

# Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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**Serving Hudson River with Pride for 36 Years**

## **A Message from Our President:**

This may be one of the rainiest summers on record for our region. It hasn't slowed our club down one bit! On July 31, we held our first ever Swing Dance fundraiser. The event was organized by Irene Gindera and was a rousing success. About 100 people attended and the club raised over \$1000.

On Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> the rain held off all day and we had a fine Corn Festival. In spite of the overcast sky and occasional drizzle we had an excellent turnout. Rosemary Thomas coordinated the festival and did a fantastic job. She had lots of help from an enthusiastic group of volunteers.

Little by little we are working toward a zero waste policy for both our meetings and our festivals. At the Corn Festival this year the plates on which we served the corn were made of a compostable material based on corn starch. We didn't sell bottled water at the festival either. For the second year, we sold compostable cups for 25 cents each and refilled them free with filtered tap water. Folks could get free refills in their own containers too.

Clearwater is well along with its plan to move offices from Poughkeepsie to Beacon. The historic white house at the University Settlement Camp on route 9D is being restored and renovated to serve as the new headquarters for Clearwater. Jonathan Wright, Clearwater's Volunteer Coordinator has asked that those interested in lending a hand call him at the Clearwater office, 845-454-7673 ext. 102.

See you at the river.  
Saul.

## **MARCELLUS NATURAL GAS IN NEW YORK...**

### **ITS IMPACTS ON THE ECONOMY, PEOPLE AND OUR LANDS**

By Peter Rostenberg

Last month's Broadside described how natural gas is obtained by horizontal hydrofracking (HH), a process that injects millions of gallons of proprietary (aka secret) toxic, mutagenic and carcinogenic petroleum products through water-bearing soils, into the gas-bearing shale that resides as deep as 9,000 feet below the surface. The pressurized liquid opens cracks in the shale. Gas is released and it flows to the wellhead as the liquid is withdrawn. An important risk is possible pipeline leaks at the depths where water-bearing soils reside. The risk is reduced, but not removed, if pipeline design, materials and installation take place under direct supervision by state agents. Fracking fluid is not biodegradable, and leaks can be hard to diagnose and can take months or years to become apparent. Engineers half-joke that they can safely run sewage treatment pipe through a body of drinking water. Is that what any of us want for the waters of New York?

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A great day of corn and music, a visit from the Navy, the adventures of Captain Patrick and much more...



**NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Monday, August 24th, 7:30 p.m.**

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, September 4th, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30**

# BSC Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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? \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 and newsletter are accessible from the web: [www.beaconsloopclub.org](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org).

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**Please submit articles for the Beacon Sloop Club Broadside by the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday after the Friday general meeting each month (early submissions are much appreciated) to [acthoma@yahoo.com](mailto:acthoma@yahoo.com)**

**Input requiring scanning must be in 1 week in advance  
 To: Alan Thomas PO Box 430, Hughsonville, NY 12537**

## Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes, August 7, 2009

The meeting opened with Ingrid singing a new song she wrote. Then the meeting was called by President Saul Rozinsky who welcomed everyone, new and old.

### Treasurer's report:

There was no official report as John McLaughlin has resigned. We are looking for a replacement. Balance on the financial sheet that was passed out was \$34,000. We cleared \$1130 from the Swing Dance.

### Clearwater report by Jonathan Wright

All contracts have been signed and Clearwater is beginning repairs on the White House so that they can move in. They have a grant to replace the roof. They will also be redoing the electrical system and repairing some of the infrastructure. They plan to furnish and decorate it so that the building makes a good impression. They welcome anyone who wants to help. In the long term they will be looking at alternative energy sources to supply heat, cooling and electrical power. Clearwater will be much more active in interacting with local communities. They are developing new programs such as the Street People, putting on more concerts, and having house parties. They hope you will participate. Contact Jonathon Wright at [volcoord@clearwater.org](mailto:volcoord@clearwater.org).

### Woody Report: Jim Birmingham

We are well on our way to giving free sailing trips to a record number of guests. They provided trips at the River Pool Swim; they will be sailing at the corn Festival, and at the Garrison Arts Festival. The Woody has developed a leak below the water line on the bow just in front of the mast. At present it is not serious and they are looking at various options for fixing it.

### Corn Festival:

The festival seems to be shaping up very well thanks to the efforts of Rosemary Thomas. We still need volunteers for set-up and clean-up as well as people to spell those who are cooking and selling. Set up will begin Saturday morning at 9 am and Sunday at 9am.

### Other Business:

Pete Seeger brought some new magazines and requested that we clean out the old ones from the magazine rack. He also discussed cutting down the dead tree at the southwest corner of the lot, but many people objected. A vote was taken and the majority voted not to cut the tree down. However, there is some liability in letting it stay up.

The hat was passed and we collected another \$100 in donations. This will bring us to approximately \$660 just \$340 short of our goal. We will be deciding how this money should be spent.

### Announcements

The **Ramble** will be on three weekends.

The 21<sup>st</sup> annual **Ecofest** will be held October 4<sup>th</sup> in Central Park in Manhattan. For information, to become an exhibitor, or to volunteer call 212-496-2030. For more information go to [www.ecofest.com](http://www.ecofest.com)

The **Water not Weapons festival** will also be held on October 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be concert at Frying Pan Restaurant at Pier 66 of 26<sup>th</sup> street.

Also on October 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a **WWII PT** boat visiting Newburgh which will be giving rides. They may even do a mock torpedo run  
October 24<sup>th</sup> is **International Climate Day "350"**. There will be a festival at Hasbrook Park in New Paltz.

A talk on **alternate energy** sources will be presented by the Unitarian Church in Washingtonville. Because the new church is not finished, the talk will be at St. Andrews Church on Route 94 Check for correct date as it is being rescheduled because of conflict with our Pumpkin Festival which is on Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in Newburgh there will be A **quilt show and quilt appraisal** (bring your quilts for an appraisal). Beacon Sloop Club member Lynn Eberle will be giving a talk on antique quilts and textiles. The event is being sponsored by the Newburgh Historical Society and will be at the Crawford house on Grand Street

Bill Hudson asked if anyone had **musical instruments** that they were no longer using and would they donate them to children in New Orleans. He will be taking another collection of instruments to New Orleans in the near future. You can contact Bill at [liberty-street@juno.com](mailto:liberty-street@juno.com).

Beverly Dykman spoke about the **Ferry Sloop and Riverlovers** organizations at Croton-on-Hudson. The Ferry Sloop Club meets at the Croton Nature Center on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday and Riverlovers meets at the nature center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday (Sept on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday). Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> there will be an open house at the Van Cortland manor house.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted

David Eberle Secretary



100 Years Ago  
"The March of Progress"



# Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

## Tuesday, July 28, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Saul Rozinsky.

A **Treasurers Report** was passed out but not discussed. We have a current balance of \$35,290.68. John McLaughlin was asked to give an accounting of the total amount raised by the hat pass.

### Corn Festival:

The large festival signs are up. There was a discussion of the boulders at the entrance to the peninsula park which will need to be removed to allow the vendors to enter. David Cohen will speak with Beacon City officials to get this done.

We need tin foil pans and sterno to heat the butter and roll it on the corn ears. About 10 lbs of butter are needed. Two steel cooking pans which will be provided by Ron Bel. We will be using biodegradable dishes and forks. We have also told the vendors that they need to use biodegradable if they wish to be considered next year.

1000 ears of corn will be purchased; Rosemary Thomas will get prices from several local sources before making a purchase. We will have chili both Vegetarian and non-vegetarian. Beacon Animal Rescue foundation will be serving corn bread. Ron will not be making apple fritters. We will again supply filtered city water to drink. The water is free but bio-degradable cups cost 25 cents.

A **Woody report** was presented by Gigi Fris. There is a leak in the caulking in a spot near the waterline. Gigi reports that Chris Brennen will be asked to inspect and repair the leak. The previous electrical malfunction has been corrected with the replacement of a 12 volt battery. The Sloop has already taken out 750 people and we expect to have a record number of guests this season.

### The Mural:

Gigi received approval to use an image of the mural for fundraising,

### Building Maintenance:

There was some discussion of the need to better organize the maintenance. There was a discussion of the repairs to the Multrum which will be done in the fall. It was pointed out that people who use the Multrum are not using the sawdust. An instructional sign will be installed. People will also be informed that there are extra supplies in the storeroom.

Many of the trash barrels will be removed so that excess trash does not accumulate. David Eberle took some of these barrels for storage in his shed.

We need to get the key from the harbor master to remove the lock on the olds storage shed to the left of the boat ramp so that the club can use this for storage.

A **swing dance** for the sloop will be held next Saturday August 1. We need helpers.

A motion was made and seconded and passed to temporarily move the executive meeting during the remainder of the sailing season from Tuesday to Monday so that those members of the board who crew on Tuesday can come to the meetings.

### Executive Committee Meeting Minutes:

There was discussion of how detailed the minutes should be, who should review the minutes for accuracy prior to release, and if we should publish the executive committee minutes in the newsletter. Legally we are required to make the minutes available to the members and to the public, but this does not mean that they need to be widely published. Frequently there is significant duplication between the minutes of the Ex. Committee, the President's message

and the minutes of the general meeting. It was decided that the secretary would write the minutes, and then send them to all who were present for corrections and additions. Those present will have five days to respond at which time the secretary will submit the amended minutes.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to not include the Ex. Committee minutes in the Newsletter but to make them available as a separate file on the website. In addition hard copies will be placed in a file cabinet in the sloop club so that those interested or those without internet access can review the minutes. This will begin in September.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Eberle, Secretary

### Annapolis 44s visit Beacon



On Aug 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 3 Annapolis 44 training vessels from the United States Naval Academy visited Newburgh Bay at the invitation of the Newburgh Quadracentennial Committee.

The boats were on a three week cruise, training the midshipmen in basic seamanship, teamwork, and leadership. For some it was their first experience on a sail boat and none had been to the Hudson Valley before.

One boat arrived in Beacon Saturday morning with Pete Seeger on board. They held deck tours and took guests out for sails until about 2:00.



Many BSC members and three of our captains took the opportunity to ride on these beautiful boats.

A wonderful lunch was provided at the sloop club catered by, Chris Ancliffe of Homespun Foods and Gigi.



The midshipmen and their officers were great, explaining their program, describing their boats, and generally enjoying sailing. They were also thrilled to meet Pete and were interested in the environmental mission of the Sloop Club. They all wanted Woody hats (Dave Eberle went home and got one for the captain).

Patrick assembled a crew and took three of the midshipmen out for a real sail on the Woody delivering them to Newburgh at the end of the day.

Thank you to John McLaughlin helping to arrange this.



*Captain Patrick at the helm of the 'Flirt'*



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Marcellus Shale spans 31 million acres in the states of Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York. Marcellus may contain 4,359 trillion cu/ft of gas, according to Pennsylvania State University geologist Dr Terry Engelder. He believes it is possible, using current technology, to extract 30 percent, or 392 trillion cubic feet of gas from this formation. To put that potential production in perspective, the entire US produces 30 trillion cu/ft of natural gas annually. Compare that to one of the nation's top natural gas fields, the Barnett Shale formation in Texas, which produced 1.4 trillion cu/ft of gas in 2008 from 10,000 drilling platforms.

The Marcellus gas formation in New York is located in the Southern Tier and in portions of Sullivan County. HH leasing, but not drilling, has been going on for some time. The NYS Department of Conservation (DEC) is working on recommendations that will be used to regulate drilling if the Governor approves DEC's Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS).

The remainder of this article will touch upon the positive and negative economic, social, demographic impacts of natural gas production from New York's Marcellus Shale.

### NEW YORK ECONOMY

Economic assessments of gas drilling are uniformly positive. Negative environmental and public health impacts usually do not appear in the same articles. Gas is described as 'transitional' while many negative environment impacts would be permanent. Gas drillers obscure the truth by repeating that 'there isn't a single case of documented water contamination from drilling' even though they must know the statement is absurd.

Many businesses and politicians accurately see the potential of domestic, locally produced domestic gas, the 'clean' (less dirty) fossil fuel as a source of good jobs, improved local tax flows and wealth creation. Municipalities, counties and the State can expect to gain tax income from gas production, that it will provide more services and improved infrastructure such as schools and roads. Products using natural gas may be more competitive, heating costs may remain stable or may even decline. Marcellus gas produced so near our huge New York region market may cost even less. Potential gas consumers are making their plays. For example, this summer the Swiss-owned American Power proposed a 1000mw Cricket Valley natural gas plant in the Town of Dover, Dutchess County. It will most likely use the less expensive Pennsylvania Marcellus gas, now in production. Later New York Marcellus gas would be used, if and when horizontal hydrofracking (HH) is approved here.

HH in New York has not yet been approved, so we will rely on the experience from the Barnett Shale production to anticipate our future. Geographically, the Barnett underlies Fort Worth and several surrounding Texas counties. First, Barnett HH expanded very rapidly, from 404 producing wells in 1997 to 8,960 in 2007. By last year, the Perryman Report included the following statement. "The State of Texas received more than \$275 taxes from activity in the Barnett Shale in 2008. Other types of State tax revenues and fees were also positively affected, with the total fiscal stimulus approaching \$1 billion. Over 85% of the 2007 Texas employment impact of Barnett shale was due to exploration, drilling, and pipeline development, while 15% was generated by royalty and lease payments." Neither the Perryman report nor other economic analyses we've read include a list of negative environmental and public health impacts of the activity.

### NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF HYDROFRACKING

There is shocking land disturbance, potential water contamination, and reduction in property values. Thousands of 2-acre spaces are bulldozed in preparation for a well's concrete platform. Miles of new dirt access roads used by thousands of equipment and materials-laden 18-wheelers ensures virtually permanent land-scarring. Pre-existing secondary roads will deteriorate as they are unsuited for the passage of thousands of heavy 18-wheel trucks. They will have to be expensively repaired. If you Google 'Jonah field Wyoming' you will see just such a picture.

Natural gas, ironically described in soft PBS ads and elsewhere as 'transitional' mocks the reality that drilling in the West have defaced lands that Presidents from Teddy Roosevelt to Bush 1 sought to protect *permanently!!* This means we permanently lose our heritage for a temporary flame. Next to each fracked well is a potential superfund site in the form of lagoons of toxic, mutagenic, carcinogenic hydrofrack fluid to which has been added arsenic and other dangerous compounds from the deep shale regions. The industry cynically calls this toxic brew 'produced water'. Each open pit may contain a million gallons or more; they reside tenuously in plastic-lined open pits. Gas-propelling compressor noise and pipeline clanging can be heard into the night from six or more miles away, depending on terrain and air conditions. The take-home message is that New Yorkers will learn that gas drilling is a dirty and dangerous industrial activity. In the Barnett area, the urban drilling has taken place in Fort Worth, TX. Fires, odors, animal deaths and water contamination have been widely reported. Blue flame has shot out of one kitchen faucet.

### THE NYSDEC AND GAS

The NYS DEC Division of Water (DOW) has prepared a list of recommendations to present to the Governor. The final DOW document is not available yet, but here is a list of some of their recommended requirements.

- Setbacks from the edge of a well's concrete pad to the water body;
- Well construction rules will follow Department of Health regulations;
- Flowback hydrofrack fluid holding area construction using Multi sector storm water permits, which will be given by DOW
- Flowback impoundment requirements based in part on Solid Waste regulations;
- Treatment of flowback, probably off site.

The Division of Mineral Resources (DMR) will probably be responsible for enforcing these recommendations. Civil Service test schedule for DMR positions have been announced. It is far from clear how meticulous enforcement will be, but it's known that regulations are only as good as their enforcement. In medicine, measuring compliance with policy is called "quality assurance." Wouldn't it be nice to apply that approach to HH drilling regulations?

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## Next Stop Dancing with the Stars?



Saturday, August 1, the BSC was blessed in having Woody Sailor Irene Gindera put together a swing dance as a fundraiser for our boat. In case you don't already know, Irene is the lanky, sparkling platinum member of the Monday night crew. Irene proposed this event while painting the Woody one Sunday in April.

Our hosts at St. Rocco's Club were quite accommodating, and so was the polished and expansive dance floor. While the smooth tunes of Big Joe Fitz and his Blues Band inspired couples to swing the night away, Beverly Dyckman, Irene's friend Jennifer, along with Lucy and Jenna Van der Merwe, whipped up tempting snacks in the kitchen. Steve Van der Merwe, their dad, brought bar snacks; Irene and her mother baked scrumptious cakes. Mona Birmingham contributed mini Florentine pizzas, while Chris and Jessie Ancliffe came in with a gigantic box of cookies from Homespun, their fabulous Beacon eatery.

Maybe I shouldn't be so surprised, but the Woody Captains (well, five of them) showed up! Who knew our intrepid leaders were as nimble in their dancing shoes as they are navigating the Woody's deck? Captains Labarr, Birmingham, Ancliffe, and Mazer all displayed impressive moves, but it was definitely Tom Baldino who was in line for the Fred Astaire Award. Just goes to show, you never can tell with a 74 year old.

Many of our estimated 100 guests were not from the BSC, but said they loved our party and would certainly attend another. One gentleman, in a black tank top and thick gold chain necklace, offered to give free disco lessons at the next dance event (don't forget to bring your platforms and huckapoo shirts!) if we so desired them. Actually, it's not a bad idea; our theme song could be "Rock the Boat, don't rock the boat, baby, don't tip the boat over." (sorry, I can't help being a 70's child; c'mon, let's boogie oogie oogiel!). So we could do this type of fundraiser again, AND hopefully, soon.

Another notable of the evening was BSC diva Mary Schmalz, who sold 46 tickets for the Woody Dinner Sail in September. David Cohen, mate on Monday crew, looked quite handsome on stage while explaining the Woody's mission and thanking contributors. Much gratitude also to Liz Nedwell for painting the Swing Banner with me, and Kevin Haydon for helping to create the posters and putting together the email blast to members (somebody else did the 1st poster-I don't know who to thank.)Saul Rozinsky also loaned his talents to test the sound system for the band. Finally: Irene, ROCK ON, woman! You did a terrific job!

Gigi

Editor's note: A popular event; several people submitted items. I went with the most colorful. All input is greatly appreciated.



## Sloop Club Volunteers help make the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hudson River Swim a Success

On Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup> our sister organization, River Pool at Beacon, held their annual fundraising swim across the Hudson. Many, many sloop club members volunteered as kayak escorts, greeters, crew and other roles. A few of the heartier types (at least Alice and Patrick) completed the 1 mile swim.



*Captain Patrick approaching the finish line*

For more: [www.riverpool.org](http://www.riverpool.org)



### The Fishkill Creek Festival

The Fishkill Creak Festival: from Rain to River was held immediately following the swim. The event was part of Dutchess Watershed Awareness Month, which was organized by the Dutchess Watershed Coalition and cosponsored by the Beacon Sloop Club.

Featuring live music, environmental exhibits, and talks by local politicians, Beacon Mayor Steve Gold, Town of East Fishkill Supervisor John Hickman and Town of Fishkill Supervisor Joan Pagonos, County Legislators Alison MacAvery and Joel Tyner, and state Assemblyman Frank Skartados, about the importance of protecting the watershed.

Usually, terrible things that are done with the excuse that progress requires them are not really progress at all, but just terrible things. – *Russell Baker*

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New York's 41 large "Primary" and "Principal" aquifers contain unusually large volumes of drinking water, and are, along with smaller aquifers, wetlands and streams are our State's most precious natural resources. The value of these underground reservoirs will increase over time if not contaminated. They contain the liquid that is essential for life. But traditionally they have not received the protections they deserve here.

One way or other, all New Yorkers are going to be affected by Marcellus horizontal hydrofracking. Its exploitation requires our full attention. We big and small environmental groups must unite and sing in unison on the value of the all of the Waters of New York.

#### IN CLOSING

New Yorkers need a drilling moratorium because the issue is complex and there remain more questions than answers. Questions will increase when the Governor acts on the NYSDEC drilling recommendations. All citizens must be heard, and all 'best practices' must be sought.

Let's not repeat a worst case scenario. When the public in a gas-producing state sought to complain about gas drilling at a public meeting, the Chesapeake Company packed the room early with an estimated 850 noisy employees and subcontractors so that the public could not be heard. That must not occur here.

One candidate for the title of best practice occurred last year in Colorado's Legislature. That body recently mandated that the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC), focus on the drilling industry's affect on community's public health, and that public health will be protected in the course of oil and gas development. The Commission was mandated by the Legislature to include public health, environmental, a local government, agriculture, and wild life members. Already, COGCC established protection zones around streams and aquifers that provide, or could provide drinking water. As one person involved stated, "We should have done this years ago."

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Written and Submitted by Peter Rostenberg

#### **The Paul Robeson Fundraiser Gala:**

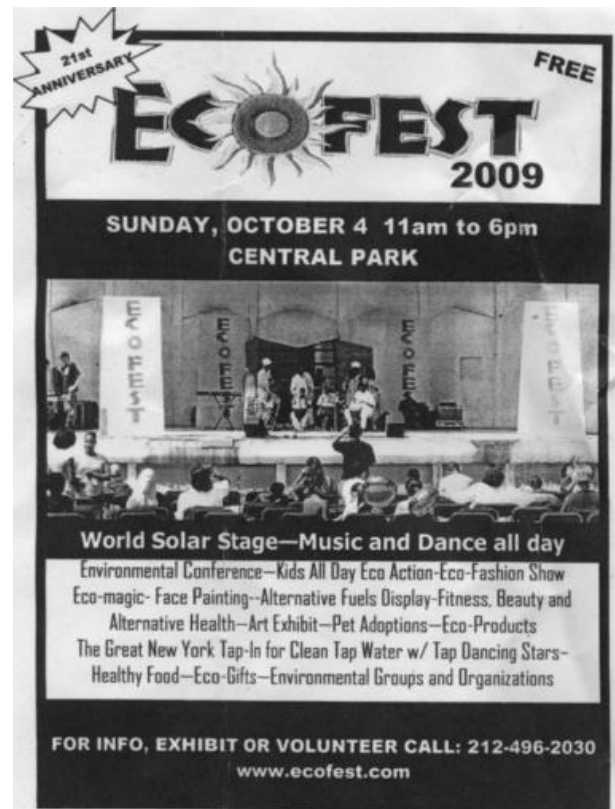
**What:** An Evening with Friends to honor the Memory and Legacy of a truly Great American hero, Mr. Paul Robeson. The net proceeds from the gala fundraiser will go to the Paul Robeson Foundation and Peekskill area struggling not for profits.

**When:** Friday September 4, 2009 ( 60 years to the day of the Peekskill concert that included Paul Robeson, Lee Hays, Woody Guthrie, and Pete Seeger.)

**Why:** To rightfully honor this Great American/ Global human being who was incorrectly labeled un-American. It is easy to forget someone who has passed away 33 years ago.

**Where:** The Paramount Theatre for the Performing Arts in Peekskill, NY ..Gala will start at 8:00 PM.

Thank you,  
David Rocco



#### **In the News**

#### **Rain swells sewage-based bacteria levels in the river - Study looks at water quality, sediment**

By Greg Clary • Gannett News Service • August 8, 2009

A research team is investigating the Hudson River's ability to clean itself, something that seems to be a challenge amid high rainfall totals.....

The river is much cleaner than it was decades ago, but it's still battling fecal bacteria and other biological pollution that comes from storm-water runoff and sewage overflows.

Andrew Juhl, one of the Lamont researchers involved in the water testing, said there is growing evidence the river is struggling to clean itself of the overflow from the region's antiquated sewer system.

<http://www.poughkee.psiejournal.com/article/20090808/NEWS04/908080327>

#### **Corn lovers chow down at Beacon Sloop Club event**

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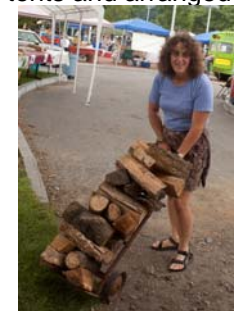
#### **Sloop Club's Annual Corn Festival**

<http://www.hvpress.net/news/125/ARTICLE/7567/2009-08-12.html>

**Corn Festival Attracts a Hearty Crowd**

Many thanks to all the Beacon Sloop Club volunteers for a resounding Corn Festival !!

Undaunted by stormy skies, set up started in earnest at 9 AM with the arrival of Ron Bel, Saul, and a few others. The set up team arranged the stage, chairs, sound system, and solar trailer near the red barn, readied the big iron cauldron and tripod for cooking corn, started the wood fire, positioned chili and corn sales tables, and set the E-tent up on the dock. Vendors set up tents and arranged their wares – jewelry, clothing, soaps, artwork, origami, handmade crafts, and delicious food.



Just before noon, the first batch of fresh local corn was lowered into a boiling cauldron over a roaring wood fire. Three minutes later, it was ready - piping hot and delicious. Sales were brisk and steady and all 1000 ears were gone (most of it well buttered) by around 4PM. With Mona and Ron Bell

on the job the line kept moving.

Alice and David sold our 20 gallons of chili by 2:30PM. (Thanks Alice Vaughn, David Cohen, and Alan for the chili). Mary Schmalz sold a number of Woody raffle tickets while Amy LaBarr did well on T-shirts,



memberships, and the signup sheet for Woody rides. A big thanks to Captains Jim and Kip and their crews for the Woody sails. And thanks to Tom LaBarr for rides in the E-car - they were a big hit. The crowds were good and a great time was had by all. Where but the Corn Festival can you get such a deal – free music, free rides on the Woody, and delicious local corn for just a 'buck an ear'. Everyone can afford to come and enjoy the river, the hilly lawn and large rocks made for good seating.



There was music from Victorio Roland Mousaa, Spook Handy, Mighty Girl, Barbara Massey, John Cubito & Heather Vacarr, Jacob & David Bernz, and Mark McNutt, and Pete Seeger. The kids were fascinated by the River Life exhibit.



An extra special thank you to Ron Bel for being the first to arrive and the last to leave.

Thanks Again to All,  
Rosemary



**400 years ago**

In early August 1609 Hudson passed Cape Cod and thinking it a new discovery named it "New Holland". Continuing south they discovered and explored Delaware Bay. Thinking they had reached the James River near the English settlement of Jamestown they turned back north on Aug 19<sup>th</sup>.

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**VOLUNTEER PERFORMERS RELEASE  
REMASTERED CD  
"BROAD OLD RIVER 2"  
TO RAISE MONEY FOR SLOOP CLEARWATER  
AT THE 34TH NEW JERSEY FRIENDS OF  
CLEARWATER FESTIVAL  
IN ASBURY PARK THIS SATURDAY AUGUST 15**

**Vinyl classic resurrected from the 1986 recording at Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival. Five more songs incorporated and remastered with a new story to explain it all.**

The Hudson River Sloop Singers, a musical arm of The Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, were the backbone of Clearwater musical offerings during the seventies and eighties. They've been a part of the NJ Friends of Clearwater Festival since the beginning. Members of this unique folk ensemble included Lorre Wyatt, Pete Seeger, Alan Aunapu, Rik Palieri, Bob Killian, Guy Davis, Roland Mousaa, Maryellen Healy, Geoff Kaufman, Dan Einbender, Rick Nestler, Helen Chrobocinski, Jan Christensen, among many others. This CD captures the sound and feel of the heyday of the group. In addition to remastering the vinyl release "Broad Old River", the original Beach Stage recording of the set in Croton Point Park that June night in 1986 has yielded five additional special songs that did not appear on the original vinyl, including What Have They Done To The Rain as sung by New Jersey's own Helyn Chrobosinski and "The River That Flows Both Ways" by Rick Nestler.

All proceeds from the sale of this CD directly benefit the Sloops **CLEARWATER** and **WOODY GUTHRIE**.

[www.broadoldriver.blogspot.com](http://www.broadoldriver.blogspot.com)

Maryellen will be at the September meeting of the Beacon Sloop Club with CDs.



**BSC TREASURER'S REPORT 7/28/09**

Submitted by John McLaughlin

BSC General Fund	Amount	Member-ship	Administ-ration	Woody & Small Boats	Festival & Event	Newsletter	Harbor
Memberships	210.00	210.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Harbor Fees and Sales	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Quad Poster Sale	9.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Woody Dinner Raffle	65.00	0.00	0.00	65.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donation Fishkill Creek Festival	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
Vendor Fees (all festivals)	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00
Phyllis Newham (Strawberry Festival Supplies)	(313.46)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(313.46)	0.00	0.00
City of Beacon (Fishkill Creek Festival)	(1,017.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,017.00)	0.00	0.00
Ron Bel (Expense Strawberry Festival)	(28.01)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(28.01)	0.00	0.00
US Postal Service (Mailbox Rental)	(96.00)	0.00	(96.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Royal Carting (Strawberry Festival)	(165.60)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(165.60)	0.00	0.00
White's Marina (Woody Supplies)	(21.00)	0.00	0.00	(21.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
John McLaughlin (Woody Supplies)	(49.91)	0.00	0.00	(49.91)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Alan Thomas (Newsletter Supplies & Postage)	(657.55)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(657.55)	0.00
<b>Total Monthly Income and (Expenses)</b>	<b>(564.53)</b>	<b>210.00</b>	<b>(96.00)</b>	<b>(5.91)</b>	<b>(615.07)</b>	<b>(657.55)</b>	<b>600.00</b>
OPENING BALANCE 7/03/09	<b>35,855.21</b>						
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>35,290.68</b>						

*The Fiddler*



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**Food Drive**

We will be collecting donations of food for the Community Action Partnership Food Pantry before each general meeting. Please consider helping out. Contact: Michelle May 831-4019

  
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# Current Calendar

**Executive Committee meeting**, Monday, August 24th, 7:30 p.m.

**Beacon Sloop Club meeting** every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month: next meeting September 4th– potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.



**Farmers Market** every Sunday, 10-4 p.m., At the Ferry Dock , Beacon , NY

**OUR RIVER, OUR REMEMBRANCE CONCERT WITH DAR WILLIAMS, GUY DAVIS, SARA LEE GUTHRIE** Fri., Sept. 11 , Tarrytown Music Hall. 45-454-7673 for tickets and details.

**HISTORIC BICYCLE TOUR OF OLDE FISHKILL**, Sat., Aug. 22, 9:15 am: The tour begins at Van Wyck Homestead 504 Rt. 9 Fishkill. Contact Ann at 845-489-2378. Visit [www.soundearth.com/BikeTour](http://www.soundearth.com/BikeTour) for more details.

**“ARM-OF-THE-SEA” QUADRICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION,** Fri., Aug. 28, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Habirshaw Park on the Hudson Yonkers, Westchester County –Contact Anthony Coneski, 845 473 4440 Ext. 273, [www.scenichudson.org/events](http://www.scenichudson.org/events).

**Free Sailing on the Woody**, week nights , 6:00pm at the BSC, For Reservations: 845-297-7697

**Woody Work Parties:** On the boat. Please contact a captain or Gigi Fris to volunteer.

**THE CLEARWATER MOMENT** daily at 11:11 am on WAMC, or affiliate; Saturdays, 9 AM - 2 PM.

**Constitution Island Reenactment Weekend**, August 29-30<sup>th</sup>, Constitution Island, begin at Cold Spring RR parking lot. <http://www.constitutionisland.org/>

**BIG ANNUAL MID-HUDSON SIERRA TAG SALE** Sat., Sept. 26 (tentative time 9am-3:30pm) at the New Hackensack Church, Rt. 376, Wappingers Falls. Contact Bibi at [bibis@juno.com](mailto:bibis@juno.com)

**STATE OF THE HUDSON RIVER WATERSHED:** Tues., Sep.t 29 & Weds., Sept. 30, 9:00-4:45.A For information and registration, see [www.hres.org](http://www.hres.org) or [www.hudsonwatershed.org](http://www.hudsonwatershed.org) . Cost: \$95 before 9/18.

Upcoming 2009 Festival/Event Sails for the Sloop Woody Guthrie			
Event	Date	Captain	Comments
Beacon Summer Camp Sail	August 18	Kip	
Transit to Constitution Island and day sails	August 29		No commitment to sail at this event
Constitution Island day sails and transit to Beacon	August 30		No commitment to sail at this event
New Member's sail	September 5	Tom B.	
Raffle Dinner Sail	September 13	Kip	
Ramble	September 20	TBD	
Pumpkin Festival	October 18	Jim	

**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](http://www.beaconsloop.org), or [www.beaconsloopclub.org](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org)