

Beacon Sloop Club

Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 47 Years

A Message from Our President

Looking back on our year with 2020 vision, we could never have imagined what lay ahead. In Sloop Club history, we have never before experienced a year with no festivals, no special events, no Woody guest sails or classes.

Yet against all odds, you all kept our work going and our spirit sound. The Woody sailed, the harbor flourished, we had our meetings and lectures and live celebrations. We Riverswept the river. We did significant work on the clubhouse, inside and out, hosted a variety of grateful wildlife, stayed solvent, and were fortunate enough to be able to share with our friends and other important community organizations, including Clearwater.

Most importantly, we're still excited to see each other, and looking forward to the time when we can see our whole faces, in person, to celebrate our River and our work, side by side, up close.

The Sloop Club is still decorated for the Holiday Sing...a year ago! And sing we will! I hope to see you December 20th for our Holiday Zoom Sing, online.

Thank you to Jim Birmingham for 16 years of Woody Captaining, Harbor Mastering, Heading the Woody Sailors, crew training and sail class teaching, wonderful building, boat and festival work, and unending good cheer, camaraderie and friendship. He will be sorely missed. Jim, we wish you all the best on your new adventures on the Chesapeake, and hope to see you and Mona again soon, and often.

Thank you to everyone for all your many contributions this year! We have much to celebrate this Holiday Season.

Inside this issue:

The sun sets on our un-sailing season, covid carols, hearty masked and distanced volunteers, and much much more.....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING December 22, 6:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, January 1 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, December 4, 2020, recorded by Tom Elliott

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Mel, Vinnie, and Lydia sang for us and Susan called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm, welcoming everyone.

Treasurer Aaron shared the **Profit and Loss Report** for October 2020, which is in the newsletter, below. Next, he presented the **2021 Preliminary Budget**, in spreadsheet form. The final version will be voted on in January. The Finance Committee recommends assuming no income from events at this time and revisiting the budget mid-year, likely in June.

Susan welcomed **Steve Stanne** who gave updates on **Clearwater activities**. The boat is now under wraps and watertight. Any winter programs are uncertain now, but Steve will update us. A "Spirit of the Hudson" virtual gala is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 25. Please contact the Clearwater office if you have something you would like to donate to the auction, a part of the event. Also, a webinar series about the book, "*The Hudson: An Illustrated Guide to the Living River*," soon in its 3rd edition, is planned. Authors of the book will be speaking about various aspects of the river over four Wednesdays Jan. 13th through Feb. 3rd. The webinars will be free to Clearwater members and \$7.00 for guests. Giving Tuesday saw \$5,700 in donations come in. Also, the annual holiday appeal will begin soon. Times are tough now with no programming income, so all help is greatly appreciated. Susan thanked Steve for his update.

Manna Jo Greene updated us on **Clearwater's environmental activism**, telling us that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has tentatively approved the transfer of ownership of the Indian Point plant to Holtec International. The NYS Attorney General and Riverkeeper have filed a complaint with the NRC in Washington. The NY Public Service Commission has the power to stop the transfer, so Clearwater is continuing efforts to influence the decision. Manna is looking for help on the Indian Point Citizen Advisory panel online this coming week from locals to voice opposition to the transfer.

In Albany, Class C streams watershed protection legislation passed by the assembly and senate, was vetoed by Governor Cuomo, citing costs. The legislation would protect headwater streams that run into larger streams and lakes that provide drinking water. His veto can't be overturned, but the issue could be raised again next year.

Woodstock has become the 26th town in NY to oppose building a new Danskammer gas fired power plant on the Hudson. Look to Clearwater's newsletter for a link to a petition drive and more details on these and other actions.

Tom LaBarr asked Manna Jo about the **removal of some dams from Hudson tributaries**. Manna said Clearwater supports the removal of dams that limit fish habitat, but also wants to work with others on solutions to keep renewable hydroelectric power a part of our renewable energy mix.

There will be a **Harbor Workday** on Sunday. Please contact Jim Birmingham if you can help with the last items on Harbor clean up this season. Susan thanked Jim, who is now moving from the area, for his 16 years of service in the club.

Susan called for final nominations for 2021 officers. There were none, leaving a single candidate for each office. A motion was made and passed that the secretary cast a single vote for each candidate. Susan Berliner (president), Vince Farina (vice president), Aaron Verdile (treasurer), and Tom Elliott (secretary) were elected for 2021.

James told us **the Woody** is under a temporary cover in Haverstraw. A new permanent cover with a three- year life will soon be in place, allowing for winter work. Sailors keep in touch with your captains about workdays. James noted that at the recent sailors meeting, Steve was voted maintenance coordinator, and he was voted sailors coordinator. Jim Birmingham will be leaving our area after ten years of serving as sailors coordinator.

Alan T. will meet tomorrow with **Lecture Series** co-chair, Steve V. to plan the winter schedule.

Tom LaBarr spoke for the **Environmental Committee** about holiday decorations. If you are getting a tree, consider a live one that you can plant afterward. If you do get a cut tree, be sure to saw one inch off the trunk and start it out in warm water with a little honey and two aspirin.

The **Holiday Sing** will be held virtually on December 20th at 5 pm and will be a fundraiser for Common Ground Farm's food distribution program, including to St. Luke's and St. Andrew's food banks. Attendees can donate by check either during the event or in advance. Make checks payable to the Beacon Sloop Club and mail to BSC at PO box 527, Beacon, NY 12508. Be sure to write "for Common Ground food distribution" in the memo field. There are 27 performers signed up and Susan expects the event to go until about 8 pm. Alan T. told us the event will be on Zoom Vinnie and Mel offered to help any performers test their set up prior to the event. Contact Susan for information on getting in touch with them for a sound check.

Announcements:

Eugene and Nora said that Orange County activists will be placing signs in Newburgh opposing the Danskammer plant rebuild. Those wishing to join in can contact Scenic Hudson for signs to use in their own communities.

Alan Z. told us that Dec. 6 will be the date for **River Pool at Beacon's annual meeting**, held virtually. There will be an interview with Bonnie Tsui, who wrote, "Why We Swim," and the pool's original architect will be on hand to discuss pool improvement. See details on the web page.

John L. told us about a Zoom presentation of Dickens' "**A Christmas Carol**" on Sunday, Dec. 13th at 3pm, by **The 2 of Us** productions, with John as Scrooge.

With no further announcements, Susan adjourned the meeting at 8:56 pm, and Rob May led the **Circle of Song** that followed.

Clearwater's Environmental Action Update

Clearwater opposes NRC's tentative approval of Indian Point license transfer to Holtec:

A few days prior to the very successful [Fall 2020 Indian Point Regional Decommissioning Forum](#), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) announced that it was going to approve the sale of Indian Point from Entergy to Holtec, ignoring the request by the NYS Congressional Delegation for a public hearing and unresolved contentions by the NY State Attorney General and Riverkeeper. Clearwater recently issued a statement of opposition to the license transfer to this company, which has an extensive history of bribery, malfeasance and near-miss accidents. There may still be opportunities to stop this very unfortunate transfer, including the fact that the NYS Public Service Commission has jurisdiction over the application process. These recent developments make the passage of the NYS Decommissioning Oversight Board ever more urgent.

For more information, please see:

[Clearwater's Statement Opposing the Holc License Transfer](#) <https://www.clearwater.org/press-releases/clearwater-stands-in-opposition-to-indian-points-license-transfer-to-holtec/>

Support needed for the Climate and Community Investment Act (CCIA):

With New York State leading the nation with its Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), the question arises, "How will we pay to transition to a renewable energy economy?" Some funds will come from private investment, but if we are to move as quickly as the global climate crisis demands, we need to provide incentives for climate solutions by making the polluters pay for greenhouse gas emissions and co-pollutants, then investing those dollars, an estimated \$7 billion per year, into ensuring the renewable energy infrastructure is put into place, with the green jobs and just transition that will help us to truly build back better. The [Climate and Community Investment Act \(CCIA\)](#) <https://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?term=2019&bn=S03616>

will result in hundreds of thousands of new well-paid jobs, and billions of dollars of investment in healthier buildings, public transportation, renewable energy, and community-led solutions. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ek0H8OU9P5KGZ78X_HiBsOF1BqXmKZW/view

Please email your NYS Legislators to urge their support for CCIA.

<https://www.nyrenews.org/ccia-email>

2020 Holiday Sing



**Sunday Dec. 20
5:00 pm – 8pm
At the Virtual Sloop Club**

<https://zoom.us/meeting/86833659205>

Meeting ID: 868 3365 9205

(US) +1 301-715-8592

Passcode: 381748

Arrive at 5:00 to socialize and / or work out any potential technical issues. The singing will begin at 5:30.

Join your favorite Beacon Sloop Club musicians and friends for a very merry Holiday Sing! It will be a festive Zoom affair, full of holiday spirit and the joy of being able to raise our voices together in song to celebrate the season.

Even though we won't be in the Sloop Club (which is still decorated from last year's Sing!), this will be a live virtual event, complete with social times.

This year's Sing will be a fundraiser to help Common Ground Farm's food assistance program to multiple local providers of food and prepared meals. Your help will be serving many more of our friends and neighbors than ever. You will have the opportunity to donate during the event as well as after. We hope to make a generous contribution!

At the end, we will vote for our favorite Covid carol! The winner will receive a \$50 donation in their name.

Our platform has a 100-person limit so we will begin letting people in on a first come basis at 5:00.

See you then!

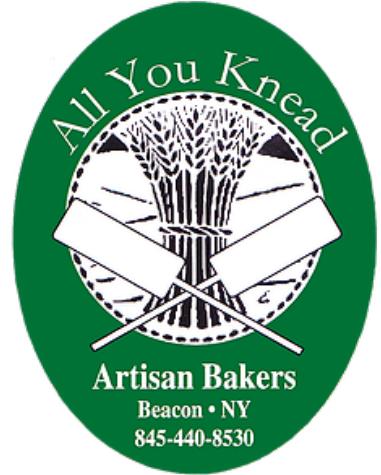
Those wishing to contribute should may send a check made out to **The Beacon Sloop Club**, designating it for **Food Donations**, or contribute by credit card at:

<https://beaconsloopcluboffice.org/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=11>

Treasury Report - October

The Beacon Sloop Club, inc. Profit and Loss October 2020

	Total
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	60.00
Investment Income	18.86
Membership	
Paypal	415.00
Snailmail	25.00
Total Membership	\$440.00
Other Revenue	
Harbor Mooring Fee	250.00
Total Other Revenue	\$250.00
Pumpkin Festival	148.00
Total Income	\$916.86
Gross Profit	\$916.86
Expenses	
Bank Expense	
Paypal	17.33
Total Bank Expense	\$17.33
Facilities	
Building	427.26
Utilities	29.88
Woody Maintenance	218.48
Total Facilities	\$675.62
Other Expenses	
Website	19.37
Total Other Expenses	\$19.37
Pumpkin Expense	7.98
Total Expenses	\$720.30
Net Operating Income	\$196.56
Net Income	\$196.56
Opening Cash Balance 10/1/2020	\$108,803.32
Closing Cash Balance 10/31/2020	\$108,999.88
Change in Investment Value	\$(262.17)
Total Balance 10/31/2020	\$108,737.71
Unrestricted	\$85,805.28
Restricted (total)	\$23,194.60
B & S Rozinsky Fund 10/31/2020	\$17,088.20
Board designated funds	\$5,001.96



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 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

2020 Holiday Sing
Sunday Dec. 20
5:00 pm – 8pm
At the Virtual Sloop Club

<https://zoom.us/meeting/86833659205>

Meeting ID: 868 3365 9205

[\(US\) +1 301-715-8592](tel:+13017158592)

Passcode: 381748



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

BSC Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 22 ·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, January 1 ·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#

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?cqo=GENIE.Platform%3DiOS&hl=en&oco=1>

Help for Google meeting is available at:

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

Please Note: The Holiday Sing will be using Zoom.

For Help:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206175806-Frequently-Asked-Questions>

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

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