

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 47 Years

A Message from Our President

The leaves fall, pumpkins return to the earth, carp begin their winter descent to the river bottom; time has come for all that is orange to leave us.

We spent two glorious October days sweeping the river and celebrating the pumpkins, the harbor is put to bed, the clubhouse is once again cleaned up inside and out, and the Woody, all downrigged, has transited to its winter berth in Haverstraw. Thank you to everyone who joined in to make our October events so successful and fun! Special thanks to our friend Mark Weiner, who sewed us a beautiful sleeve sock to cover and winterize the Woody's mast and contain the running rigging in one neat weather safe package.

As one election hopefully comes to a close, ours draws near. Since we have never not held the election in the Sloop Club before, we have new options in place to help you in this process.

We will be voting at our December Google Meet meeting via Survey Monkey, which we tested successfully at our November Board Meeting. The only catch is that you must be online at the meeting to receive your ballot, so we have come up with a solution for people who attend by phone.

Typically, many of us renew our membership as we enter the meeting, in order to be current to vote. This year, if you have not yet renewed, and prefer the traditional touch to the postal service, we will have a table at the Sloop Club from noon to 7:00 on the Friday of the December meeting so you can renew in person, and even cast your vote in an anonymous drop box if you will be attending the Google Meet meeting by phone (or just want to vote in person).

Please let us know if you need further assistance. Your voice counts! Pete used to remind us at our elections that even our smallest child member could and should vote!

We're working on bringing you a virtual Holiday Sing this year. Let me know if you'd like to perform. It should be merry and bright!

Happy Thanksgiving and see you in December!
For the river,
Susan

Inside this issue:

Winter quarters, election covid-style, a prepping for winter, and much, much more.....

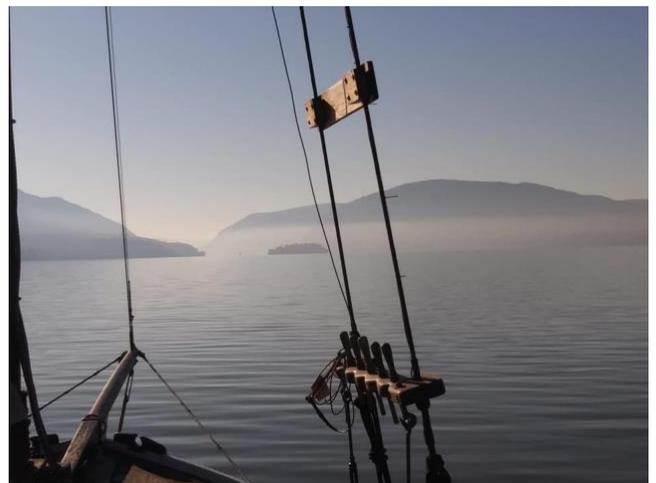


Photo by James Malchow

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING November 24, 6:00 p.m.
NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, December 4, 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, November 6, 2020, recorded by Tom Elliott

Lydia Adams Davis sang for us and Susan called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm, welcoming everyone.

Treasurer Aaron shared the **Profit and Loss Report** for September 2020, which is in the newsletter, below.

Susan welcomed Steve Stanne who gave us an update on **Clearwater activities**. The Pumpkin Sail Concert was a success. It was the first live concert broadcast by CW. Viewers donated \$4,357 which was matched by \$2,000 of support from board members. 140 people viewed in all. The Clearwater is in its winter home in Kingston now, down rigged for winter maintenance. The next board meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 10. Join us through the link on the web site. Work now is focused on establishing working committee agendas. Rosemary Thomas is working on the Development Committee, doing a great job. Henry Neal is working on the Properties Committee and is looking for help from people with building maintenance experience. Sloop Club members interested in lending their expertise, please email Steve at president@clearwater.org. Work on the Strategic Plan is going forward, with comments coming in from people outside the Clearwater organization. Ralph S. asked if Clearwater was looking for volunteers to help with winter sloop maintenance, and Steve said he thinks that might be tough this year due to Covid work restrictions. Susan thanked Steve for joining us and told us that **Manna Jo Greene** wanted us to know that she will be in touch with three action alerts we can help on. Details will be in her email.

Captain Steve gave the **Woody Report**. The Woody is down rigged and ready to transit to Haverstraw. Arrangements with the marina there are set, and the cost for the winter is the same as last year. We will have a new "Sunbrella" mast cover, sewn by Mark Weiner at no cost. Mark does excellent work and some of his products (sea bags and masks, etc.) are available at Clearwater.org. Steve suggested we make Mark an honorary Sloop Club member. The Woody's lines have been marked with canvas tags to speed up rigging in the spring. We need a new shrink wrap cover over roof structure when setting up in Haverstraw, which should have a three-year life span. Jim Birmingham is planning a **Sailor's Meeting** online Wed. from 7-8 pm. Six or seven sails took place over the summer to test work that had been done.

Jim Birmingham next gave the **Harbor Report**. All moorings, buoys, and markers are put away for the season, and docks have been moved to the long dock awaiting their trip to White's Marina for winter storage except the charging dock, which will join them when the Woody has left.

Alan Thomas reported that planning and schedule building for the winter **Lecture Series** is underway, but not ready to be published yet.

Susan reported that the **Oct. 18th Pumpkin Celebration** for members outside the club house was a great success. She thanked Alan and Rosemary for all their work on cooking and set up. It was a marvelous time, with many old friends attending. There was so much food -- pie and cider never ran out, and Susan thanked all who came, contributed and worked for making it a great event. Tom LaBarr received

thanks for bringing the 47 lb. pumpkin which was raffled by guessing its weight. Susan also thanked Steve Stanne for donating his excellently-maintained sound system to BSC during the event.

Joyce reported that **Riversweep**, held on Oct. 17th, was a wonderful event. Rebecca Rew of Clarkson Institute was there and gave a marvelous walking talk on invasive species. Volunteers cleaned up 870 lbs. of trash. She thanked her co-coordinator, Metal, for all his work, and Susan thanked Joyce for a great job of organizing and carrying out the event safely and successfully under difficult conditions.

Election of officers will take place at the December General Membership Meeting; Anonymous voting may be done during the meeting by a Survey Monkey link that will be displayed in the chat box. Phone users may vote by voice, if they choose. To cast votes, members must be in good standing (dues paid). You may renew in advance by mail or using the website link. For those who need to renew in person, there will be members at the Club House for a few hours before the meeting on the 4th.

Joyce made a motion to nominate all the current officers for another term. Betty seconded the motion. The motion passed after discussion. Susan called for other nominations and none were made. Nominations will be open at the December meeting prior to voting.

Tom LaBarr gave an **Environmental Committee** report. He told us the plastic spoons and forks we have been using at festivals break down slowly. He is researching the cost effectiveness of using inexpensive metal utensils instead. There was discussion of washing and reusing the plastic ones, rate of loss at festivals, and the idea of trying to change the habits of festival attendees by encouraging them to bring their own utensils to events, reducing the need for disposables. Signs and notices in our event publicity would be needed to help this work. Tom will finish his research and make a proposal to the executive board.

Due to the pandemic, **Little Boxes** must be canceled. The scope of the event is too large for current gathering rules. Joyce suggested we do some sort of donation event for the **Beacon Food Pantry**, since the "pass the hat" option won't be available to us this year. Alan asked if there would be a **Holiday Sing** this year, and if so, maybe a virtual Holiday Sing could be a fundraising vehicle for the Beacon Food Pantry. Susan said she will talk with Aaron about that idea and bring it to the executive board.

Quarantine Outreach: Susan reported that Amy LaBarr has reached out to Nora Kiley, helping her on several occasions. No others in need were noted.

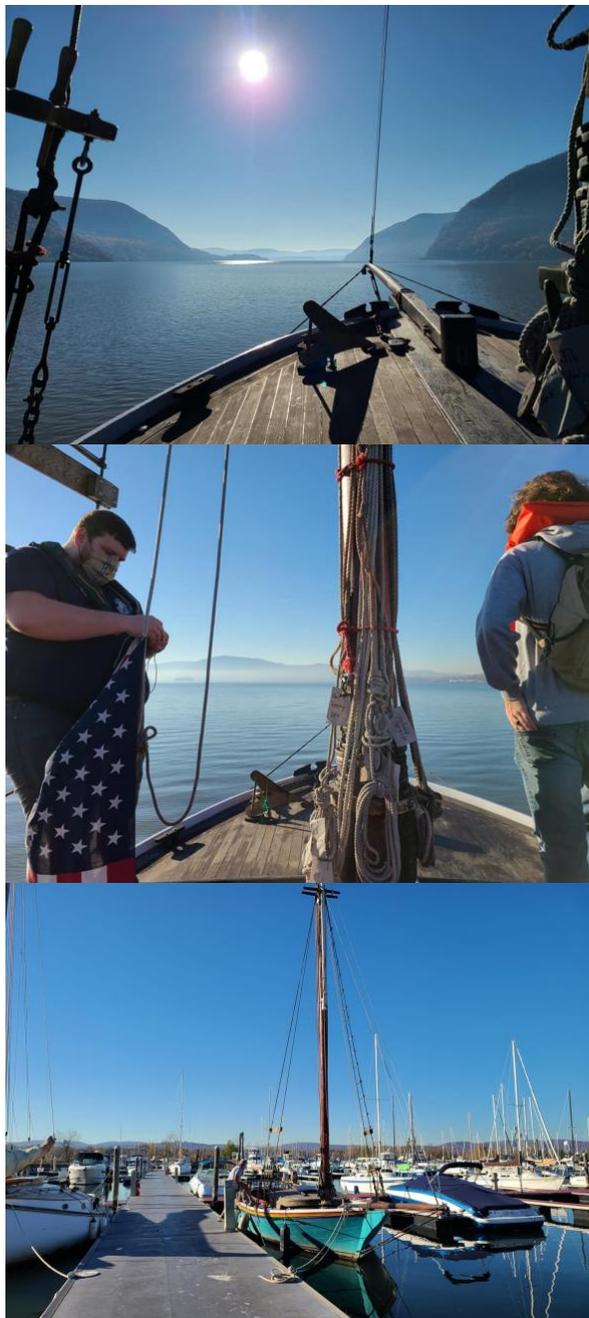
Announcements:

Alan Zollner announced that **2021 River Swim** will be held on July 24, with an 8:55 am "splash in" due to the timing of the slack before flood tide on that day.

With no further announcements, Susan adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm. The **Circle of Song** began, guided by Lydia Adams Davis.

The Woody Moved to Her Winter Home

Our socially distanced skeleton crew transited the Woody to Haverstraw Marina, where she will spend the winter in the water. There will be limited maintenance work over the winter due to covid restrictions. We will need to have a sufficient crew in order to install the frame and cover, so stay in touch with your captain.



Photos by Caitlin Doran

The Woody Sailors press gang met to fill positions for the 2021 season. James Malchow will be the chairperson for the Woody Sailors. Steve Schwartz will continue as maintenance coordinator, and Metal Winters will be secretary.

We want to thank Jim Birmingham for ten years of stellar leadership.

It's Election Time

At the November membership meeting nominations were taken for 2021 Officers. The following people were nominated:

President: Susan Berliner
 Vice-president: Vince Farina
 Treasurer: Aaron Verdile
 Secretary: Thomas Elliot

Nominations will be reopened at the December meeting, prior to voting.

In order to vote you must be a member in good standing and be present at the virtual meeting. We encourage people wishing to renew prior to the meeting to do so online or by mail as soon as possible in order for us to process them before the meeting. We will also have people at the clubhouse between noon and 7:00 on the day of the meeting to accept membership forms.

Voting has traditionally been anonymous. For those online we will post a link for voting. You will need to open the survey site and vote then return to the meeting. For those who join the meeting by phone we do not have a way for you to maintain the anonymity of your vote during the meeting. If you plan to join by phone and would like to be anonymous, you may drop off a ballot at the clubhouse at the times listed above.

Holiday Support for Our Community



It is a Beacon Sloop Club tradition to support local food pantries during the holiday period. This has been done through hat-passes at the general meeting and by taking donations at the Holiday Sing.

Since we are not meeting in person this year, we are partnering with Common Ground Farm to provide food donations to multiple local providers of food and prepared meals.

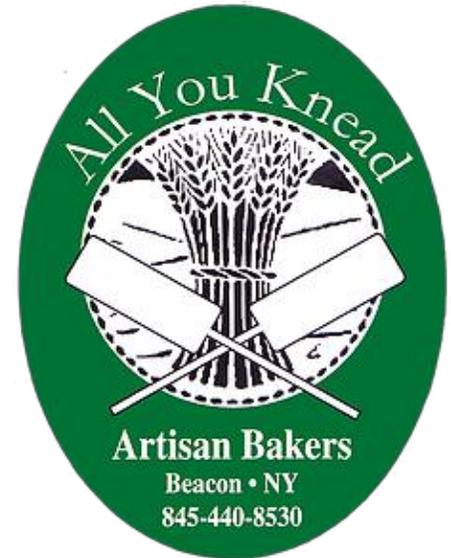
Those wishing to contribute should send a check made out to **The Beacon Sloop Club**, designating it for **Food Donations**, and mail it to:

The Beacon Sloop Club
 PO Box 527
 Beacon, NY 12508

Treasury Report - September

The Beacon Sloop Club, inc. September 2020

	Total
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	132.00
Corn Festival	
Vendor	-55.00
Total Corn Festival	-\$ 55.00
Gross Sales of Inventory	
Woody Hat	60.00
Total Gross Sales of Inventory	\$ 60.00
Investment Income	33.28
Interest-Checking	3.61
Interest-Money Market	5.88
Total Investment Income	\$ 42.77
Membership	
Paypal	50.00
Snailmail	165.00
Total Membership	\$ 215.00
Other Revenue	
Harbor Mooring Fee	750.00
Total Other Revenue	\$ 750.00
Pumpkin Festival	
Vendor	-165.00
Total Pumpkin Festival	-\$ 165.00
Total Income	\$ 979.77
Gross Profit	\$ 979.77
Expenses	
Bank Expense	
Change in Investment Value	415.18
Paypal	7.20
Total Bank Expense	\$ 422.38
Facilities	
Building	35.98
Utilities	147.89
Total Facilities	\$ 183.87
Other Expenses	
Website	19.37
Total Other Expenses	\$ 19.37
Total Expenses	\$ 625.62
Net Operating Income	\$ 354.15
Net Income	\$ 354.15
Opening Cash Balance 9/1/2020	\$ 108,449.17
Closing Cash Balance 9/30/2020	\$ 108,803.32
Unrestricted	\$ 84,881.04
Restricted (total)	\$ 23,922.28
B & S Rozinsky Fund 9/30/2020	\$ 17,340.95



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



Fall 2020 INDIAN POINT REGIONAL DECOMMISSIONING FORUM

Friday, November 20, 2020 2:00 -- 3:30 p.m.

To register:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020RegionalForum>

BSC Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday, November 27 ·6:00 – 8:30pm

Meeting ID

<https://meet.google.com/bcr-vgwc-pak>

[Join by phone](#)

(US) +1 662-502-2773 PIN: 481 767 331#



Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting Friday, December 4 ·6:30 – 10:00pm

[Join with Google Meet](#)

meet.google.com/onm-gkfs-hrc

[Join by phone](#)

+1 803-587-8953 PIN: 802 049 943#

We will be taking additional nominations for 2021 officers at the December meeting. Voting will follow. You must be a current member in order to vote.

Traditionally many people renew at the December meeting prior to voting. Due to covid, please try and get your renewals in early this year.

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.

The Virtual Sloop Club, Some notes and hints

We have chosen Google Hangout Meetings as our primary platform. Google has made their premium version available to us free, as a non-profit, during the current crisis.

You can join the meeting in many ways, as a full video conference, using your device's camera and microphone, dialing in on any phone as an audio only participant, or any combination of the two. So, everyone should be able to connect in some way.

For video conferencing we found that it works best if you use a Chrome browser, although other browsers do work.

[If using a phone or tablet for video conferencing, you need to download the app for your device.](#)

<https://support.google.com/meet/answer/7291339?co=GENIE.Platform%3DiOS&hl=en&oco=1>

Help for Google meeting is available at:

<https://support.google.com/a/users/answer/9300131?hl=en>

Mon., Nov. 23, 6pm. Hudson Valley Environmental Justice Coalition will present Catherine Coleman Flowers.

Catherine is an extraordinary leader in the environmental justice arena and is currently a member of Biden's climate change "unity task force". She recently became a recipient of a MacArthur Genius Grant. Register at

[Eventbrite Link](#)

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

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