



Note:
All sails in 2013 will carry a strict maximum of 50 passengers

**2013 GROUP SAIL APPLICATION FORM:
 INSTRUCTIONS**

Thank you for choosing Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, home to the vessel *Clearwater*, proudly listed on the National Registry of Historic Places! Enclosed is your application to sail with Clearwater in 2013. Be as clear and specific as possible when filling out the application, and **please read all materials carefully**- especially our cancellation policy. **No money is due with your application.**

We look forward to sailing with hundreds of groups each year, and realize that each group has different needs. Please describe your requirements on the application, as any information about your group's program goals or limitations is helpful to our staff.

IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION AS PART OF AN 'EARLY BIRD' ROUND OF APPLICATIONS
 (Before the schedule is released):

- Complete your application with a range of acceptable dates and docks. Be sure to advise us of any black-out dates when your group cannot sail.
- Submit your application before the deadline. If you do not receive an e-mail confirmation from us, please give us a call to make sure it arrived safely!
- You will receive confirmation of your sail date(s) and your contract package once the schedule has been finalized.
- Once you receive your contract package, please return one signed copy and your Sail Program Information sheet **immediately**.
- Payment is due 8 weeks prior to your program.

IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION AFTER THE SCHEDULE HAS BEEN RELEASED:

- Have a look at the sail schedule on our website at www.clearwater.org to see which dates are still available.
- When you have decided on your possible dates, please contact the Sail Program Manager to reserve a date.
- You will then have **five (5) business days** for your application to be received and approved.
- Once you receive your contract package, please return one signed copy and your Sail Program Information sheet **immediately**.
- Payment is due 8 weeks prior to your program. **If you are booking your program within 8 weeks of your program date, payment is due with your signed contract.**

Whether you are education sail or we thank you for

2013 SAILING SEASON DEADLINES:

joining us for an for a private charter, your support!

Season	Early-bird Application Dates	Schedule Posted (tentative)
Spring 2013 (April-June)	09/27- 10/31/2012	12/15/2012
Summer 2013 (July-August)	12/01/2012- 02/01/2013	02/15/2013
Fall 2013 (September-October)	03/01- 04/30/2013	05/20/2013



ESSENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT SAILING WITH CLEARWATER

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

- All sails can accommodate an **absolute MAXIMUM of fifty (50) people**, including infants and group leaders. Youth groups must bring an absolute minimum of two (2) adult chaperones per sail- with our strong recommendation to have more chaperones the lower the grade level of the students participating.

TYPES OF PROGRAMS AND FEES: Clearwater's boats are available for many different kinds of charters, from education sails for youth groups and adults, to fundraisers for non-profits, to private charters for weddings and parties. Our staff and crew will work with you to arrange our onboard programming to fit your needs. **Youth groups MUST be at least the 4th grade level (9-10 yrs.) or older to participate in our onboard education programs.** Children younger than the 4th grade level are welcome aboard as long as their number does not exceed 1/4 of the total number of program participants. Groups charter *Clearwater* for a flat, per sail fee. Standard sails are three hours long. Five-hour long sails are available for double the sail fee of a regular three-hour sail.

PROGRAM FEES:

Type of Group	Program Fee	Education Program
Youth *	\$1,250.00	Yes
Youth Education Stream (one class)	\$1,625.00	Yes
Adult Non-Profit	\$2,000.00	Optional
Private Individual Charter	\$2,500.00	Optional
Business/Corporate Charter	\$3,000.00	Optional

*Youth sails should be comprised of at least 50% youth of college age or younger

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: Clearwater has a limited number of scholarships and grants available to groups who cannot afford the full sail fee. Youth and adult non-profit groups living/working in underserved and environmental justice communities will be given priority consideration. **The standard scholarship amount granted is \$255.00**

Education programs booked through Clearwater are eligible for state aid. Schools in Dutchess, Putnam, Westchester and Rockland Counties should obtain the correct form at http://www.pnwboces.org/environmental/State_Aid.htm Schools in other Counties should check with their local BOCES office to verify eligibility.

Clearwater's Docks

Rensselaer County:
Rensselaer

Greene County:
Coxsackie
Catskill

Columbia County:
Hudson

Ulster County:
Saugerties
Kingston

Dutchess County:
Poughkeepsie
Beacon

Orange County:
Newburgh
West Point

Putnam County:
Cold Spring

Rockland County:
Haverstraw
Piermont

Westchester County:
Verplanck
Yonkers

New Jersey:
Alpine

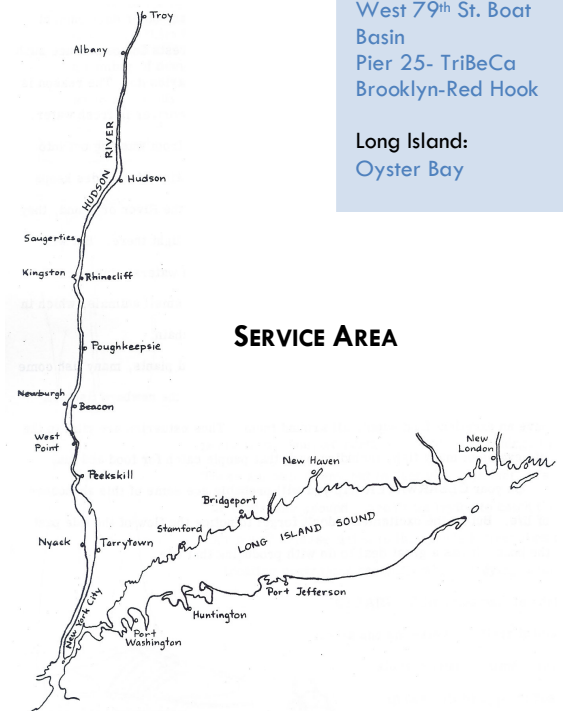
New York City:
West Harlem Piers
Park- 125th St.
West 79th St. Boat
Basin
Pier 25- TriBeCa
Brooklyn-Red Hook

Long Island:
Oyster Bay

CANCELLATION AND WEATHER POLICY: Programs are rarely cancelled or postponed because of inclement weather, and Clearwater cannot schedule rain dates in advance. **Except in rare cases, Clearwater's captains do not cancel sails based on weather forecasts; cancellations generally occur the day of your scheduled program.** If the weather is such that we are still able to conduct programs but not to go sailing, your group will be given the option of participating in dockside programming, at a 40% discount of your sail rate.

We highly recommend that, for event-centered sails that cannot be re-scheduled- weddings, birthday parties, etc.- an alternate, land-based location be booked.

Should the group need to cancel a sail for any reason, if Clearwater is given **fewer than eight weeks notice** of a group's cancellation, a **20% penalty fee** will be deducted from the refund. If Clearwater is given fewer than three weeks notice of a group's cancellation, a **50% penalty fee** will be deducted from the refund. **Groups canceling with one week's notice or less will not receive a refund.**



Streams: The Best Way to Extend the Impact of Your Clearwater Education Sail

We believe that our Hudson River sailing programs can make an impact on students before their 3-hour sail has begun, and long after it is over. To simplify this process for teachers, we offer you **Streams**- sequenced program options that have been designed to lead teachers and students alike to a greater depth of understanding and a higher commitment to change the world.

Inviting Clearwater educators into your classroom for pre- and post-trip programs, and using our online lesson plans and resources provides an in-depth, place-based learning path for your students. Our program components are based on grade-appropriate NYS learning standards and Regents exam topics to fulfill your group's curriculum requirements.

How much does it cost for one class* to participate in a Stream program?

Sail Program:	\$1,250.00
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Stream:	\$ 375.00
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	\$1,625.00

*Additional classes for each day cost \$100 each. For groups with more than 4 classes, assembly programs and additional discounts are possible.

A Stream is comprised of:

- A hands-on **in-class program** led by a Clearwater educator, either before or after your trip- or both! (Assembly programs possible for larger groups)
- A three-hour **Sailing Classroom Program** on *Clearwater* or the *Mystic Whaler*
- Online **Lesson Plans** and Hudson River resources- including a copy of *Clearwater's Key to Hudson River Fishes* and a copy of *The Hudson, an Illustrated Guide to the Living River*
- A **Clearwater Classroom Membership**, with achievement patches for each student, a monthly newsletter, and follow-up 'action activities' to help students apply what they have learned to improve their homes. schools. communities and environment

Choose the **Stream** which best suits your group's needs:

Each stream is appropriate for grades 4- college and reflects NYS Learning Standards and Regents exam topics.

Arts and Literature Stream: Thousands of people have been inspired by the beauty of the Hudson River Valley to create music, art and literature. Through place-based education, students explore the creative works of those who have come before them, and discover how the arts inspire and support environmental and social movements. Students experience the majesty of the ship and river from the decks of *Clearwater* to draw inspiration for their own creative works. By expressing themselves through music, artwork or literary creations, students draw attention to and teach others about pertinent environmental issues.

History and Time Stream: Sailing aboard an historic tall ship leads students on a journey through time. Students discover how the mighty estuary was carved by glaciers; about the people who have called the river's banks home; and how the Hudson River has played a significant role politically, socially and environmentally throughout history. Hands-on practice of traditional maritime skills coupled with place-based education while sailing past historically significant landmarks gives students a new appreciation of their place in history. Understanding how history has affected their lives prepares students to take action to create a better future.

Science and Inquiry Stream: The decks of *Clearwater* are transformed into a sailing laboratory where crew lead students through inquiry-based exploration of the Hudson River using the scientific method. In-class work lays the foundation for students to complete fieldwork research aboard the ship, where the tools to collect data and interpret it are provided. Each research project prepares students for the unique opportunity of taking environmental action measures based on scientific research in their community.