to add to public comments, they are here for that purpose tonight.

She explained that Manna Jo, who is a nationally recognized speaker on safe nuclear reactor decommissioning, laid out the problems we face at Indian Point very clearly. It will take decades to decommission the reactors and ponds safely, which should be our greatest concern. As long as Indian Point is producing power it is an asset to Entergy, but once the decommissioning begins, it becomes a liability. Current workers are familiar with the intricacies of the plant while new workers hired by Holtec to cut costs would not have their familiarity of years of Indian Point training and perspective. Also, losing their jobs will disrupt their lives and their community. Susan said politicians respond to our comments, so the more they received, the greater the chance of blocking the sale.

Woody Nickels: Konstantin reported that \$48.00 were donated through the "Woody Nickels" in January, the best month so far. He hopes an additional \$10 or \$20 beyond that can come in each month, which will make the program a significant income stream for the Woody. Keep up the good work!

River Sweep: Susan asked us to mark our calendars on May 2nd and hold the date for "River Sweep."

Announcements: Allen Zollner, told us that the fundraiser to benefit River Pool operations, the "Newburg to Beacon Swim," will occur on July 25th this year. Allen noted the river is one mile wide between the two cities, and takes on average about 45 minutes to swim across. It is the equivalent of 72 pool lengths. At the event kayaks and a support boat are there to help swimmers who need a rest. The Woody will be on hand, too. More information will soon be at www.riverpool.org.

Barbara McCaskill, president of Les Soeurs Amiables Civic Club of Beacon joined us to seek donations for their BHS graduate college scholarship program. Donations can be applied to advertisements in the program for this year's Annual Spring Scholarship Luncheon, which will be held on April 18th at Dutchess Manor on Route 9D, Beacon. The theme of this year's luncheon will be "First Ladies/Pillar of Strength," referring to the wives of pastors in our area churches. The keynote speaker will be First Lady Vernice Collins of Shilo Baptist Church, Ellenville, NY. The hat was passed and \$107.00 was raised to help the effort.

Wayne Kocher came to the microphone to give us more information relating to nuclear power containment. He had the opportunity to speak with people who have been involved with the Fukushima Daiichi plant meltdown in Japan, and told us that despite all their effort, the fuel is still melting down and not entirely contained. Still more reason for caution and care at Indian Point.

Joyce Hanson announced that on March 22nd the "Movies that Matter" series will show "Following the North." The screening takes place at McKinley Hall at the 1st Presbyterian Church, Liberty St., Beacon. Joyce also reminded us that the sailing class program starts April 8.

It was announced that the Fifth Annual Women's Work Concert will be held on April 19th at Howland Cultural Center. The concert benefits the Sloop Woody Guthrie. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door.

With no further announcements, president Susan adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Tom Elliott

We have until March 25, 2020 to stop one of the greatest threats our region has ever faced: the pending sale of the Indian Point nuclear plant to an unqualified, untrustworthy company called Holtec. Here's how — and why — you need to weigh in:

[Weigh in via eMail](#)

[Weigh in via the Web](#)

Entergy has applied to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for approval to sell the plant and transfer its licenses to an company called Holtec. Not only does this risk further and worse contamination of the land and water around Indian Point, it means that if decommissioning costs more than expected, Holtec can simply declare bankruptcy, and Entergy will have no further responsibility.

You can encourage the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to deny permission for Entergy to transfer the license to Holtec via the public comment process. Public comment on the license transfer process is open for one more month, until **March 25th**. Information on how to comment is posted at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

Holtec is a poor choice for dismantling and remediating Indian Point and safeguarding its radioactive waste, and it's already telegraphing it will do a bad job. Among Holtec's many disqualifying problems:

- Holtec lacks experience in nuclear plant decommissioning.
- Holtec's record is full of malfeasance — bribery, fraud, getting barred from doing business with entities like the TVA and the World Bank, lying to public officials, risk-taking, dangerous incompetence and contempt for public concern or input.
- Holtec's complex subsidiary structure of siloed, undercapitalized LLCs shields it from liability and accountability. Its side businesses pose serious conflicts of interest.
- Holtec is privately held and secretive about its finances. It hasn't demonstrated the capitalization required to complete the estimated \$1.3 billion decommissioning, as opposed to walking away and sticking taxpayers with the consequences and costs. Its business model is about using the ratepayer financed decommissioning trust fund and taxpayer money to maximize its profits.
- In a premature and improper report filed with the NRC about its plans, Holtec lowballed its decommissioning cost estimate, even though there isn't even an assessment of site conditions to base an estimate on. The company ignored the Algonquin gas pipeline passing near Indian Point's critical components, even though that complicates decommissioning and raises risks of rupture and fire. It plans to do nothing about radioactive contamination of groundwater. It won't remediate contaminated soil at the site any deeper than 3 feet. It stated it is considering shipping radioactive wastes by barge down the Hudson, raising a host of unacceptable risks.

Submitting a comment is easy and will just take a few minutes. But if the sale of Indian Point to Holtec goes through, our region will be stuck with the consequences of whatever Holtec does, or fails to do, for decades, perhaps even centuries, to come. [Comment now via the Web!](#)

How to Submit Your Comments to the NRC

Here are ways to send your comments to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on whether it should approve transfer of Indian Point's licenses to Holtec. Comments are due by March 25th, 2020.

1. Automatically via eMail:

Simply click [here](#), insert your full name and address, modify the message (optional) and press "send".

2. Via the Federal Rulemaking Web Site:

Go to <https://www.regulations.gov/comment?D=NRC-2020-0021-0002> and fill out the comment form. A sample comment is shown below. Please read the sample comment below and change or add to it as you see fit. Personalized comments have more impact, but it's also okay to submit the sample comment as is, provided you agree with it and don't choose to edit it further.

3. Submitting Comments via Email

Manually:

When the comment letter is the way you want it, you can to email it to Hearing.Docket@nrc.gov. Just complete the required fields below and send your email. Make sure to include "**Docket ID NRC-2020-0021**" in the subject line. You should receive an automatic email reply confirming receipt. If you don't, contact the NRC at 301-415-1677.

Contact Information

Be sure to include the following information in your email:

- ***First Name:**
- ***Last Name:**
- ***ZIP Code**

Without this information, the NRC may ignore your comment. Be sure to include it in your email, as shown in the sample below.

4. By U.S. Mail:

Mail comments to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff. Be sure to include the **Docket ID NRC-2020-0021**, as well as the same contact information as required for email:

- ***First Name:**
- ***Last Name:**
- ***ZIP Code**

Sample letters may be found at Clearwater's website. <https://www.clearwater.org/latest-news/hold-entergy-accountable-for-indian-point-decommissioning/>

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Beacon Sloop Club, Inc.
Profit & Loss
January 2020

	<u>Jan 20</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	
Bonnie and Saul Rozinsky Fund	2500
Food Pantry donation	2.00
Network for Good	805.00
Woody Nickels	48.65
Contribution, Gifts, Grants - Other	490.00
Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants	<u>1,345.65</u>
Gross Sales of Inventory	
Woody Mug	45.00
Total Gross Sales of Inventory	<u>45.00</u>
Investment Income	
Interest-Business	193.80
Interest-Checking	2.95
Interest-Money Market	11.77
Total Investment Income	<u>208.52</u>
Membership	
Snailmail	719.00
Membership - Other	50.00
Total Membership	<u>769.00</u>
Special Event	
Little boxes fundraiser	
Artwork Paid / Donated	225.00
Total Little boxes fundraiser	<u>225.00</u>
MLK essay contest - donation	300.00
Woody BBQ	20.00
Total Special Event	<u>545.00</u>
Total Income	<u>2,913.17</u>
Gross Profit	2,913.17
Expense	
Facilities	
Festival	160.35
Utilities	31.94
Woody Maintenance	-375.48
Total Facilities	<u>-183.19</u>
Other Expenses	
Donation	
Food Pantry	850.00
MLK gift cards - essay contest	300.00
Total Donation	<u>1,150.00</u>
Membership dues	240.00
Quickbooks	75.00
Website	50.97
Total Other Expenses	<u>1,515.97</u>
Printing, etc.	
Broadside	195.76
Postage, Mailing Service	5.50
Total Printing, etc.	<u>201.26</u>
Special Events Expenses	
Special Events Facilities	
Lecture Series	100.00
Total Special Events Facilities	<u>100.00</u>
Total Special Events Expenses	<u>100.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>1,634.04</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>1,279.13</u>
Net Income	<u>1,279.13</u>

	(old way)	(new way)
Opening Cash Balance 1/1/2020	\$82,362.04	\$96,196.58
Closing Cash Balance 1/31/2020	\$83,641.17	\$100,063.26 *
Unrestricted	\$76,979.04	\$76,979.04
Restricted	\$6,662.13	\$23,084.22 **
BSRF Opening 1/1/2020	\$13,834.54	\$13,834.54
Contribution	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Change in Investment value	\$87.55	\$87.55
B & S Rozinsky Fund 1/31/2020	\$16,422.09	\$16,422.09

*closing cash balance now will reflect general unrestricted and restricted funds



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.bottlecanreturns.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 accept 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., Mar. 24, 7:00pm.

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting, Apr. 3— potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m

Please note: Due to the current situation with the COVID-19 virus and in the interest of good citizenship, the March Lecture and the Woody Guthrie Dinner have been postponed.

The situation is fluid and we do not have new dates established at this time.

Anyone who has purchased tickets to the Woody Dinner and would like a full refund, please contact us at: <mailto:beaconsloopclub@gmail.com>

We hope that events will resume soon. Please check our website or Facebook page for updates.

At this point we think outdoor Woody Maintenance activities will continue. We encourage all to take appropriate precautions for their own safety and the safety of others.

Stay Healthy !!

Hold the date: Riversweep May 2

Anyone wishing to join a Woody crew can contact any captain or Jim Birmingham to sign up. No experience is required. We will train you.

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:

<https://www.clearwater.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Letter-to-membership.pdf>

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

<https://www.clearwater.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Follow-up-Celebration-2020.pdf>

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.

*Fifth Annual
Women's Work
Concert*
Benefit Sloop Woody Guthrie
Sunday, April 19 @ 2pm
\$15 in advance
\$20.00 @ the door

Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St
Beacon, NY 12508
www.howlandculturalcenter.org
845.531.4985

Performers:
Amy Soucy
Marji Zolte
Judy Kass
Anny Laber
Marcy Poppkins
Hope Altkin
Lynlie Adams
Davis
Sarah Dale
Shariien Leiby
Elly Winger
Lara Hersovitch
ReSisterhood
Colson
Kattian
Miss Vicki
AND MORE!!!!

Details of calendar events may be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

For more info about the BSC: www.beaconsloop.org, or www.beaconsloopclub.org