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Message from Our President:

Technology may well be a solution to our environmental problems – if it doesn't do us in first. This is a paraphrase of a statement made by our own Pete Seeger on several occasions.

The political left in the U.S. fell behind more right-wing groups in use of the Internet and have only begun to catch up. Somehow many on the left seem to equate use of the Internet with a failure to follow a "green" agenda. Those fighting political oppression in many other places in the world and some highly active groups in the U.S. have found in the Internet a medium that allows them to reach large numbers of people quickly, at little expense, and with great difficulty for intervention by "the man." Today, through the Internet, I can be contacted for action on social and environmental issues by a multitude of activist groups, and I can assist them in influencing public opinion by rapidly bringing light to issues and heat to politicians.

The utility of web-based communication is a very compelling reason why we are trying to convert our newsletter, the Broadside, over to a largely web-based publication. 1) It gets the word out quickly; 2) It costs much less to publish and mail; 3) It uses many fewer renewable resources to produce; 4) It is much easier for readers to amplify its readership by sending electronic copies of all or part of it to others; 5) It is easily kept in an archive form online (or on your computer) for all to revisit when needed; 6) It is easily reproduced in hard copy by the reader, if needed; 7) It establishes our website as a primary focus for information exchange, such as the dates for festivals and other BSC activities.

Please elect to receive your Broadside via the Internet!

John McLaughlin

NEXT EXEC MEETING IS TUESDAY, July 24th, 7:30 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, August 3rd, at 7:30 p.m.

Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

BSC Membership Form

Name _____ Street Address _____

City _____ State ____ ZIP _____ - _____ Phone ____ - ____ - _____ Email _____

Amount Enclosed \$ ____ . ____ Renewal ____ New Member ____

Are you a Clearwater member? ____ Would you like information regarding a Clearwater membership? ____

Would you prefer to receive your newsletter in printed format or in e-mail format? _____

Please include your e-mail address if you want your newsletter e-mailed to you.

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 waved.

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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 is now accessible from the web: www.beaconsloop.org, or www.beaconsloopclub.org.

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by the 1st Monday after the Friday general
meeting
to lindab@usadatanet.net**

DONALD TAUBE, ONE OF THE ORIGINAL BUILDERS OF THE WOODY GUTHRIE, DIES

Donald Taube, age 64, long-time Clearwater person who was also one of the original builders of the Woody Guthrie, died unexpectedly on Monday, July 9, at his home in North Carolina. He is survived by a daughter, Jessica Taube. Memorial services are being held in his home town in North Carolina, but it is likely that there will be memorial services held for him here as well sometime in the fall, possibly on the Clearwater itself. Don's request in his long-time will has been to have his ashes put into the Hudson River.

Born in Durham, NC, and raised in Chevy Chase, MD, Don graduated from St. John's College in Annapolis where he studied philosophy and attended Columbia Library School. Don married Ola June Clifton (deceased) in 1976. Don worked at IBM in Poughkeepsie, but he left there to work with the Clearwater and he saw the Clearwater through some remarkable changes thru the decades. At first, at age 28, Don signed on as a full time Clearwater crew member serving as cook and eventually as captain. Don did caulking and woodwork for the Clearwater, worked as relief captain, did carpentry and was a master blacksmith on boats up and down the east coast, was captain of the Rachel & Ebenezer which sailed between Long Island and Connecticut, and at the time of his death was captain of the Pioneer at the South Street Seaport Museum and was in the process of restoring the Indy, a boat used to take people out to the Clearwater at the Revival.

Don and five or six others, including Andy Mele and Jim Kricker, built the Woody Guthrie forty years ago under a little tent in Bearsville, near Woodstock, NY. It was a labor of love, and the gang that built the Woody paid themselves only \$7/hr. Arlo Guthrie and his mother came up to Rondout Creek, Kingston, NY, when it was launched at a ceremony with around two hundred attending (1977).

Condolences can be sent to the family home at 217 N. 23rd Street in Wilmington, North Carolina. Pete Seeger suggests also that contributions can be sent to the Clearwater or to the Woody Guthrie in Don's name.

Overview May 22, 2007 Executive Committee Meeting

Discussion of Strawberry Festival – Local Strawberry sources have been sought, but not found. The Armor's and local dealers have been contacted, but no reply has resulted in a lead on local strawberries. A check on New Jersey Strawberries appearing in local markets indicates they are not of good quality although they look good. President McLaughlin requested that we wait until the very last minute to order in case local berries become available.

Susan Konvit, The Arts Alliance, located in Cornwall has requested that the Woody offer sails on September 29 from the Newburgh waterfront as a part of a large arts activity they have planned. She has offered an honorarium to the Club, and BSC is welcome to have a booth to hand out literature and sign up people to sail on the boat. Kip Touraine is setting up this sail.

Tom LaBarr reported that his printer is no longer a viable option for printing the Broadside. Ink cartridges are no longer available and a new option for printing must be found. The Committee agreed by consensus that a June newsletter would not be produced due to the pressures of doing the Strawberry Festival. This has been common practice in the last few years. In the mean time we will seek an alternative method for producing the newsletter. One option is to get as large a number of members to read or download the newsletter from the Internet as possible.

Tom LaBarr will use Environmental Committee funds to set up a trial CFL recycling plan for the Club. It will be very limited and offered only to BSC members.

Work continues on the Woody and it is not certain that she will be ready for Revival or the Strawberry Festival. Extensive work remains to be done.

Overview June 26, 2007 Executive Committee Meeting

Jay Armor and Polly Armor were present and offered allegations that it was Sloop Club policy to not get berries for the Strawberry Festival from local sources and protested that no attempt was made to get local berries

Executive Committee Meetings (continued)

for this year's festival. President McLaughlin stated unequivocally that no such policy exists and that he had asked those responsible for sourcing strawberries to get local berries if at all possible at General Meetings before the entire membership. Tom LaBarr stated that he had contacted the Armors by phone on three occasions and once by e-mail in attempts to locate local berries. Allegations were offered that a local berry source had been found just before the festival by the Armors and that this source had called Phyllis Newham. Phyllis stated she had received no such call. President McLaughlin asked the Armors to assist with locating strawberry sources for next year. They indicated that this was not their responsibility and, while they might provide information to the persons responsible for obtaining strawberries, they did not have time to go looking for them. Polly Armor gave Tom LaBarr information on a local web site that lists some local berry growers.– further he stated that he had made such a statement at the May and June BSC meetings. LaBarr indicated that a local politician in Marlboro has contacted him and indicated she is willing to work with BSC next year to obtain berries in that area should they be available (she had also e-mailed President McLaughlin). Mel Healy indicated that she can facilitate contacts with berry growers in the Pine Bush area next year.

Phyllis indicated this was a very successful Strawberry Festival with a huge number of volunteers and large attendance. McLaughlin asked for a list of volunteers to be assembled. Linda Beatty stated that a final accounting would be made when the vendor fees were transmitted to her.

There was discussion of the status of the Broadside and the need to find an alternative method of production. LaBarr has been contacted by John Griffith who has two used copiers to give BSC, and these may become the primary method for reproduction of hard copy. President McLaughlin directed that the newsletter be produced by Linda in 8.5x11 format and that Jim Birmingham use software at his disposal to convert this to PDF format for reproduction on the BSC web site. A concerted effort will be made to cull the hard copy mailing list to only those who wish to or must receive the Broadside via hard copy. Otherwise, it will be available to all others only via the Internet.

Mel Healy presented us with \$833 raised from sales of the Broad Old River CD.

There was discussion of the deteriorating state of the Multrum, and President McLaughlin was asked to contact the Clivus people re possible solutions.

The Committee voted to decline an offer for publication of 2,000 Sloop Club brochures for \$500. BSC has been printing the brochure through its own sources at no cost. The Committee did authorize the President to pursue updates and quality improvements in the brochure by its commercial author on a paid basis.

The Committee voted to cease to require the Treasurer to do the double bookkeeping required to maintain a separate Woody Fund from the Sloop Club General Fund. In the future budgeting for the Woody will be set up just as for other identified projects, such as the solar trailer or annual insurance fees. In those cases where funding for the Woody or other projects comes from special sources, such as grants, a separate accounting will be done to track those expenditures to satisfy the needs of granting agencies or other donors. The source of funds will continue to be listed – such as donations specifically for the Woody or other projects.

John McLaughlin

Woody Report

The Woody is making its regular nightly free guest sails. Also, she took out three boatloads of kids from Kids Place in Beacon on Tuesday, July 10. The Woody Sailors would very much like to take out more special groups such as this and urge members to contact youth groups who might be interested.

There is some concern that the boat is taking on more water than it should be at this time. The situation is being monitored, and Kip Touraine has called a meeting of the Woody Captains and the Executive Committee to discuss possible courses of action at 10 am on July 21 at the club house.

The Dyer dinks are in the water and available for use by club members. Contact Curtus Harvey about this. Our 20-foot Balboa has developed a leak and was hauled out this past weekend for repair. Hopefully, she will be back in by next Saturday.

Also, a Harbor work party has been scheduled for July 14. Contact Tony Monahan for details.

John McLaughlin

**THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU
AND THANK YOU A MILLION TIMES OVER AGAIN**

..... A big round of very noisy applause PLEASE--with HOOTS and HOLLERS--for all of you who showed up to help put on the best Strawberry Festival ever in the history of strawberry festivals!! Hats off to the first-time volunteers who so cheerfully put up with us, and to our long time friends who miraculously return every year with their talents, expertise, hugs and smiles. It is a pleasure to share this festival with each of you ...

Phyllis the Strawberry Festival Coordinator

PS- Corn fest is right around the Corner!!!

**BEACON SLOOP CLUB
TREASURER'S REPORT, June 2007
Submitted by Linda Beatty on 7/6/07**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Woody</u>	<u>Festivals</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
6/1/07 Total in Sloop Club Account	\$ 16,906.58			
<u>Income:</u>				
6/4/2007 - '06 Sail Class	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00		
6/11/2007 - Strawberry Festival Income	\$ 10,943.00		\$ 10,943.00	
6/11/2007 - Wood Raffle Tickets Sold	\$ 155.00	\$ 155.00		
6/11/2007 - Memberships	\$ 110.00			\$ 110.00
6/11/2007 - Hats & T-shirts Sold	\$ 240.00		\$ 240.00	
6/27/2007 - Harbor Fees	\$ 1,050.00			\$ 1,050.00
6/27/2007 - Memberships	\$ 295.00			\$ 295.00
6/27/2007 - Donation	\$ 300.00			\$ 300.00
6/27/2007 - Woody Donation	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00		
6/27/2007 - Donation from Sales of "Broad Old River"	\$ 833.00			\$ 833.00
6/30/2007 - Total Income	\$ 14,026.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 11,183.00	\$ 2,588.00
<u>Expenses</u>				
6/4/2007 - Special T's - Strawberry Fest T-shirts	\$ 503.25		\$ 503.25	
6/4/2007 - Robin's Warehouse, Inc. - Strawberries	\$ 2,450.00		\$ 2,450.00	
6/11/2007 - Toshi Seeger - Cream for Shortcake	\$ 208.00		\$ 208.00	
6/12/2007 - Robin's Warehouse, Inc. - Strawberries	\$ 294.00		\$ 294.00	
6/12/2007 - Nora Gallardo - Smoothie Ingredients	\$ 76.89		\$ 76.89	
6/12/2007 - NYS Dept. of Law - Charities Bureau Fees	\$ 250.00			\$ 250.00
6/12/2007 - Mailing of Forms to Charities Bureau	\$ 9.40			\$ 9.40
6/20/2007 - Linda Beatty - Postage & Supplies	\$ 44.47			\$ 44.47
6/26/2007 - Tom LaBarr - Strawberry Bowls & Spoons	\$ 379.40		\$ 379.40	
6/27/2007 - Ron Bel - Strawberry Fest. Tape	\$ 8.52		\$ 8.52	
6/27/2007 - Saul Rozinsky - Strawberry Fest. Supplies	\$ 84.32		\$ 84.32	
6/27/2007 - Phyllis Newham - Strawberry Fest. Misc.	\$ 120.79		\$ 120.79	
6/27/2007 - Central Hudson - Bldg. Electric	\$ 48.05			\$ 48.05
6/27/2007 - Safeco Alarm Systems - Security	\$ 90.00			\$ 90.00
6/27/2007 - Herring Sanitation - Portable Toilets	\$ 270.31		\$ 270.31	
6/28/2007 - White's Marina - Woody Maint. Supplies	\$ 208.19	\$ 208.19		
5/9/2007 - Bank Fees	\$ 15.99			\$ 15.99
6/30/2007 - Total Expenses	\$ 5,061.58	\$ 208.19	\$ 4,395.48	\$ 457.91
6/30/2007 - Total in Sloop Club Account	<u>\$ 25,871.00</u>			

SOUND BITES by Lucille Weinstat

Beverly Dyckman is a member of 3..count 'em ..3.. sloop clubs! She had moved from Massachusetts where she was a Health Science Instructor at the U. of Maine at Farmington, Mass., where she trained elementary school teachers in advanced CPR and First Aid. (She has a Masters in Health Education.) She was also active with the Ski Patrol. On moving to this area (Peekskill) Beverly worked as a dental hygienist and became a member of the Ferry Sloop club, sailing on the Sojourner Truth around 1981. She then joined the newly re-formed River Lovers as an archivist/ photographer. She sailed under Captain Dick Manley. When Beverly's husband had a life threatening illness (from which he survived), she found sailing both relaxing and rejuvenating. She has been a member of the Beacon Sloop Club since 1989 and has crewed and sailed with all the captains.

Captain Tom Baldino has loved water all his life. He got whipped for wading in puddles and ruining his good shoes. He was given rubbers (the shoe kind, of course), but waded in deeper puddles. His exasperated parents bought him galoshes; so he went wading up to his knees. He heard many sea stories from his dad, who had been in the Navy.

Tom built a boat at age 10 out of some very heavy lumber he stole from a neighbor, but his dad burnt it as he was afraid it would sink. When he was about 14, he built another boat (looking something like a coffin) with scrap pieces of wood. He stapled tarpaper around the outside to make it waterproof, and then floated it in a nearby swamp. Surprise- it rolled over. Not one to give up easily, he made outriggers out of 2x4s, which worked!

Tom graduated from the U. of Connecticut with both a BA and an MA in English and Literature, then moved to Greenwich Village with his wife. Having played the guitar since childhood, he now became involved with jazz--a lifelong interest. He began his studies at NYU for his PhD. When he and his wife split in 1974, he had finished all the courses and 130 pages of his dissertation (on African-

American Novels). He lost heart and never turned it in.

In order to support both himself and his ex, he worked in bartending, building maintenance, and child care. This last became his vocation. He was working with orphans and disturbed children for an agency. He became Executive Director of the agency until it folded when the Baby Boom petered out. He attended Mercy College and Lehman College, where he got another Master's in Special Education. He began teaching core courses to emotionally handicapped kids in an agency in Spring Valley. After a few years he began teaching at Children's Village in Dobbs Ferry. He taught there for a few years, when the administration tried to break the union. He and seventeen other teachers demonstrated. An injunction was delivered after they had begun giving out leaflets. Although the judge eventually ruled in their favor, the agency treated the teachers as criminals, taking them out of their classes and forcing them to sit all day for years writing lesson plans. He retired in 2003.

During this time, he met Marcia who had moved next door in Beacon. They eventually became an "item." He joined the sloop club in 1993. He took over from Lucille as Liaison with the Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition. He participated in a demonstration in Manhattan asking that the nuclear plant be closed. He and several others chained themselves to the front door of Con Ed (then one of the owners). As expected, they spent many hours in jail. Eventually the case was thrown out of court.

He got involved with the Woody when she had to have twelve new planks below the waterline and was out of the water. Tom worked on the Woody's rehabilitation three days a week for about three years commuting to the Piermont Marina. He then worked on it from the waterline up at White's Marina. At times he worked alone, sometimes with just Paul Heslin, and often with other captains and volunteers. He continues on despite his heart attack in 2005. He teaches sailing classes for the club, and captains on Wednesday nights. He and Marcia recently bought a trailer on 1.2 acres on the edge of a salmon stream in Malone, NY.

BEACON SLOOP CLUB CORN FESTIVAL: August 12th, 2007 noon to dusk
at the Beacon Waterfront Park. Yummy ears of corn, free music, free sails.

Corn Festival Coordinator this year is Denisha Goodman (658-7108),
cn00456@omh.state.ny.us

Personal Ads

MOVING. Free convertible couch (Stearns and Foster). Old but in good condition. Take it away. Also, Washer and gas dryer (27" deluxe lg. cap.Exc. cond.), picture frames, exercise stepper, small drafting table, table lamps, stereo, VCR, hand tools, shelves, etc. (some things free) and original art. Lucille 831-8190

NEEDED: Inexpensive one-bedroom apt. allowing pets & Section 8, preferably in a natural, rural setting. Linda Beatty 658-3506

MISSING: Heavy serving bowl with lid, green with leaves. Left behind at last meeting. Contact lindab@usadatanet.net.

Newburgh Free Library Lecture Looks at Historic Hudson River

Author and longtime waterman Norman A. Tardiff will present "A Boatman's View of the Hudson" at 7 p.m. July 23 at the Newburgh Free Library. In his slide lecture, Tardiff will discuss his book that describes features of the Hudson and regional history from Sandy Hook 300 miles north to the river's source in the Adirondacks. Historical details and little-known lore included by Tardiff will add interest to historical events, individual accomplishments and economic and industrial changes that have occurred along this important river. Call Newburgh Free Library at 563-3619 to register or for more information.

GLOBAL WARMING IS HERE.

It is up to us to try to make a difference. What do we do as individuals besides changing our lightbulbs? Lets think about it and make suggestions that other people might appreciate knowing about in the struggle to reduce carbon in the atmosphere.

Connie Hogarth has started us off by introducing us to the Septemer 4th Climate Emergency Fast. Please contribute your ideas and suggestions to the Editor.

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The Climate Emergency Fast, Sept. 4, 2007
Give up food for a day so others might eat. As global warming rapidly intensifies, the prospect of much more extensive hunger worldwide becomes increasingly likely, especially in poor countries. To draw attention to this threat and its moral implications, we are calling on thousands of Americans to voluntarily give up food for one day on Sept. 4.

Climate Emergency Fast (continued)

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Current Calendar

Executive Committee meeting, Tuesday, July 24th, 7:30 p.m.

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

African Drumming Classes with Kazi Oliver Fridays at 7 p.m. except the 1st Friday of the month at the BSC.

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-4 p.m., at BSC.

Corn Festival, Sunday, August 12, noon to dusk at the Beacon Waterfront

Clearwater Annual Meeting, September 29 at Beacon (more information to come)

“A Boatman’s View of the Hudson” lecture, July 23, 7 p.m. at the Newburgh Free Library. Call 563-3619 for registration or information.

Vigil for Peace every Saturday from 12-2 p.m. at the intersection of Rts. 9 and 9D opposite Staples and at the corner of the South Hills Mall.

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

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