

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 43 Years

A Message from Our President

In spite of the forecast, a smaller turnout than we expected, and a 5:00 squall that made the breakdown a little frantic, we had a fantastic Corn Festival. Enormous thanks go out to everyone who took part. The strong turnout of volunteers has really made the festivals run smoothly so far this year, so hopefully we can keep it up for the Pumpkin Festival (mark your calendars for Sunday, October 16).

Next time you're in the clubhouse be sure to check out the new tree bench that was rebuilt by volunteers Hope Altkin, Michael Barnett, Ralph Szur, and Matt Bowen. It's beautiful! Be sure to thank them next time you see them.

In Kingston the work on the Woody is making excellent progress. I hope everyone will take the opportunity to go up and see their boat being restored first hand, or to come up for one of the weekend work parties and join in. It's a great experience to be a part of.

At the August membership meeting the club approved a statement opposing and calling for hearings about the Coast Guard's proposed anchorages along the Hudson. Members were also strongly encouraged to submit their own comments individually. You can do so by following this link:

<https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=USCG-2016-0132>.

The response from throughout the Hudson Valley has been strong – as of the time I'm writing this there have been over 1,000 comments submitted, mostly against the proposal. Hopefully the Coast Guard takes these comments to heart and rules against the proposal. In the meantime however, the club will follow the lead of other advocacy groups like Clearwater, Riverkeeper, and Scenic Hudson to make sure we do all we can to prevent these anchorages from being approved. As you can see there's a lot going on, on all fronts, for the club. Thanks for being a part of it!

Inside this issue:

Hot Corn and hotter volunteers, it's all about oil, planning for pumpkin, and much, much more.....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETINGS Tuesday, Aug. 23rd, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS are FRIDAY, Sept. 2nd, 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.

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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, Aug 5, 2016

Announcements

The meeting started with a group sing of "Your Are My Sunshine". Ben Mazur sang some verses that most of us didn't know. Then James welcomed new folks as well as some returning folks.

Sarah Elisabeth gave the Treasury report. The opening balance was \$251,645 and the closing was \$251,288.

Jim Birmingham gave the Woody report. Restoration is continuing. The shipwrights are back on the project (now that Clearwater is done). Some additional need has been found that falls within the contingency of the project. There is a work party on Saturday.

Rosemary Thomas sent a signup sheet around for volunteers for the Corn Festival. Volunteers are needed for corn husking, chili making, chili selling, watermelon cutters, earth care and raffle ticket sales. Bonnie Champion encouraged us to make gift baskets to be raffled off. She also thanked Maggie DeHeus, who obtained 40 donations from local vendors. Betty Harkins would like to have people talking about the Anchorage at the Ecology tent at Corn Festival. See her.

A round of applause was given to Ralph, Matt, Michael, Rob & Hope for the new bench encircling our tree.

We discussed the Coast Guard Proposal for new anchorage sites on the Hudson River. One proposed spot is 450 acres south of Dennings Point. James read a proposed letter to be sent from the Beacon Sloop Club. It was overwhelmingly approved. Members were encouraged to submit comments and to request public hearings. The comment period ends September 7. Sandra Cassam from Orange Residents Against Pilgrim Pipeline pointed out the connection between the anchorages and the pipeline's proposed laterals, which would take oil to Newburgh and Marlboro storage tanks.

Several additional points to those in the BSC letter were suggested for those writing comments to use:

The Hudson River is a water source for many communities.

The Hudson is an American Heritage River.

The entire shipping industry has no pollution controls. For tar sands, if transported and spilled, a 5% recovery rate is considered a success.

Towns along the river are not hazmat qualified.

The NYS emergency fund is too small to take care of a spill.

Anchorages can harm endangered species.

People use the river recreationally; many communities along the river have economies based on that.

- The River Swim has been postponed to Sunday.
- The River Pool is open noon to 6 everyday except Monday.
- Kaitlyn is still looking for a place to live and also needs help moving stuff out of her house August 21.
- Hope put a new tide chart in the frame and it is ready to display.
- Steve Van der Merwere announced a town meeting, September 22, 7-9PM, at the Memorial Building, 413 Main St, Beacon, which will be a public workshop about a comprehensive zoning plan update.
- Bill Hudson announced a show, August 21 at Joe's Pub in NYC, featuring Larry Gross and West Virginia musicians to raise money for the Feel Good Tour that sends instruments to WVA schools damaged during the floods. So far 222 instruments have been sent. See him to donate an instrument.
- Susan Boszo acknowledged the crew who did an amazing job cleaning the club house last month.

The Circle of Song followed.

Pumpkin Festival Call for Volunteers October 15, 16

On Saturday we need people to help with:

Making dough balls

Rolling out crust

Pie Baking



On Sunday we need people for

Set up

Pie Selling

Cream whipping

Soup and Chili

Stone Soup

Take down and cleanup

Membership and Merchandising

And

Many, Many, More tasks

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Please come out and support the community and the Sloop Club and have a little fun down by the riverside.

Corn Festival 2016

Thank You Volunteers !!!

It was an unusual festival due to the extreme heat and the predictions for violent weather. Many of our long-term members say it was the hottest ever, but our mighty Hudson gave us a steady breeze that made the park the place to be.

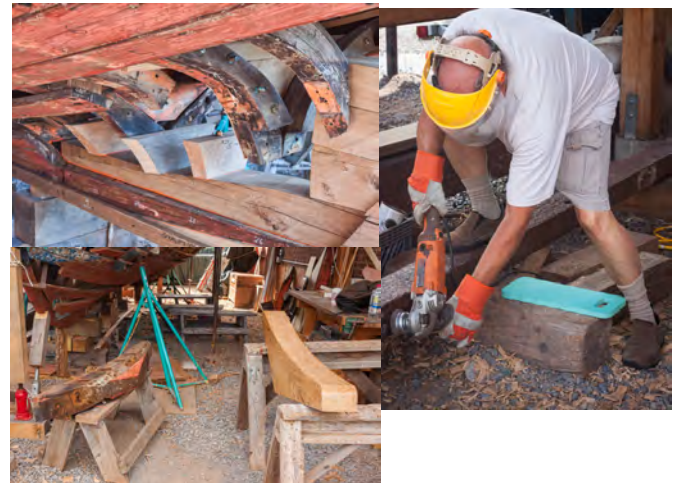
While there never was a big crowd (or long line), we had a steady stream of happy customers for corn, chili, watermelon, and red, white, and blueberries. All in all it had the feel of festivals past, before we grew into a major event. Thank you again to all of our members and to those great high school and college kids who gave us a much-needed injection of young blood.



The Woody Report



Our volunteers will continue to work alongside shipwrights during the week with volunteer days planned for every other weekend. We have a core group who come regularly but could use a few more folks most days. We have jobs from highly skilled to menial and always appreciate it when a member brings refreshments or a musician comes by and plays a few songs. We have a pretty steady stream of visitors asking about the project as well. Contact James Malchow if you would like to be on the volunteer email distribution.



Ferry Sloops "Summer Music Series"



September 7 - River Acoustic Band

The 2016 "Summer Music Series" is hosted by Shattemuc Yacht Club. Music begins at 7:30pm FREE

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY Coast Guard 33 CFR Part 110 [Docket Number USCG-2016-0132] RIN 1625-AA01

Anchorage Grounds, Hudson River; Yonkers, NY to Kingston, NY

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is considering establishing new anchorage grounds in the Hudson River from Yonkers, NY, to Kingston, NY. We are considering this action after receiving requests suggesting that anchorage grounds may improve navigation safety along an extended portion of the Hudson River, which currently has no anchorage grounds, allowing for a safer and more efficient flow of vessel traffic. The Coast Guard is seeking comments and information about the operational need for new anchorage grounds and what form possible regulations should take.

DATES: Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before September 7, 2016. Requests for public meetings must be received by the Coast Guard on or before June 30, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG- 2016-0132 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

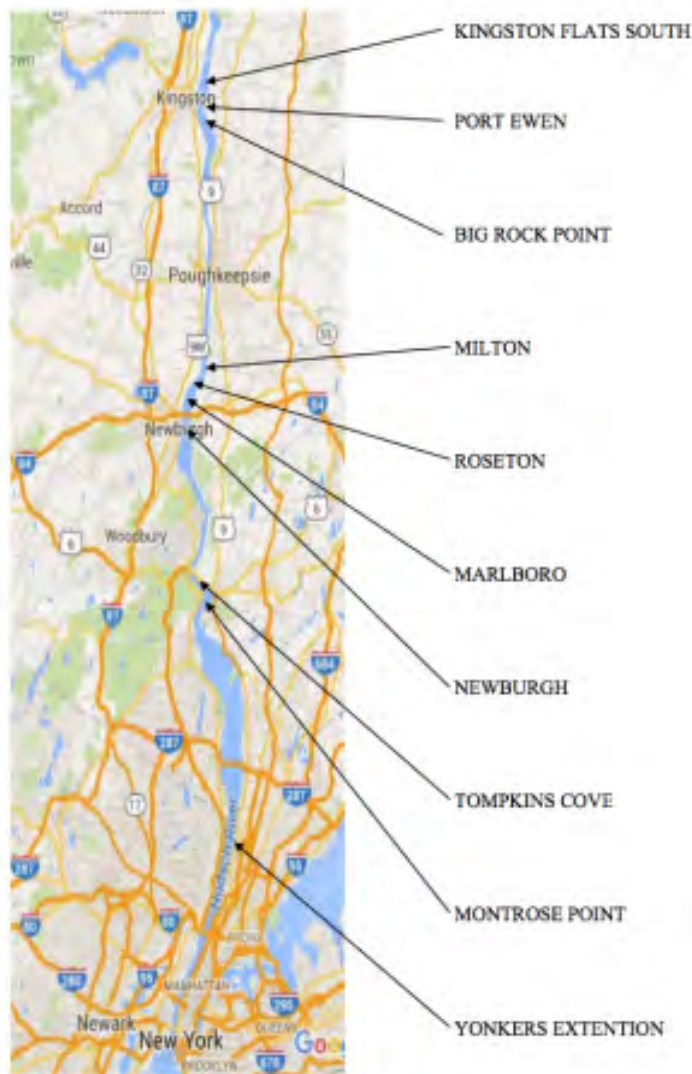
<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-09/pdf/2016-13701.pdf>

OR CONTACT: Mr. Craig Lapiejko, Waterways Management Branch at Coast Guard First District, telephone 617- 223-8351, email <mailto:craig.d.lapiejko@uscg.mil>.

This proposal encompasses ten sites to be designated for commercial anchorage in the Hudson River Estuary, four within our routine sailing areas and viewshed, totaling over 2000 acres. The potential for degrading significant spawning grounds, impacting the habitat of many endangered species, and the aesthetics that have been a major factor in the resurgence of riverfront communities is huge. It is now clear that the fossil fuel industry is behind this request and that many if not all of the vessels using these sites would be carrying Bakkan oil or Alberta tar sands.

Imagine the Hudson River turned into an industrial canal, serving as a virtual pipeline for the oil industries short-term gain at the expense of the public use of a precious shared resource.

Please make your voice heard and demand a full hearing on these proposals!



Map courtesy of Riverkeeper

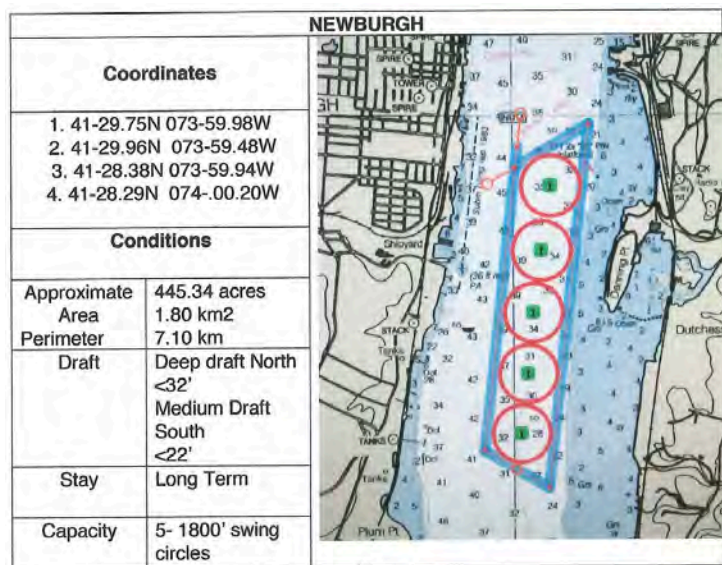


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Proposed Newburgh Anchorage

The membership approved the following at the August meeting:

To the U.S. Coast Guard:

Thank you for accepting public comments regarding the proposed anchorage sites along the Hudson River. For several reasons the Beacon Sloop Club is opposed to these anchorages and joins with the many public officials and advocacy organizations in asking for public meetings to be held about the proposal.

For nearly 50 years the Beacon Sloop Club has played a local role in advocating for a cleaner, safer environment, with particular focus on the Hudson River. Our organization's mission is to promote and encourage interest in sound ecological practices affecting the Hudson River and its environs, to organize and arrange recreational activities such as picnics, festivals, and other community gatherings on the waterfront of Beacon, New York, and to promote interest in sailing and foster good fellowship and safety in boating. With respect to this mission we are opposed to the expanded anchorage grounds for several reasons.

- The existing anchorage area at Hyde Park is rarely if ever used to its capacity of 3 vessels. Consequently there is little reason for expanding anchorages while existing ones are left vacant.
- These anchorages may facilitate expanded traffic of dangerous Bakken crude oil along the Hudson River. An accident involving this oil could prove disastrous to the ecosystem of the river, progress in cleaning it up, and the safety of riverfront communities. Past barge accidents resulted in hundreds of thousands of gallons of oil spilling into the river, and designated anchorages would allow the captains and crew to leave their vessels, which further increases the risk of accident.
- Either the anchored vessels will be lit at night and would be a source of light pollution that injures scenic views, or they would be left dark and would be dangerous for night time boat activity. In either case the net effect on the area where the anchorages are installed is negative.
- In the event of an emergency it is not clear that local emergency personnel are prepared to handle an accident effectively. Until they are, this proposal would put local residents at increased danger.
- The Hudson River has particular scenic and historic significance to the people of the region. This significance has been recognized in important American environmental law and it the Hudson Valley has been designated as a National Heritage Area. These expanded anchorages could diminish its scenic beauty by effectively turning the Hudson into a parking lot for barges and tankers.
- The anchorages could cut off a large section of Newburgh Bay from recreational boating as well as our organization's free educational public sails. The area proposed as an anchorage is what we describe as a "safe zone" where we can operate outside of the commercial channel. While touting increased vessel safety for the commercial operators on the river, the proposed 445 acre anchorage area and the other proposed anchorage zones will undoubtedly compromise and come at the expense of the safety of the recreational boating public.

- There are areas along the river where tankers, barges, and tugs already anchor outside of the commercial channel and not in declared special anchorages. We see no evidence of the need to create such declared zones and, considering both commercial and recreational vessels, do not think they will have a positive effect on the overall traffic safety on the River.

In a greater context the proposed anchorages are a threat to the enormous progress that the Hudson River has seen in recent decades. Public parks and recreational boating are a reflection of the success of the now fifty-year-long effort to make the Hudson River cleaner and to encourage the public to re-embrace the river as the region's greatest natural resource. To see Newburgh Bay filled with sailboats, fishing boats, jet skis, tourist vessels, and other pleasure craft reaffirms that it is everyone's river and not just the industrial waterway that it was once considered to be. In that not-too-distant past, people and politicians alike turned a blind eye as millions of gallons of raw sewage flowed into the river daily, the fish (including the now-endangered Atlantic Sturgeon and the heavily depleted American Shad) washed up dead on its banks, and the sediments, water, and shorelines were poisoned by some of the most toxic chemicals on the planet. This anchorage proposal, offered under the guise of increased safety, is a vestige of the destructive and selfish mindset that poisoned the river by prioritizing industrial convenience over the health and well-being of the river and the people along its shores, and it would endanger the special bond that has been carefully tended between the residents of the Hudson Valley and waterway that connects its communities.

For these reasons the Beacon Sloop Club is opposed to increased anchorages along the Hudson River and the Newburgh Bay proposal in particular and asks for hearings to be held for all involved parties to express their concerns in person.



The Beacon Sloop Club joined State Assemblyman Frank Skartados' news conference calling on the U.S. Coast Guard to reconsider the proposed anchorages and to hold local public hearings. Other local politicians and environmental groups spoke in opposition to the plan.

Beacon Sloop Club Treasury Report								
Submitted by Sarah Elisabeth								
July 26, 2016								
BSC General Fund	Amount	Snailmail	Paypal	Woody & Small Boats	Festival & Event	Newsletter	Harbor	Clubhouse
Hat Pass	176.30							176.30
Donation	3788.10			3788.10				
Where's the Woody	8.00			8.00				
Vendor	1895.00				1895.00			
Merchandise	55.00				55.00			
Membership	125.00	125.00						
Harbor	1100.00						1100.00	
Battery Return	42.00			42.00				
Day at Sloop Brewing	2557.35				2557.35			
Open House	142.00							142.00
Women's Work	480.00				480.00			
Total	10368.75							
Harbor	-253.39						-253.39	
Central Hudson	-34.69							-34.69
Day at Sloop Brewing	-545.00				-545.00			
Woody Restoration	-6602.50							
Small Boats	-203.86			-203.86				
Festival	-1556.05				-1556.05			
PO Box	-130.00							-130.00
Strawberry Festival	-1297.47				-1297.47			
Staples	-102.98							-102.98
Total	-10725.94							
Total Monthly Income & Expenses	-357.19	125.00		3634.24	1588.83		846.61	50.63
Opening Balance	251645.41							
Closing Balance	251288.22							



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Thank You Simone for all your support

Movies that Matter Beacon

Friday, August 26, 2016

7:30 pm (doors open at 7pm)

First Presbyterian Church at 50 Liberty Street in Beacon, NY in McKinley Hall.

No Admission Charge: Donations Accepted
Discussion and refreshments

The Yes Men Are Revolting



For the last 20 years, notorious activists the Yes Men have staged outrageous and hilarious hoaxes to draw international attention to corporate crimes against humanity and the environment. Armed with nothing but thrift-store suits and a lack of shame, these iconoclastic revolutionaries lie their way into business events and government functions to expose the dangers of letting greed run our world.

Current Calendar



Executive Committee meeting, Tues. Aug. 23rd 7:00pm., at the Clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting, Sept. 2nd – potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

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

MOVIES THAT MATTER BEACON: The Yes Men Are Revolting, Fri., Aug. 26, 7:30pm (doors open at 7pm), First Presbyterian Church of Beacon, McKinley Hall, 50 Liberty St., Beacon, NY. Free. (845) 838 2415, www.moviesmatterbeacon.org

Ferry Sloops Summer Music Series- The River Acoustic Band., Wed. Sept. 7, 7:30 pm, Shattemuc Yacht Club

Beacon Sloop Club Pumpkin Festival, Sun. Oct. 16, Noon-5 pm, Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park

Woody work parties will continue at the HRMM. Contact James Malchow to receive weekly updates.

Pumpkin Festival Call for Volunteers October 15, 16

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Rolling out crust
Pie Baking

On Sunday we need people for
Set up
Pie Selling
Cream whipping
Soup and Chili
Stone Soup
Take down and cleanup
Membership and Merchandising
And

Many, Many, More tasks
Contact

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Please come out and support the community and the Sloop Club and have a little fun down by the riverside.



Terrance Brennan and Friends at
The Culinary Institute of America

A Unique Culinary Event to Benefit Hudson River Sloop Clearwater

Hosted by Chef Terrance Brennan and
Dr. Tim Ryan, President of the CIA
Sunday, September 25, 2016 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
The Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, NY

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

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