

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 41 Years



Calling all Volunteers

The Beacon Sloop Club Corn Festival

Sun., August 10

Noon-5pm

**corn sellers, chili cooks, earthcare people,
clean-up helpers, traffic control folks, etc.**

Contact:

**Rosemary Thomas to join the planning
committee or to volunteer**

845-463-4660

rmthomas99@yahoo.com



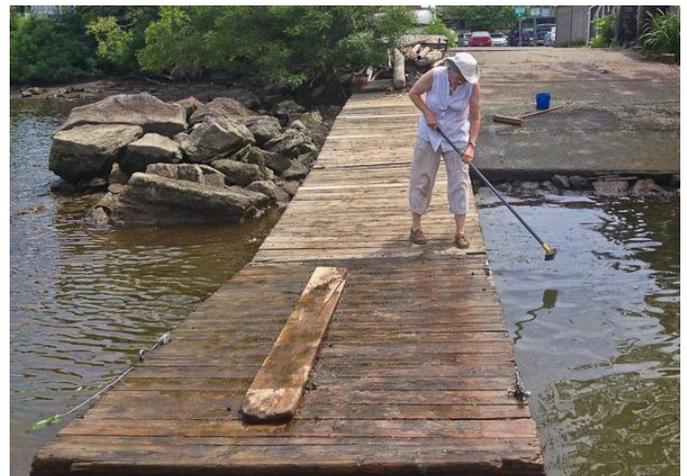
Saul also needs a few people for set-up

Saturday morning 9-9:30

Contact Saul @ 845-496-5617

Inside this issue:

SeegerFest at the Sloop Club, new rules for oil trains, a visit from Beacon business owners, upcoming events, and much more..



We would like to cite Alice Vaughn for her bravery in the face of multiple layers of goose droppings.

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, August 26th 7:00 p.m. –NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, September 5th 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

Name _____ Street Address _____

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

Membership donation \$ _____ Renewal _____ New Member _____ Save Our Sloop Fund donation \$ _____

Membership suggested donation \$25.00. Minimum of \$10.00. Please give more if you can afford it!
If you can't afford the minimum, the fee may be waived.

Newsletter format(check one): Printed E-mail Please consider e-mail it saves money and paper.

Additional Members at this address _____ Email _____

_____ Email _____

Would you like information on Clearwater Membership? How did you hear of us? _____

Mail to: Beacon Sloop Club P.O. Box 527 Beacon, NY 12508

Link to Online Renewal: <http://beaconsloop.org/Join.html>

The **Beacon Sloop Club Broadside** is the official monthly newsletter of the **Beacon Sloop Club, Inc.**

The **Beacon Sloop Club, Inc.** is a non-profit, volunteer environmental education/action and sailing organization dedicated to cleaning up the **Hudson River** and its environs. Our main focus is the **Beacon, Fishkill** and **Newburgh** area.

Members meet the first Friday of every month at the **Sloop Club Building** located just across from the Beacon train station. Look for the building with the Norway spruce tree growing out of the roof! A potluck dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.; bring a covered dish to share and your own place setting. The general meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and lasts about an hour or so. The meeting is followed by a sing-along.

The Beacon Sloop Club and newsletter are accessible from the web: www.beaconsloopclub.org.

To our postal mail subscribers:

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Please submit articles for the Beacon Sloop Club Broadside by the 1st Monday after the Friday general meeting to 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 1, 2014

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with the club singing "Down by the Riverside." Saul Rozinsky welcomed first time attendees from Manhattan, Michigan, Tarrytown, and Brooklyn.

Sarah Elisabeth gave the Treasury Report. The opening balance was \$195,956 and the closing balance was \$199,772.

The Corn Festival was discussed. Saul Rozinsky said pickup trucks are needed and there will be a volunteer work party at 9:00 a.m. on August 9th in the park. Bonnie Champion passed out a volunteer signup sheet and asked for people to contribute themed gift baskets for a raffle. Volunteers are also needed for Earthcare. Rosemary Thomas encouraged people to spread flyers throughout the area.

Maryellen Healy announced that on August 14th there will be a concert at the Towne Crier Cafe to support the Woody Restoration. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

James Malchow announced that on August 23rd the club has its annual sail on the Clearwater. A signup sheet was passed out. Anyone else who is interested should contact Joyce Hanson.

Saul Rozinsky read a report from Jim Birmingham on the Woody. The Woody cannot be sailed as per the surveys and it needs repairs. Saul said the Executive Committee is exploring two possible plans. One is to repair those parts of the boat that are deficient, the other is to construct an entirely new hull and transfer some pieces. Saul said Gigi Fris has compiled information that will be made available to read online. Saul also said we have been exploring historic landmark status for the boat, but there are downsides to it. Saul urged everyone to read the information. Internet links to the files will be printed in the newsletter.

Discussion about the Woody was held. David Eberle asked if shipwrights have been consulted. Maryellen Healy said that there is more information that should be obtained and made available than what the club has to date. Steve Schwartz paraphrased J.C. Calderon and said that the club saving the tree in the clubhouse was more work, cost more money, and was generally a more difficult option, but it helps define the club and is a source of club pride. Likewise preserving the existing boat, though it may be more expensive, time consuming, and difficult, will give us pride and reflect the club's values most closely. Wayne Kocher donated \$100 for the club and encouraged members to find small ways to raise money. Gail Moran asked that discussion be continued rather than postponed. Saul Rozinsky said that repairs often lead to the removal of sound materials to get access to parts that need repair and that's what drives the cost. Dan Rozinsky said that reusing materials is not in the best interest of the sailing program. Gigi Fris said that a third option is to put the boat into a museum and build an entirely different boat. James Malchow said the club shouldn't use funds that were specifically raised in the name of the Woody on a different boat. David Eberle said the club is required to spend the money responsibly, so we should be sure not to adopt a plan that wastes funds. Don Raskopf reminded that club that neither of the two recent surveys of the boat recommends building a new boat. Rosemary Thomas said it is not an easy decision and we need to all pull together or the club will suffer. Wayne Kocher said he would like to have the full membership

vote between the multiple options. Discussion moved off the subject of the Woody.

Zephyr Teachout was introduced thanked the club for letting her come and encouraged people to visit her website.

Saul Rozinsky encouraged everyone to attend and support the River Swim.

Discussion returned to the Woody. J.C. Calderon said that he sees value in both sides of the issue and he stressed that everyone should become as informed as possible. Roland Mousaa said that before Pete Seeger died Pete said that he regretted building the boat because it was dividing people rather than bringing them together. Alan Thomas said the information that is being made available is not everything we need to make a decision, so we are not in a position to hold a vote. Gail Moran said that instead of becoming angry we should respect one another. She also said that we should not only analyze the decision through the lens of fiduciary responsibility. Maryellen Healy said maybe a wooden boat is beyond our means, and we might do well with a small boat program. Mel also said that in the absence of the Woody Guthrie maybe the club can recruit other organizations to do public sails at our festivals. Steve Schwartz said that everyone's comments should be taken with a grain of salt because everyone their observations often reflect their opinions. Saul reiterated Steve's point. Ken Miller said that the club has about \$150,000 available to spend, so we need about another \$150,000. Ken asked if maintaining the sail program is within the club's means. Discussion closed on the Woody and moved to new club business.

Dan Rozinsky announced that at a recent conference he got a DVD of an interview of Edward Snowden by Daniel Ellsberg. Daniel asked to show the interview at the club. It was the sense of the meeting that he should show the film. Saul Rozinsky announced that anyone with large batteries to recycle should bring them to the club. Saul also announced that Frances Cott is in the hospital. A card for writing notes was passed around. Saul also announced that he is hoping to hold a work party to paint the solar trailers soon.

Announcements:

Roland Mousaa announced an August 5th Peace March in New York City. Hope Altkin presented a memory book for people to write memories of club members.

Eugene Hamond passed around a petition against the Pilgrim Pipeline.

Matt Bowen thanked everyone who helped clean the strawberry tent.

Aaron Verdile announced that there will be a memorial mural for Pete and Toshi Seeger unveiled on August 9th in Beacon.

Makrand Bhoot announced that because of inspiration from Pete Seeger and Clearwater he hopes to form a similar program on the Ganges River. He welcomes suggestions from the club.

Wayne Kocher announced that anyone who sees structural deficiencies in train bridges should contact him.

The meeting ended at 9:05 pm.

The Woody Report

Research and refining of the options for restoring the sailing program are continuing. As we try and distill the choices down to detailed plans with costs, timelines, and technical details we urge all of our members to follow along as much as possible. Ultimately the Woody belongs to all of us and we share the responsibilities for making the best choices. Again; the most recent survey is available online at:

http://www.beaconsloopcluboffice.org/sites/default/files/Survey_Giffy_Full_small.pdf

Gigi Fris prepared a package of information from various sources on some of the options and on the historical registration process. That package is available on line in two parts here:

https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/100025275/2014_07_23_15_51_26.pdf

https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/100025275/2014_07_23_16_08_05.pdf

Please note that there are pros and cons in all the options that must be weighed carefully. For questions on the documents above contact Gigi at:

gigifris@yahoo.com



Danskammer Energy LLC's announced in July that it hopes to be producing power later this year. The DEC recently prohibited the burning of coal at the plant. The new owner of the idled Danskammer power plant says it plans to restart operations with natural gas instead of coal. The plant has been shut down since being damaged in Hurricane Sandy.

The announcement came after state Public Service Commission approved transfer of the site's ownership from Texas-based Helios Power Capital. The plant's two larger units will be fueled entirely by natural gas. Two smaller units will be fueled by natural gas, with fuel oil as a backup.

The 530-megawatt power plant Danskammer plant built by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. in the 1950s was one of the worst polluting plants in the state. Its coal-fired operation produced more than 1 million pounds of emissions yearly along with ash and other by-products.



Coal being unloaded at the former Dynegy Plant



The Sloop Club hosted the July meeting of the Beacon Chamber of Commerce. Many of the local business folks who attended were not aware of us or our mission (some had never been to the riverfront).

It was a great chance to interact and make friends with some of the people who are revitalizing Main Street. Several joined the club and all promised to help promote our events and work with us in the future.

Thanks to David Eberle for arranging the event.

Missing

The Dire Dink Sails

If anyone know where to find the sails for the Dire Dinks please contact Don Raskopf or Kip Touraine.

We believe they are in a green/blue bag and were last used two years ago prior to hurricane Sandy flooding the clubhouse.

donraskopf@gmail.com



Federal Government Proposes New Regulations on Oil Transport

In July the U.S. government proposed new safety regulations on the hauling of oil and other flammable liquids by rail. This was in response to concerns raised by a series of fiery crashes over the last few years and a dramatic increase in the amount of crude oil being transported by rail. Oil shipment by rail has increased 4300% since 2008.

U.S. regulators also released findings from samples of Bakken crude oil which is currently being shipped along the Hudson through Albany, concluding, “data show that crude oil from the Bakken region in North Dakota tends to be more volatile and flammable than other crude oils.”

Crude-carrying tank cars would need to be upgraded by 2017. There are an estimated 80,000 DOT-111s cars built before 2011 on the tracks today. The proposal also includes new rules on speed, braking and testing of flammable liquids.

The rules are posted for 60 days to give the public and the rail industry a chance to comment. They are available at:

<http://www.dot.gov/briefing-room/us-dot-announces-comprehensive-proposed-rulemaking-safe-transportation-crude-oil>.

Recycle Your Lead Batteries

The club will be collecting lead acid batteries for recycling at the **September meeting**. We will turn them in in exchange for the new batteries for the solar trailer. The law requires every new battery sold to be offset by weight with an old battery or a penalty is charged.

If you have an old car or tractor battery bring it down.

SeegerFest at The Beacon Sloop Club

James Malchow organized a BSC open house, pot luck supper, and circle of song as part of the 5-days of events in memory of Pete and Toshi. Several hundred people attended, both old friends and first-time visitors. We would have had even more if not for the rock slide blocking the train tracks.

It was the only hometown memorial event and such a wonderful chance to celebrate the lives of our friends by sharing a meal and sharing some music with the community as they did almost every month for forty four years.

Thank you to everyone who brought a dish or a song to share. Also a huge thank you to all those who came to clean and set-up. The clubhouse never looked better.



Aug. 23 Clearwater Sail



People will be contacted by phone and or email for a confirmation or status for the Aug. 16th BSC membership sail.

Please remember to renew your membership. Please be mindful if you are confirmed to cancel by phone and or email 2 days in advance so that other members may join the sail. There is a wait list. Contact for the Aug. 23rd Clearwater sail is joycehanson527@gmail.com or 914 907-4928



Thank You to Ken Miller for turning his house party into a fundraiser for the Woody!

This event built on an idea that Pete often promoted, inviting friends over who may not be familiar with the Sloop Club and giving them a chance to learn about us, and about the boat. With a little luck enough will be interested and join or contribute.

Ken's party raised over \$400 and got rave reviews from all who were there. Good food, good music, good friends, and a good cause; who could ask for more?

Folk Rock Singer-Songwriter, Julie Corbalis

On Thursday, August 7, 2014 at 7:30PM,

Come enjoy a Summer evening of music on the shores of the Hudson River with Folk Rock Singer-Songwriter, Julie Corbalis at Shattemuc Yacht Club in Ossining.

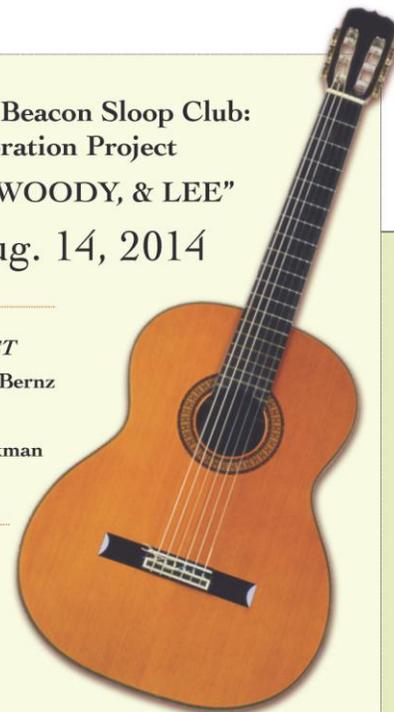
Julie Corbalis has been performing her own original music, as well as, classic covers since 1996. Her musical influences include the Beatles, Sheryl Crow, and a sub-genre to what she whimsically refers as "White Boy Blues" including the likes of Eric Clapton, The Animals, and the Rolling Stones.

Admission is FREE and open to the public. Come with a dish to share at 6:30PM and enjoy a potluck supper before the performance.

Visit the [Ferry Sloops website](#) for more information.

[Map & Directions to Shattemuc Yacht Club](#)

**A Benefit for The Beacon Sloop Club:
Woody Restoration Project
Honoring "PETE, WOODY, & LEE"
Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014**



GUTHRIE'S GHOST

Featuring David & Jacob Bernz

Amy Fradon

Fred Gillen Jr & Steve Kirkman

Special Guest

Dan Einbender

At: **The Towne
Crier Cafe**

379 Main Street,
Beacon, NY 12508

Time: 7:30pm

Cost: \$20. Adv. (Door \$25)

The Beacon Sloop Club, Inc. is a non-profit, volunteer environmental education/action and sailing organization dedicated to cleaning up the Hudson River. The Woody Guthrie, is a wooden sloop that provides free public sails five weekday evenings a week. This benefit raises funds for restoration of the Woody Sloop.

Woody Guthrie was born on July 14th, 1912 in Okemah, Oklahoma. Pretty Boy Floyd, Pastures of Plenty, Hard Travelin', Deportees, and This Land Is Your Land are among the hundreds of his songs.

Info: (845) 855-1300, <http://www.townecrier.com/>



This will be an amazing concert. Guthrie's Ghost will start their mini-tour doing a fundraiser for the Beacon Sloop Club Woody Restoration Project.

This year Guthrie's Ghost Ghost featuring Jacob and David Bernz, Amy Fraden, and Hope Machine with Fred Gillen, Jr. & Steve Kirkman, and special guest Dan Einbender will celebrate Woody Guthrie but also Pete Seeger and Lee Hays who would have been 100 last March.

Adv. tickets recommended \$20., at door \$25.

Info: (845) 855-1300, <http://www.townecrier.com/>

Beacon Sloop Club Treasury Report

Submitted by Sarah Elisabeth

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

BSC General Fund	Amount	Paypal	Woody & Small Boats	Festival & Event	Newsletter	Harbor	Clubhouse
Donation	66.00						
Save Our Sloop	844.00		844.00				
Vendor	3410.00			3410.00			
Membership	471.72	471.72					
Harbor	2750.00					2750.00	
Other Revenue	74.00			74.00			
Total	7615.72						
Paypal	-11.64	-11.64					
Woody Maintenance	-1681.00		-1681.00				
Other Expenses	-43.71			-43.71			
PO Box	-128.00						
Staples	-77.83						
Seining Liscense	-10.00			-10.00			
Strawberry Festival	-1846.93			-1846.93			
Total	-3799.11						
Total Net Income	3816.61	460.08	-837.00	1583.36		2750.00	0.00
Opening Balance	195956.05						
Closing Balance	199772.66						



106.5 IN BEACON



Walk & Talk at CEIE | Forestry Walk with Ethan Pierce



Join forester Ethan Pierce this Saturday, August 9, 10 am, for a morning of surveying trees at Denning's Point. Saturday's tour will focus on tree identification and forest health, while uncovering the history of the woods at Denning's Point.

Walk & Talk at CEIE | Forestry Walk PART 2 with Ethan Pierce Saturday, August 9, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM EDT

About Ethan Pierce
Currently serving as Mohonk Preserve's Forester and Conservation Specialist, Ethan is a forester, naturalist and natural born tree hunter. Having spent countless hours beneath the trees of the Catskill Mountains and the Shawangunk Ridge, his studies of forestry were conducted at the University of New Hampshire. He has traveled to the forests of Costa Rica, New Zealand, Spain, Canada and Finland.

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Mon to Fri 9 A.M. to 7 P.M.
Saturday 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.
Sunday 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Current Calendar

Executive Committee meeting, Tues. August 26th
7:00pm., at the Clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the
month: next meeting Sept. 5th– potluck 6:30 p.m.,
general meeting 7:30 p.m.

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-3 p.m.,
At the Long Dock Park, Beacon NY

PLANET BLUE WITH CHRIS RUHE on radio
station WVKR 91.3 FM, Every Mon., 5 to 6 p.m.

Folk Rock Singer-Songwriter, Julie Corbalis,
Thurs., Aug.7, 7:30PM, Shattemuc Yacht Club in
Ossining.

Corn Festival Utility Set-Up, Sat. Aug. 9, 9:00 am-
noon, Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park,
Beacon, NY

Forest Walk Part Two- Ethan Pierce, Sat.,
Aug.9, 10 AM, CEIE at Denning's Point, 199
Denning's Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508, Pre-register
at www.bire.org/events, Mike Heintzman
mheintzman@bire.org (845) 765-2721

Corn Festival Set-Up, Sun. Aug. 10, 8:30 am-noon,
Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park, Beacon, NY

Corn Festival, Sun. Aug. 10, noon-5pm, Pete and
Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park, Beacon, NY

Corn Festival Clean-Up, Sun. Aug. 10, 5-7 pm,
Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park, Beacon, NY

"PETE, WOODY AND LEE". Thur., Aug 14, 7:30pm.
, Town Crier Cafe, 379 Main Street, Beacon,
NY.12508 A benefit for The Beacon Sloop Club
Woody Restoration Project. Guthrie's Ghost
featuring Jacob and David Bernz, Amy Fraden, and
Hope Machine with Fred Gillen, Jr. & Steve Kirkman,
and special guest Dan Einbender. Adv. tickets
recommended \$20., at door \$25. Info: (845) 855-
1300, <http://www.townecrier.com/>



Winter Maintenance on the Woody Guthrie,
contact a captain

Film- Once Upon a Tide and Other Stories,
Thurs., Aug. 21, 7 PM, CEIE at Denning's
Point, 199 Denning's Avenue, Beacon, NY
12508

BSC Member Sail on the Clearwater, Sat. Aug
23, 10 AM, Beacon Harbor. There is a wait list.
Contact: joycehanson527@gmail.com or 914 907-
4928

Lead Acid Battery Recycling, Fri. Sept.. 5, at
the September meeting, BSC Clubhouse

Membership Reminder

For most people membership renewals are due in January. This is a very critical year for the Beacon Sloop Club. With the planned work on the Woody, ongoing discussions over parking and festivals, and key environmental issues such as fracking and oil transport coming to a head it's important that you renew, participate, and be counted. As always it's not about the money, arrangements can be made for financial hardship. Our strength is in our membership.

Contact: Vane Lashua, or Sarah Elisabeth

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

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

Corn Festival

Sunday, August 10th

Noon - 5:00 pm

At the Beacon Waterfront

LOCAL SWEET CORN

JUST A

Craft
Vendors

Food

BUCK-AN-EAR

Two Solar Powered Stages featuring:

Steve and Shirl Kaplan, Mara Levine & Caroline Cutroneo,
Missy Ornquist & Karen Brooks, Hank Waji,
Young Kangaroo Republic, Caroline Doctorow,
Lydia Adams Davis, Spook Handy,
Jonathan Kruk- Hudson River Lore,
Howland Cultural Center Community Chorus,
Spirit of Thunderheart, Kurt Hauck
Cosby Gibson

Rain or shine

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