

The Candidates

Current Board members up for re-election:

William Flank

Bill Flank has been a long-time technical consultant for Clearwater, and as a Board and Executive Committee member in the '90s, helped to build the positive reputation of our science-based research projects and advocacy programs. Flank also chairs the Governance Committee and is a member of the Executive Committee. He is a semi-retired scientist and manager, and currently teaches chemistry, environmental science and statistics at Pace University. He has published a number of books and technical papers, and holds a number of patents.

"There's a lot at stake, locally, nationally, and globally. We need to advocate and educate – get people to act – and we need to win!"

Robi Schlaff

Robi Schlaff, Esq., was appointed director of the Westchester County Office for Women in July, 2013. Prior to that time she was the director of the Westchester Family Justice Center.

For the majority of her career, Robi practiced family law, representing children in custody and abuse cases, adult victims of domestic violence, and then as a family law mediator. Robi spent many years in government, as legislative director for a New York State Assembly member and as a policy maker in County government working to develop programs such as the family court legal program and multi-disciplinary child abuse investigation team.

Before heading the FJC, Robi was special counsel to the Commissioner of the NYS Department of Environmental Protection, where she chaired the NYS Sea Level Rise Task Force and co-chaired several statewide climate change adaptation reports.

Robi received her J.D. from Benjamin Cardozo School of Law where she was a member of the law review, and her B.A. from SUNY Albany.

Robi has been an active board member of Clearwater since September, 2011; she is a member of the nominating and environmental action committees, and is pleased to submit her name for nomination for another term.

Stephen Smith

Stephen D. Smith is a senior safety and environmental engineer with Novus Engineering PC, Delmar, New York. His work focuses on interpreting environmental

regulations and developing compliance strategies. He also performs Environmental Site Assessments, Indoor Air Quality Investigations, and provides training on OSHA and Clean Air Act compliance. Stephen lives in Glenmont, New York on the Hudson River just south of Albany. He has been a Clearwater Director since his election in 2008, serving on the Environmental Action, Facilities, Personnel, and Executive committees. He serves as Clearwater's EEO Officer and is Vice-President of the North River Friends of Clearwater Sloop Club. Stephen is also a musician who sings, plays guitar and bass, and performs solo, in a duo, and with various bands. His current band's website is <http://www.bouncebackband.com>.

New Board Candidates:

James Malchow

James Malchow is a Clearwater member who has been involved with Clearwater and the Beacon Sloop Club since 2010. He is currently the secretary of the Beacon Sloop Club, a sailor on the sloop *Woody Guthrie*, and an active volunteer at Beacon Sloop Club festivals, events, and Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival. A recent graduate of Rutgers University where he helped produce the New Jersey Folk Festival, James hopes to continue increasing his involvement with Clearwater in the coming years. He also hopes to advance Clearwater's goal of inspiring a new generation of environmental leaders and to help find ways for Clearwater to become better acquainted with all of its membership, Sloop Clubs, and grassroots supporters.

Ali Muhammad

Ali Muhammad has lived in Beacon for the last 20 years. As a 26 year old, Ali has been extremely active and involved with the development of the youth in the community, and the organization of events and functions, as well as individual development. As a newly elected City Councilman, Ali has been focused on recreation, safety, traffic concerns, and the development of our community as a whole. Ali has a "community first" approach. He believes that the development of a strong character begins at home, and within. He has been working with Zero to Go to learn more about recycling and taking care of our environment. "How we treat our Earth and animals is a strong reflection of how we treat each other. We still have a lot of work to do."

Ali wants to learn more from Clearwater and assist and represent an under-represented group of people.

Jeff O'Donnell

Jeff O'Donnell's interest in Clearwater was spurred by his background as an activist (Vietnam, environmental); as a lover of folk music, and as an active outdoors-person, hiking, climbing, canoeing, and caving. He is a chair of the Appalachian Mountain Club, Connecticut Chapter. As part of the Mountain Workshop, Jeff ran trips for high school students. Jeff received undergraduate degrees from Sacred Heart (computer science) and Pace (nursing), a Masters in Nursing (Pace), and a doctorate from Yale. He also brings extensive nonprofit Board experience with 13 years on the Dobbs Ferry School Board, 8 years on the Community Advisory Committee at Children's Village, and as a member of the Energy Task Force in Dobbs Ferry for three years.

Jeff is a researcher, having spent 20 years in market and social research. He is also technologically skilled, having worked with computers since the 1970s. He volunteers with an organization that trains service dogs for those with physical disabilities, veterans with PTSD, and autistic children. Jeff continues his love of music by volunteering at the Tarrytown Music Hall. He has been a Festival attendee or volunteer since the late 1970s and been on a number of *Clearwater* sails. Jeff would love to volunteer his time on the Clearwater Board.

Don Raskopf

Don Raskopf is a long-time Clearwater member and volunteer who lives in Beacon. He and his children, Liz and Luke, have been Revival volunteers for a decade and helped renovate Clearwater's current headquarters in 2009. Don helped negotiate Clearwater's lease with the city of Beacon, led over 200 volunteers in the Revamp the Camp effort and more recently co-founded Ban Fracking Now, a joint effort of Beacon Climate Action and Clearwater's Environmental Action department. He is a member of the Beacon Sloop Club, a *Woody* sailor, and currently serves as maintenance coordinator. Don works as a construction site supervisor for Alternate Designs Inc., a small high-end builder, based in South Salem, NY. For many years he was a supervisor with Sunrise Building and Remodeling and was their first

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Amendment:

Approve the Certificate of Amendment to the Clearwater Certificate of Incorporation previously approved by the Board of Directors, so it can be filed as required by the State of New York. The amendment provisions include legal certifications that New York State now requires of all non-profit corporations, and an address update and agreement with our bylaws regarding the number of authorized directors. The formal text is available for inspection online at www.clearwater.org and at the Clearwater office.

YES NO

lead installer for Sunrise Solar, a now thriving solar PV company based in Briarcliff. He is a wooden boat builder and restorer, a love which began in childhood working on his grandfather's 1930s mahogany Hacker speedboat. Don was also a volunteer in the South Street Seaport's small boat shop in the late '80s, helping build a traditional plank-on-frame NY pilot harbor gig. He studied marine biology for two years at the College of William and Mary and is a certified scuba diver.

Sharon Rowe

Sharon is the CEO and Founder of Eco-Bags Products, Inc., a certified B Corporation. Their mission is to offer thoughtful, ethical and sustainably sourced, durable-reusable bags that allow people to reduce, reuse, recycle and re-imagine the world we live in. Sharon believes that less can be more, and she is passionate about living greener, simpler and more abundant lives. Sharon has been featured as an environmental pioneer in *TIME Magazine*, *Glamour Magazine*, and in the award winning documentary "BagIt." She has been quoted in publications such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *Nylon Magazine*, *Entrepreneur Magazine*, *Conscious Choice*

Magazine, and heard on National Public Radio and Air America. ECOBAGS® products were featured on Oprah's first dedicated Earth Day show in 2007. Sharon has won numerous awards, including the national 2012 Enterprising Woman Award, issued by Enterprising Women Magazine. She will bring 25 years of running a nationally recognized brand and small business experience to the Clearwater board of directors.

Sharon's business choices are driven by two age-old sayings: "Leave no trace," and "Do no harm." Her guiding philosophy is a belief that everyone can make their own best effort to live lightly on the earth and live more gently with each other. Sharon believes that her mission is aligned with (and inspired by) Clearwater.

Marco Spodek

Marco is a college student who grew up in the Hudson Valley, loving its outdoor recreational lifestyle – so much, that he decided to attend college in the Hudson Valley as well. He is currently pursuing a double degree in music and environmental studies at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson NY; concentrating on two subjects that are vital to Clearwater's mission and

Casting Your Vote



Tim Macnam

Clearwater's bylaws provide that the Board of Directors shall consist of up to 25 elected members. There are slots for up to **eight (8)** new or re-elected members on this ballot. Each candidate needs a plurality of 'yes' votes to be elected. Ballots will be tallied and results announced at the Annual Meeting.

Ballot Rules

Please vote yes or no for up to **eight (8)** candidates. Individual members may cast one ballot; each adult member of the family covered by a Family Membership may cast one ballot. Space is provided if you wish to write in the names of other candidates. Note: Any write-ins should not currently be proposed candidates, and must meet the quorum requirement in votes the same as the nominated candidates.

Ballot Validation

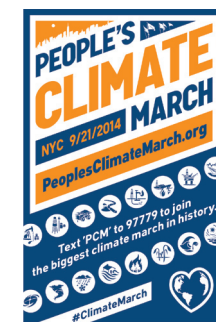
To insure that only members vote, a letter code is included on the right hand side of the mailing label (indicated by 'M1' or 'M2' next to your mailing address on the ballot). Be sure this code is printed to the back of your ballot. Handwritten or photocopied codes will not be accepted.

Mail Your Ballot

Send your ballot to: Board of Elections, Clearwater, 724 Wolcott Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508, to be received no later than September 15, 2014.

Alternatively, you may vote in person at the Annual Meeting, but **you must use this ballot**. Additional ballots will not be available.

**Save the Date!
9/21/14: People's
Climate March**



Clearwater will be participating in the People's Climate March on September 21st in NYC.

Please join us!

outreach. Marco is also the webpage/social media manager and research assistant at a Brooklyn-based environmental talk show, "The Many Shades of Green," hosted by Maxine Margo Rubin.

Marco is passionate about building a sense of community. He does whatever he can as an individual to help every community by working towards a more sustainable future. He finds himself drawn towards sustainable agriculture, ecological conservation and water issues as future focal points for environmental advocacy. Marco admires Clearwater's role in the local environmental movement, specifically in preserving the amazing river we all love, and feels honored to be taking part in the inner workings of such a vital organization.

The Sloop Scoop

Revival

We had record crowds at this year's Great Hudson River Revival in June as we honored both Pete and Toshi Seeger. It was a wonderful celebration and continuation of their legacy. So much of what they started at Revival years ago we continue: great and diverse musical artists and storytellers, environmental education and advocacy, accessibility for disabled and ASL interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing, wonderful activities for families on and off the River; and a place to celebrate our diversity.

Our 1000+ volunteer team did an amazing job building and staffing the festival. Without our volunteers, we wouldn't be able to present Revival.

We hope to see you next June!

Young Women at the Helm

This July, Clearwater marked the 13th year of our Young Women at the Helm youth empowerment program. Thirteen young women from around the Hudson Valley came to the *Clearwater* to experience what life is like running a tall-ship. This unique program empowers young woman by teaching



them integral parts of the boat, through environmental education and rigorous leadership training. The young women are split up into four "watches" to learn various specialties about the river and



the sloop. These watches include: Watershed, Ecology, Navigation and Maritime.

The young women arrived to the boat as strangers; daunted by the tasks set before them. By the third and final day, armed with an incredible understanding of the Hudson River, they were able to run the entire vessel. The program builds life-long friendships provides experiences that will stay with them for a lifetime. The young women get a great amount from their three-day experience, and give so much more back to the *Clearwater* crew than they realize. This program is free of charge to the young women and paid for through member donations and grants, who may otherwise not have the opportunity to have this unique Clearwater experience.

Micro-plastics

The Hudson River Sloop Clearwater has teamed up with scientists to look for the presence of micro-plastics within the Hudson River. Micro-plastics are commonly found as "microbeads." Microbeads are the tiny plastic beads that in the 1990s began replacing natural ingredients in cleansers (i.e almonds, oatmeal, sea salt). Microbeads are commonly washed down shower drains and bathroom sinks, passing through wastewater treatment plants and discharged within New York waters. Clearwater is using a special net called a "manta trawl" to sample the river for signs of these plastic particles. The microbeads can be mistaken for food by aquatic animals, passing into their digestive tract and eventually making their way into their circulatory system. Microbeads are buoyant and are also hydrophobic. This means they can combine with chemicals like PCBs, thus allowing the PCBs (which are normally found in mostly in river sediments) to distribute throughout the entire water column. To do your part, do not use products which include the ingredient Polyethylene/Polypropylene. For more information, read the whitepaper from the New York State Attorney General on this issue. http://ag.ny.gov/pdfs/Microbeads_Report_5_14_14.pdf



New Clearwater Shirts!

Introducing our denim button-up sloop shirts, ideal for sailing! Stop by our online store (<http://www.clearwater.org/clearwater-store/>) to browse more Clearwater gifts including CD's, DVD's, Collectible posters, revival t-shirts, clothing, and much more...



Revival photos by: Econosmith.
Young Women at the Helm photos by: Michelle Gluck.
Micro-plastics photos courtesy of River U.

The Sloop Scoop, part 2

Environmental Action/Green Cities: Clearwater welcomes new Green Cities Coordinator



On July 7 Omari Washington joined Clearwater's Environment Action/Green Cities program to head up the excellent work we are doing in several river cities to empower community members, especially urban youth, to transform their neighborhoods by using various forms of green infrastructure. Omari will work with community-based organizations and agencies such as Nubian Directions in Poughkeepsie, the Newburgh Armory Unity Center and the Peekskill Youth Bureau, and with skilled instructors and expert contractors, to provide career-oriented training in green stormwater management and green building retrofits. Trainees will acquire knowledge and marketable skills through hands-on work, such as



building rain gardens and bioswales to beautify neighborhoods and divert stormwater from cities' overburdened sewer systems, among other projects. Omari will also help develop replicable sustainability curriculum for middle school, high school and beyond. With his background as an environmental educator with CityScience and the NY Restoration Project in New York City, Omari is the ideal person to grow this initiative, which was very much part of Pete Seeger's vision for Clearwater's future.

Hudson River PCBs: Cleaning up the river is an ongoing task

General Electric is making excellent progress with the cleanup of PCB-contaminated sediments in a 40-mile stretch of the upper Hudson, north of Albany. This is the fifth year of active dredging and GE estimates the remediation will be complete by mid-summer 2015. However, Clearwater, Riverkeeper, Scenic Hudson, NRDC and a coalition of upriver communities are calling for the remediation to be extended to address an additional 136 acres just outside the area delineated for dredging to remove more PCBs and to provide for navigational dredging to deepen the channel to ensure full use of the River by commercial shipping vessels. If done while GE contractors are mobilized and the dewatering facilities and rail spur are still operational, the added work would be far less expensive for

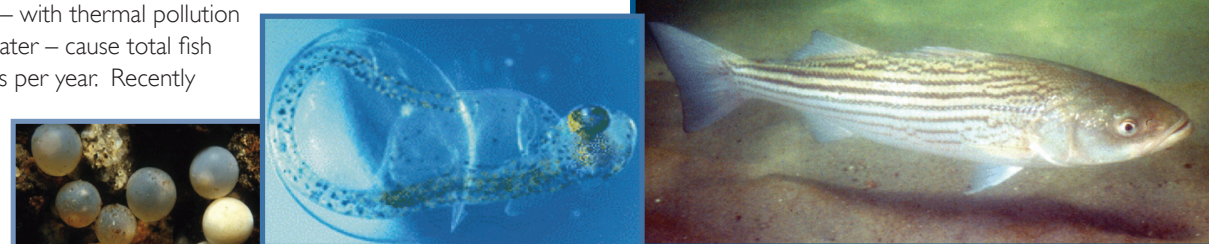


NYS Canal Corporation – which is funded by our bridge and road tolls. We are hoping GE will enter into a voluntary agreement to do this extra dredging in exchange for a reduced damage assessment by the Natural Resource Damage Trustees, who oversee the restoration of the river's natural resources as closely as possible to pre-contamination levels. In the meantime, Clearwater continue to work on a host of environmental issues up and down the river; opposing hydrofracking; the costly, energy-intensive desalination plant proposed for Haverstraw Bay; a crude oil transfer station proposed for New Windsor; and harmful zoning to expand the Port of Coeymans, which would compromise the Coeymans/Hannacroix Creek Complex – a Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Area.

Indian Point: Clearwater supports seasonal outages at Indian Point to protect Hudson River fish

The 2.5 billion gallons a day of cooling water consumed by Indian Point has disastrous consequences for struggling Hudson River fish populations. Adult fish get sucked against the intake screens and are killed by impingement; smaller fish, eggs and larvae pass through the screens and are cooked during entrainment in the once through cooling system, which – with thermal pollution of heated discharge water – cause total fish mortality in the billions per year. Recently the NYS DEC Staff issued a Fact Sheet on Scheduled BTA Outages/Seasonal Protective Outages

and held a hearing for public comment. Clearwater believes that the Best Technology Available to minimize fish kill in the Hudson River is still closed cycle cooling, but that full seasonal outages should be implemented as soon as possible to protect our declining fisheries.



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(this way the ballot is official,
but anonymous)



Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Annual Membership Meeting 2014:

Saturday, September 27, 2014
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

At University Settlement Camp:
724 Wolcott Avenue (NYS Route 9D)
Beacon, NY 12508



HUDSON RIVER SLOOP CLEARWATER Annual Membership Meeting 2014



Saturday, September 27, 2014

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

The Theater

University Settlement Camp (property by Clearwater Office)
724 Wolcott Avenue (NYS Route 9D)
Beacon, NY 12508

Directions

By train: Take Metro-North Railroad to the Beacon station. We can arrange to pick you up. Contact Linda.

By car (West Bank): Take the NYS Thruway to Exit 17 – Newburgh. Follow signs to I-84 E toward Beacon. Take the first exit after the toll on Rt. 9D (Exit 11) toward Beacon/Wappingers Falls. Turn right at the light onto 9D and continue to the site – approximately 2.9 miles. It will be on your left.

By car (East Bank): Take NYS Route 9 to NYS Route 9D and continue to the site – approximately 2.9 miles. It will be on your left.

AGENDA:

10:00 am

Meet, coffee, potluck

10:30 am

Introductions

11:00 - 11:45 am

Jeff Haynes and the Storm King project

11:45 am

Meet the Candidates – Ballot box closes at noon

12:00 - 1:30 pm

Ongoing Board of Directors Meeting
Sloop Club Charters

1:30 pm

Closing Songs

2:00 pm

Sloop Club Congress Meeting

ELECTION 2014: YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!

Clearwater members near and far vote to elect Board candidates into office every year – and it's that time again. Board members serve 3-year terms, and may serve three consecutive terms before they must rotate off for at least one year. Here's how the process works:

1. A nominating committee, comprised of Board members and non-Board members, identifies and recruits a slate of candidates.
2. The full Board of Directors accepts or amends the slate.
3. Additional candidates are added by petition with five Board members' or 30 Clearwater members' signatures.
4. A ballot is mailed to the membership before 4 weeks of the Annual Meeting (September 27).
5. All current members are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to vote. There have been times in the past when Board members were elected almost solely by those who were able to attend the Annual Meeting – a small minority of Clearwater's thousands of members! [N.B. Ballots are anonymous, but must include the member code to the right above your name on the original copy of the address label in order to be counted.]
6. Votes are counted and the new Board members announced.
7. The new Board convenes, electing its officers and Executive Committee, and reconstituting its committees.

Board members play key, creative roles in setting policy, oversight, fundraising, event planning, program development, financial management, public relations, and project management, and must serve as articulate, credible spokespersons and ambassadors for Clearwater. It is vitally important that you vote, by mail or by attending the Annual Meeting.