



## Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 55 Years

### A Message from Our President

Our annual Strawberry Festival, that highly anticipated staple of the Beacon community, was an overwhelming success. Thousands flocked to the park to enjoy themselves at the Festival on a picture-perfect day.

The entire Strawberry Festival team should be lauded for their heroic efforts. Despite delivery delays, truck malfunctions, threats of foul weather, and frenzied last-minute food preparation, the Festival went off without a hitch. It was a glorious, memorable event; one of the finest in recent memory. Everywhere, there were happy festival-goers enjoying the delicious food, sweet music and delightful wares throughout the day, all in plentiful abundance.

It would be impossible to thank everyone individually for their herculean contributions to the success of the Festival, but we would be remiss if we did not at least recognize the superhuman efforts of Rosemary Thomas, who coordinated this massive, multi-pronged undertaking, and Susan Berliner, who, with the wisdom of Solomon and the patience of Job, orchestrated the entire music segment. It is not hyperbole to suggest that the event would not have happened without the gargantuan round-the-clock labors of Joyce Hanson, Konstantin Doren, Beth Partridge, Tom Elliott, and Tom and Aimee LaBarr. We are deeply appreciative of all the superhero volunteers, who performed with grace, elan and endurance under daunting pressure. And it would be impossible to forget the steely resolve and unwavering persistence of Jay Armour, who heroically saved the day by skillfully navigating our rented truck despite overwhelming and unexpected challenges. We thank you all.

Our Sloop *Woody Guthrie's* appearance at the Strawberry Festival was the result of the efforts of multiple work crews busily refurbishing the craft for its star turn at the Festival, and for the upcoming sailing season. Countless hours were logged, sanding, oiling, painting, varnishing, repairing, and rebuilding our craft.

Two generous grants allowed for extensive rewiring of the boat and permitted critical electric needs to be addressed. We are grateful to Alan Thomas and James Malchow for procuring those grants. The captains and crews are eager to embark on a fresh sailing season. We are also excited to announce the emergence of the next generation of sailing captains and crew leaders. Jake Metric, Andy Fairbanks and Metal were recently named captains-in-training, and Max Smith is the newly minted First Mate.

Congratulations to the roughly twenty students who completed the BSC sailing class. A special debt of gratitude is owed to Mary Arnold for organizing and running the class and to captains/instructors, James Malchow, Ben Mazer, Tom Labarr, Steve Schwartz and Betsy Garthwaite for sharing their wisdom with the students.

We are saddened by the recent loss of our dear friend, Kip Touraine. He performed numerous roles with the Sloop Club for many years, and his impact on the club cannot be exaggerated. He will be missed.

Rob

### **Inside this issue:**

Thank you to all, sailing season begins, volunteer opportunities, SCOTUS, and much, more....



**NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday July 2, 7:00 p.m.**

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, July 5, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.**

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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.

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Additional Members at this address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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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**

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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](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org).

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# Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, June 7, recorded by Trish Murphy

## Opening music

President Rob May delighted listeners with a lovely classic folk song as he played the guitar.

## Opening Announcements

The meeting began with all individuals present participating in a moment of silence to honor the passing of our long term treasured member Kip Touraine. After president Rob May canvassed members, Thor was kind enough to volunteer to take the garbage, Gail was thanked for being the "Multrum Hero" for this month and Max Smith was given recognition for being next month's " Multrum Hero". New members Carol and Linda were given a warm welcome.

## Treasurer's Report

Aaron provided listeners with the latest Treasurer's report (See Treasurer's report for full details). No members had thoughts or questions pertaining to the report.

## Strawberry Festival

Rosemary began her reporting by encouraging volunteers to come forward. Saturday involves setting up tents, including the large strawberry tent, which boasts a center pole which was hand carved from a pine tree by Pete Seeger himself! Volunteers will meet both at the riverfront park and "The Yard" in Beacon (for the strawberry prep party).

The event is proud to support a plastic free environment and volunteers will be placed at the various sorting stations to separate debris. It was revealed Blu and another member graciously volunteered to sleep in the park to guard the expensive equipment. Joyce concluded the report by revealing the new strawberry festival shirts.

## Woody/Harbor Report

Captain Steve opened the report by informing listeners that the Woody will be out of service for approximately one week after the Strawberry Festival so that the boat could be rewired to meet Coast Guard standards by an experienced professional marine electrician.

The announcement was made that our very own Sloop club is now the owner of the "Long Dock" due to the recent purchase of such for \$500.00, a small fraction of its value.

Gail came forward to express her dissatisfaction of the purchase in relation to the secrecy of the board to the general members about the pending and final purchase. It was revealed that John McLaughlin had mentioned the purchase at the previous meeting, but this announcement was not entered into last month's minutes (due to the confidential nature of the matter – minutes are online).

Alan addressed Gail's concern with the explanation that the executive committee is empowered to make decisions where speed is critical. This opportunity caught us by surprise. Alan went on to explain that the information was not kept from the general membership due to it being controversial in nature, but rather because we were in contract negotiations with multiple parties. Other parties that may have direct and indirect ties to the club could have learned of the pending dock sale and put it in jeopardy.

It was very clear to the executive committee that access to the dock is critical to our mission. The leadership deeply values the members and their opinions.

## AED/CPR/First aid classes

Are available for the deeply discounted rate of \$25.00 per member(\$50.00 for nonmembers) The Sloop club's very own Antony will be offering the public the invaluable opportunity to become AED/CPR certified. Participants can add on additional First Aid training which will be provided at the end of the class for \$10.00. Classes will take place from 9am-1pm at the Beacon volunteer ambulance corp.

## New BSC Hats

Alan displayed the stylish new Sloop club hats which are available at the cost of \$25.00 to members \$30.00 for non-members. All proceeds benefit the Beacon Sloop club.

## Sailing Class

Mary Arnold, coordinator and facilitator of the sailing class, stated that certificates had been given out upon completion of the eight-week sailing class to participants.

## Riverpool/Class River Swim

Alan Zolner was proud to announce the coming of the 20th Cross River swim. The profits from the Cross River swim are allocated to the river pool. It was a dream of Pete and Toshi Seeger to give residents the ability to swim in the Hudson. Due to Governor Kathy Hochul's swim initiative we are witnessing Beacon's swim pools being adopted in other areas of the Hudson. Therefore, it is literally like seeing the dream of the iconic Pete Seeger and his beloved wife being spread up and down the Hudson. Volunteers are welcomed.

## Clearwater report

Rosemary informed listeners that six weeks ago there was a call to raise a minimum of \$250,000 dollars and thus far \$347,000 had been raised. She invited all to support Clearwater members or participants in the "Paddle for the Hudson" fundraiser program. The fundraiser goes until July 26th concluding with a celebration on August 3rd. Rosemary proudly announced the start of "Pay What You Can Sails" by Clearwater.

## Environmental Report

Captain Tom stated that a new bill aimed at reducing plastic packaging by 50% over the next twelve years had been passed that very day by a 37 to 23 Margin. Hopefully this bill will reduce plastics in the environment and dangerous microplastics in the human body.

## General Announcements

Joyce announced that the Sloop club had been given the opportunity to care for the pollinator garden located at the entrance of the dock. Members can sign up to volunteer through Joyce. Vicky stated that June 15 at the Yard is family pride day from 1-5 followed by a dance party from 5-9. A member brought to attention the possible expansion of a pipeline that runs through Dover and Athens. A member suggested we proposition appropriate sources to provide public restrooms by the docks to inhibit people from urinating on the Sloop club property.

## Adjournment

A motion to Adjourn was made and seconded at 8:52 PM. Circle of song followed.



### The Supreme Court Upends the Chevron Deference, Impacting Regulatory Agencies.

The Chevron deference was established by a Supreme Court ruling in 1984 which allowed regulatory agencies, such as the EPA, latitude to make reasonable interpretations of laws which Congress had left ambiguous or vague, and required the courts to defer to the agency’s expertise.

While the ruling was not retroactive and does not reverse the 70 Supreme Court decisions and more than 17,000 lower court decisions based on the 1984 precedent, it opens new opportunities to challenge a wide range of established federal rules and regulations.

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., writing for the majority, said that “agencies have no special competence” and that judges should determine the meaning of federal laws. While that may be true in a legal sense, critics point out that many regulations are based on specialized scientific and technical knowledge, beyond the experience and technical skill of most judges and congressmen.

In a dissenting opinion, Justice Elena Kagan wrote, “A rule of judicial humility gives way to a rule of judicial hubris.”

The implications of this ruling go far beyond the environment, to fraud protection, food and drug safety and more. Unless Congress takes action to empower the regulators, this will be a huge setback of all we have fought for more than 50 years.

Think about how long it has taken to establish rules for pollutants, over 30 years for forever chemicals, and then think about how long it would take if each one required an act of congress, was subjected to special interests and politics.

### Danskammer Energy Pauses

On June 8, 2023, Danskammer notified the state administrative law judge that it will not challenge recent rulings and asked that its appeal be paused for one year, at which time Danskammer would either withdraw the application or modify the project and submit a new application.

The judge previously ruled that emissions from the plant would interfere with state climate goals and that the New York state’s DEC had authority to deny Danskammer an air pollution permit.



### We were TikTok Bombed Wow, What A Festival

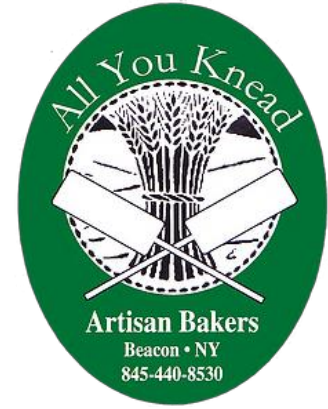
We'd like to thank everyone involved, our volunteers (festival workers, sailors, musicians, planners, etc.), our attendees, our sponsors, Key Food, NYS Music, Ryder, the City of Beacon (parks and police), our community partners (The Yard, All You Knead, Common Ground Farm), our vendors, the strawberry workers at Greig Farm and everyone else who made the festival a tremendous success. It's always dangerous to call out specific thankyou's, so we thank each and every one of you that helped in any way, but especially Jay Armour for taking one for the team.



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[TikTok2](#)  
[TikTok3](#)

**The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.**  
**Profit and Loss**  
 April 2024

	<u>Total</u>
<b>Income</b>	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	28.00
Corn Festival	
Vendor	160.00
<b>Total Corn Festival</b>	<b>\$ 160.00</b>
<b>Total Investment Income</b>	<b>\$ 207.50</b>
Membership	
Paypal	145.00
Snailmail	105.00
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>
Other Revenue	
Harbor Mooring Fee	250.00
Sailing Class	350.00
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 600.00</b>
Pumpkin Festival	
Vendor	80.00
<b>Total Pumpkin Festival</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>
Strawberry Festival	
Vendor	325.00
<b>Total Strawberry Festival</b>	<b>\$ 325.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,650.50</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 1,650.50</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Bank Expense	
Paypal	33.43
<b>Total Bank Expense</b>	<b>\$ 33.43</b>
Facilities	
Utilities	19.35
<b>Total Facilities</b>	<b>\$ 19.35</b>
Other Expenses	
Sailing Class	50.00
Website	34.30
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 84.30</b>
Printing, etc.	
Broadside	49.50
<b>Total Printing, etc.</b>	<b>\$ 49.50</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 186.58</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,463.92</b>
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<b>Opening Cash Balance 4/1/2024</b>	<b>\$ 131,451.28</b>
<b>Closing Cash Balance 4/30/2024</b>	<b>\$ 132,915.20</b>
<b>Change in Investment Value</b>	<b>-704.18</b>
<b>Total Balance 4/30/2024</b>	<b>\$ 132,211.02</b>
<b>Unrestricted &amp; soft</b>	<b>\$ 100,980.37</b>
<b>Hard Restricted (total)*</b>	<b>\$ 31,230.65</b>
<b>B &amp; S Rozinsky Fund (hard)</b>	<b>\$ 23,288.45</b>
<b>Board designated funds (soft)</b>	<b>\$ 16,088.85</b>



**Volunteer Leadership Opportunities**

**Building Committee Chair:** Maintaining the clubhouse is an important responsibility. While the City of Beacon owns the property, we are its custodians. The committee chair is responsible for identifying projects and organizing work parties and working the grants committee to identify funding needs. Some expertise in the building trades is helpful, but not required.

**Environmental Tent Chair:** Tom Elliott will be stepping down at the end of the year. This is a popular activity for both children and adults, sparking a sense of wonder at the diversity of life to be found in the river. You can join Tom and Pat at the Corn and Pumpkin festivals to learn the ropes.





## Current Calendar

### BSC Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 2, 7:00 pm  
At the clubhouse

### Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting

Friday, July 5, 6:30 – 10:00pm  
At the clubhouse

### Clearwater's FIRST ANNUAL PADDLE FOR OUR HUDSON RAISE FOR THE RIVER, ONE MILE AT A TIME! May 25 through July 26<sup>th</sup>

[Register or Support a Paddler](#)

### RiverPool's Annual Great Newburgh To Beacon Hudson River Swim

Saturday, July 27, 2024 – rain date: Sunday, July  
28, 2024

### Festival Planning Committee Meeting

Monday, July 1, 3:00 pm  
Hudson Valley Brewery  
7 East Main St., Beacon

### Clearwater Folk Picnic (Beacon, NY) @ Theatre at University Settlement Camp Aug 3 @ 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Open to the public live music event with children's activities  
(including a sprinkler to beat the heat!) and recognition of  
Paddle for Our Hudson participants.  
Food available by Eat Church.

### Beacon Sloop Club Corn Festival Sunday August 11 Noon – 5pm Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park Beacon



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.

### Clearwater Public Sail Adventures

Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM  
Kingston

Thursday, July 4, 2024 at 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM  
Fourth of July Public Sail - Poughkeepsie | Guest  
Musician Kyle Tigges of Trail Papa

Saturday, July 6, 2024 at 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM  
Poughkeepsie

Saturday, July 6, 2024 at 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Poughkeepsie | Guest Musician: Michelle  
Solomon

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 5:30 PM – 8:00  
PM Beacon | Pay What You Can

Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
Cold Spring | Pay What You Can



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

For more info about the BSC: [www.beaconsloop.org](http://www.beaconsloop.org), or [www.beaconsloopclub.org](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org)