



This Week on the Sloop

April 21-28, 2016

Plank by plank, Clearwater is looking more like a boat again. This week saw the garboard and the broad strake installed on both the port and starboard sides. A majority of the port side hull planking has been installed. Interior progress is even more evident as the centerboard trunk grows taller, ceiling planks extend farther, and the bulkheads are being rebuilt.

The crew even spent some time enjoying our last Open Boat of the season and celebrated Earth Week with a concert in Rosendale.



The starboard side garboard and broad strake.



Wood being milled for centerboard trunk



Dots and stripes! Bungs filling the fastener holes.

These wooden plugs fill in the fastener holes creating the watertight surface of the plank. They are then cut flush with the plank and the whole surface is planed smooth.

The stripes are the frames waiting to be covered.



Most of this project involves teamwork. Here, two of our shipwrights work together to guide the router in creating the groove for the spline in the centerboard trunk timbers.



The bulkhead (the wall on a ship) between the engine room and captain's cabin being rebuilt.



Emily is pushing a ceiling plank into place. This one had to go underneath the bulkhead between the hold and the focsle, so a lot of force was needed to get it in place, thus the porta power.



CryoWeld came to service our fire extinguishers.
Clearwater's safety is always being monitored.



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What's Next?

Work will keep plugging along as more planks get put into place and the centerboard trunk divides the hold once again. More bulkheads will be rebuilt, dividing the spaces even further. On the hull, the seams between the planks will begin to be caulked using cotton and oakum.

Here's Garrett caulking the seams between new planks:



Visiting the Sloop

Sunday Cleanup Days

You can contribute to the sloop restoration every Sunday! Captain Aleythea is asking for your help in cleaning up the shop on Sundays after each work week. This will allow our crew to focus all of their attention on getting Clearwater back on the River by the spring.

Put the Bilge Weights back onboard! May 7 & 8 from 9:00-3:00

In October 2015 we asked for help moving bilge weights from off of the sloop so we could start working on her hull. Now, we need your help putting them all back on! No need to register, please just show up with work gloves. We'll provide coffee, water and a light snack.

Thank You!



With your help we have managed to fill in an impressive number of planks.

Please make a contribution to our generosity campaign to help Float the Boat. Generosity has no fees associated with your donation, so your full contribution will help support the sloop restoration!

<https://www.generosity.com/fundraising/splash-the-sloop>

Thank you to all who have helped us get this far!
We couldn't do it without you!

Contribute to Clearwater's restoration by [becoming a member](#), [volunteering](#), or [helping us fund the project](#)!

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