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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 48 Years

A Message from Our President

Welcome home!!

The Sloop Club once again filled with music and life, inside and out, at our first live meeting in 15 months. Thank you to everyone who braved the spores to join us at the river. It was wonderful to see all your faces, in person. We miss our Zoom friends and hope you all make your way back to us for a summer meeting or celebration.

This month brings us even more to be thankful for! First off, thank you to all who participated in The Beacon Sloop Club's First And Possibly Last Spout Out Haikootenanny! Together we raised over \$5,000 to send local underserved school groups out sailing the Hudson, for transformative experiences aboard the Clearwater. We also discovered we have quite a few brilliant poets in our ranks.

Next, thank you to everyone who came down for the River Sweep, and helped return our shores and Sloop Club to a state of well-tended beauty.

As the Covid regulations gradually lift, we are cautiously optimistic about festivals, sailing and summer events. We know that given the current CDC guidelines, we are unable to plan for a full out Strawberry Festival in June, but we will have a Strawberry Celebration, modeled on last year's Corn and Pumpkin Celebrations, so stay tuned, come volunteer, and mark your calendars for June 13th!

The Harbor is all set for the season, and well attended in the capable hands of Kip and his harbor crew.

The Woody is almost fully rigged and ready to sail - captains are still discussing how to sail with guests in respect to social distancing, masks and vaccinations.

A special thanks to our long-time member, Judy Allen, and the Tompkins Cultural Center for their very generous donation to the Sloop Club from their Seeger Fest! We are most fortunate to have such good, likeminded friends in our community.

See you at the river-Susan

Inside this issue:

Back together again, saying goodbye to a friend, still time to stop Danskammer, revival is coming, and much, much more.....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, May 25, 6:00 p.m. NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, June 4 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

Name Street Address					
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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.					
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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					
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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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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, May 7, 2021, recorded by Tom Elliott

This meeting was held in person on the BSC Clubhouse grounds] Ken Miller sang to us, singing "As long as the Sun Does Shine" and Susan Berliner welcomed us, saying, "We are back home, and it's good to see half your faces!," calling the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. First time, visitors Ellen, Peter, and Ron were welcomed. Susan also told us that, sadly, we have lost Nora Kiely this past week, and tonight we will dedicate the Circle of Song to her memory. She asked for a moment of silence for her before commencing, and Judith Tulloch, sang "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" accompanied by Steve Franchino on flute, in memory of Nora. The executive board initiated a hat pass which raised over \$300.

Treasurer's Report: Aaron shared the Profit and Loss Report for March 2021, which is in the newsletter, below. With no questions, Susan thanked Aaron for his report.

Woody Report: Captain Steve Schwartz reported that the Woody is in great shape, with sails installed and the topmast up, she's better than ever. Crew training will begin in approximately two weeks. No guest sails are scheduled at this point. There will be a virtual full sailor's meeting on Sunday the 16th at 7:00 pm. If you are not on the sailors email list, contact James Malchow at jpmalchow@gmail.com.

Harbor Report: Susan gave the report, telling members that captain Jim Birmingham has moved out of the area, and that Kip Touraine is taking care of the harbor. The harbor is set for the season, with all docks in place and moorings set. She told us that there had been an incident with a dingy being commandeered, bringing the police down to the harbor. It was recovered with no damage or injuries.

Tom Elliott told the club the first ever Sloop Club Haikootenanny did well. 43 poets joined in, entering, and reading 110 haiku. The event raised \$5,000 to help Clearwater bring under-served students onboard to learn about the river and the environment. Tom thanked all the poets, attendees, Clearwater folks and BSC executive board for their hard work and generosity in making the first-time event a success. Susan thanked Tom for his report.

River Sweep: Joyce Hanson thanked Metal Winters and sloop club members for all their help in this year's River Sweep event. A lot of glass was cleared out from the banks thanks to the low tide, and a total of 1,200 pounds of garbage was transported to the Beacon transfer station. Plastic recyclables went, too, but unless they were #1 or #2 and clean, they could not be recycled. She thanked all who helped, with special thanks to Tom Schmeelk for providing his truck. Susan thanked Joyce for her report.

Strawberry Time: Rosemary Thomas said there will be a Strawberry Celebration June 13, for club members at the Sloop Club, like the Corn and Pumpkin Celebrations last year. Masks and physical distancing may still be required. Volunteers to hull strawberries, make shortcake mix, and whip cream are needed. James is willing to bring the oven. The event will start at noon, giving time to prep in the morning and clean up after. Rosemary hopes experienced bakers can be on hand and may organize a berry picking in advance. Stay tuned for details.

Winter Lectures: Alan Thomas thanked everyone who attended last month's film and Q&A session on "We Began to Sing." 130 people registered to watch the film. The next speaker, Bill McKibben, founder of 350.org, will speak on May 20th at 7 PM.

Building Report: Susan said the clubhouse was given a good cleaning this past Saturday by volunteers working concurrently with the River Sweep effort. The security keypad has been replaced, and she pointed to many repairs made in the Children's Area, with more to come this year.

Clearwater Update: Rosemary told us that Clearwater should be back on the River by May 16. She asked us to see the Clearwater ENews report on the website for updates on environmental activism. Rosemary wanted us to know that Clearwater really appreciates all the things BSC does for Clearwater and the community, and they want to work with us on getting under-served school children onboard when possible. Clearwater may be able to bring some kids from summer programs this year, and others from schools during the next full school year. This fall might be tough, as work on topside renovations to Clearwater begins this October, and school trips are hard to organize for September.

Environmental Report: Tom LaBarr told us that that the best way to ensure your recyclable bottles actually are recycled is to buy those that carry a 5 cent NYS redemption fee. He also told us that Orange County has very reasonable fees for acceptance of trash and recycling. As the current "single stream" recycling system has run into obstacles, he urges us to write to our local and state representatives about going back to older, tried-and-true solutions, like household sorting of recyclables and using glass bottles and containers.

Membership: Alan asked anyone present who needs to update their club membership to see him. He has not removed anyone from the mailing list during the pandemic.

Announcements: Matt Bowen pointed out a collection of household items from Connie Hogarth that are free for the taking near the front.

Judy Allen, the Pete Seeger Festival coordinator for Tompkins County Cultural Center, told us that the 5th Annual version of the event was attended by more than 200 and presented a check to Susan for the Sloop Club from the TCCC Board, saying she knew BSC will put it to good use.. Thank you so much!

Alan Zollner announced that the River Swim event is set for July 24, and that soft sign up has begun on the website for kayaks and swimmers (riverpool.org). Kayaks will enter on the Newburgh side this year, and other details for the event are continuing to be worked out with local officials.

Joyce Hanson came forward with several bottles of nice potables she was gifted with to auction. Three club members walked away with some new flavors to try, and \$65 was raised for the Haikootenanny event. Thanks, Joyce!

Gail Moran told us she recommends a new, environmentally friendly laundry detergent, Earth Breeze," that she had tried. Works as good as Purex, but without the harmful chemicals. Available in sheets or strips with minimal packaging. Give it a try!

Susan adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm, and the Circle of Song began.



You Rose Up and Spouted!

Many poets Zoomed To raise five-thousand dollars For under-served kids

We promise; that is the last haiku you will see in the newsletter for a while. We want to thank everyone who participated and thank you for your patience as well. This was a new event that presented a few technical challenges.

We had many poets from our membership, from outside of the club and from all over the country (Illinois, Maryland, Rhode Island, etc.), who contributed 110 haikus covering a gamut of subjects. The variety and quality were outstanding.

In total we raised over \$5000 to send under-served kids aboard the Clearwater to learn about the environment, the Hudson River and more. It doesn't get much better than that!

Congratulations to the people's choice winners!

Favorite-Soaring and Rapturous Full Circle - Marissa Happ

Favorite-Brilliant Beyond Belief but Not Beyond 17 Syllables The Work - Stephen Van der Merwe

Favorite-Funniest Jealous of Trash Can - Lionel Lutley

Favorite- Just Plain Strange *Wrapped in a Riddle* - Mel and Vinnie

Each of the winners received a custom Clearwater face mask and a certificate suitable for framing. We hope that you all had fun showing your creative side.



In Memoria Nora Kiely

October 7, 1947 - April 26, 2021

Nora was a long-time member and steadfast volunteer who was dedicated to the success of the club. In recent years you could find her staffing the ticket booth at festivals.

A social worker by training, she had great empathy for

others, especially children, and a strong belief in justice and equal rights. An advocate for the environment, Nora was also a member of Clearwater and active with the local chapter of the Sierra Club.

First and foremost, Nora was our friend, and we will miss her greatly. There will always be a place for her at the clubhouse and the circle of song.

In lieu of Flowers, donations may be made to: The Unity Church of Albany, 21 King Avenue, Albany, NY 12206 (email: office@unityalbany.org.) or to a Charity of your choice.

River Sweep – A Sloop Club Tradition







Hudson Valley Environmental Related News

- Indian Point: There is mistrust of the Holtec company that was given the license to decommission Indian Point Nuclear Plant where 20 million people live within a 50-mile radius.

In a letter dated 4/29, from Clearwater, signed by Clearwater Board President, Steve Stanne, sent to the NY Public Service Commission, the concerns of those at Clearwater are clearly discussed. While Holtec has agreed to maintain a minimum of 400 million dollars in a trust fund for 10 years, and another amount that has to do with site release, Clearwater is concerned because Holtec needs to specify equipment, including radiation monitors, involved in checking the spent rod pools and monitor the storage of the high radiation rods stored inside canisters. Monitoring is needed to reduce the exposure of workers to radioactive dust.

The gas flowing through the near-by Algonquin Transmission pipelines could pose a risk for explosion and fire, so possibly, gas flow must be stopped during stages of decommissioning. The transportation of the spent fuel canisters may be dangerous, as they will likely be bumped and shaken, whether it be by barge, train, or truck.

The State oversite committee and others need to monitor the progress of the decommissioning rather than the Nuclear Regulatory Commission which for at least two decades has had a cozy relationship with nuclear power companies. Holtec will gain big bucks when the rods are finally shipped. The concern is that the spent radiated rods will be too quickly shipped to New Mexico for waste burial in areas where Native Americans and low-income people live.

- -Clearwater Revival: Clearwater is doing amazing work to protect us and our environment. On June 19th, it is our turn to support Clearwater with their virtual revival. For information: www.clearwaterfestival.org.
- -Danskammer Can Be Stopped! There is a bill in the assembly (A6761) and a companion bill in the state senate (S5939). These bills, if passed and signed by our governor, would prevent new fossil plants, or the repowering of an existing plant. These bills must be voted upon by the end of June. 300 people signed up to speak at the March 31st public hearing. 94% of those opposed the Danskammer expansion. Once again people power is needed by calling your assembly person and state senator to support the passage of both bills.

- Two Arbor Day Celebrations: On April 24th, Gardner residents planted trees obtained from a \$1,000 grant from the State Urban Forestry Council. The first Arbor Day occurred on April 10, 1872, in Nebraska City. It's estimated that nearly one million trees were planted on that day. Interest in "Earth Day" has surpassed that of Arbor Day in the U.S.

Sixteen trees will be planted in the City of Newburgh culminating a program supported by funds from a \$19,000 grant from two organizations, TD Bank Green Space, and the Arbor Day Foundation. The grant includes stipends for four Newburgh youth of color to receive a 28-week period of learning and teaching about the benefits of trees in urban areas (Mid-Hudson Times 4/20/21).

- An Earth Day Celebration: Several Newburgh-based organizations joined together to sell composters (\$55) and rain barrels (\$69) to encourage reducing environmental footprints. They are on sale between April 1 to June 10. The pickup date is June 12th at the Safe Harbors Green located in Newburgh, at the corner of Broadway and Liberty streets. Composing reduces waste, and can be used to mix into garden soil, while storing rainwater lessens need for public water, and recycles rainwater. To order: orangecompostersale.ecwid.com. (Mid-Hudson Times 4/22)
- The First Earth Day was inspired by environmental disasters. Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson established it on April 22, 1970, to bring light to the issue of environmental responsibility and transforming the public's attitude. Not long after Congress passed major initiatives that would become the foundation of the nation's environmental laws, including the National Environmental Education Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act. www.howlifeunfolds.com

Submitted by: Nora Gallardo Beacon Sloop Club Member



We want to thank director Polly Wells for allowing us to screen her documentary, *We Began to Sing,* profiling Annie Patterson and Peter Blood, creators of the *Rise Up Singing* song books, along with their mentor, the late Pete Seeger.

We had 130 people view the film and around 40 people participate in the Q&A session with Polly, Annie and Peter. It was a fun and interesting opportunity to discuss the making of the film, the book project, and community singing, and of course a little music to send us off.

We know that some folks had issues trying to login. We have addressed this with the technical team at Show&Tell,



Clearwater is excited to announce that The Great Hudson River Revival will return virtually on June 19th, 2021! This year's Great Hudson River Revival will be live-streamed from 11 am – 11 pm EST on June 19th on <u>Clearwaterfestival.org</u> as well as Clearwater's Youtube and Facebook pages. While The Great Hudson River Revival is free to attend, Clearwater encourages viewers to <u>donate</u> if they are able.

Clearwater will be adding Revival veterans, as well as some newcomers to the

lineup: https://www.clearwaterfestival.org/performers/. All performances will be accompanied by ASL interpreters.

Be sure to sign- up for festival updates

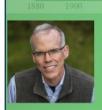
BEACON SLOOP CLUB WINTER EDUCATION SERIES

Down to the Wire--the Decade that Will Decide the Climate Fight." Free W/ Bill McKibben May 20 7:00 PM

"We've wasted 30 years, which means we have to squeeze four decades of work into one--it's on the bleeding edge of the barely possible, but a few things are breaking the right way, so no giving up."

Register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcodOuurTliGd02 QRbrVYLGMSFX8jKBxD62



Bill McKibben is founder and senior adviser emeritus of 350.org. His 1989 book *The End of Nature* is regarded as the first book for a general audience about climate change and has appeared in 24 languages. He serves as the Schumann Distinguished Scholar in Environmental Studies at Middlebury College, as a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences

www.beaconsloopclub.org

We are honored to host Bill McKibben for a virtual event to cap our 2021 lecture series. A distinguished author and leader in the global movement to address climate change, he has been speaking out and calling for action for more than 30 years.

He was awarded the Gandhi Peace Prize as well as honorary degrees from 19 colleges and universities, as well as the Right Livelihood Award, sometimes called the alternative Nobel, in the Swedish Parliament. *Foreign Policy* named him to its inaugural list of the world's 100 most important global thinkers.

This is an opportunity to get the perspective of a true environmental leader.

To Register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcod OuurTliGd02QRbrVYLGMSFX8jKBxD62

The Beacon Sloop Club, inc. **Profit and Loss**

March 2021

		Total
Income		
Contribution, Gifts, Grants		
IBM Matching Grants		500.00
Woody Nickles		10.00
Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants	\$	510.00
Investment Income		0.00
Interest-Checking		3.20
Interest-Money Market		5.09
Total Investment Income	\$	8.29
Membership		
Paypal		100.00
Snailmail		115.00
Total Membership	\$	215.00
Other Revenue		
Harbor Mooring Fee		250.00
Total Other Revenue	\$	250.00
Special Event		
Haikootenanny		210.00
Total Special Event	\$	210.00
Total Income	\$	1,193.29
Gross Profit	\$	1,193.29
Expenses		
Bank Expense		
BPT		10.59
Paypal		14.53
Total Bank Expense	\$	25.12
Facilities		
Utilities		162.44
Woody Maintenance		480.89
Total Facilities	\$	643.33
Other Expenses		
Donation		
Food Pantry		95.00
Total Donation	\$	95.00
Insurance - Liability, D and O		695.00
Website		19.37
Total Other Expenses	\$	809.37
Total Expenses	\$	1,477.82
Net Operating Income	-\$	284.53
Net Income	-\$	284.53
Opening Cash Balance 3/1/2021	\$	105,320.05
Closing Cash Balance 3/31/2021		105,035.52
Change in Investment Value	\$ \$	495.74
Total Balance 3/31/2021	\$	105,531.26
Unrestricted	\$	79,610.69
Restricted (total)*	\$ \$ \$	25,424.83
B & S Rozinsky Fund 3/31/2021	\$	19,809.82
Board designated funds	\$	5,002.34





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

Bill McKibben

Thursday May 20 7:00 PM

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcodOuurTIiGd02QRbrVYLGMSFX8jKBxD62

Registration required



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, May 25 6:00 – 8:30pm

At the Clubhouse

Meeting ID

 $\underline{https://meet.google.com/bcr-vgwc-pak}$

Join by phone

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

Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting

Friday, June 4 ·6:30 – 10:00pm At the clubhouse Backup only

Join with Google Meet meet.google.com/onm-gkfs-hrc

Join by phone

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

Strawberry Celebration Sunday June 13 Noon-At the Clubhouse

A chance for our members to celebrate the Hudson River, strawberry shortcake, and share a tune.

Many opportunities to pitch in. Stay tuned for details

Indian Point: What's Next?

An Environmental Justice Community Discussion

Clearwater invites you to an introductory meeting on Indian Point decommissioning and other Environmental and Climate Justice issues on Wednesday, May 26th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Click here to view the event flyer, which contains the meeting agenda as well as the presenters' biographies. During this event, we will share information on Indian Point's closure and decommissioning and begin to brainstorm how best to address relevant threats. Brief presentations will be followed by short breakout rooms with participants from paired EJ communities.



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

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