



This Week on the Sloop

May 12-19, 2016

After a long, hard winter the sloop is looking more like a boat again. Now that the hull is fully planked, and a majority of the seams are caulked, the seams on the port side could be payed. Paying seams is the process of putting a seam compound into the gap between the planks to create a watertight seal.

Inside the boat, the ceiling planks are finished making it possible to replace the sole supports and bulkheads. We were even able to start priming the ceilings in the focsle!

The centerboard trunk is nearly to deck, which means some lots of complicated measuring to connect the trunk planks to the deck members.

Our propeller came back to us all shiny and smooth. Being out of the water is an opportunity to make sure the propeller is in alignment, and a chance to give it a bit of shine.



Paying the seams.



The centerboard trunk grows taller with each new piece.



The port ceiling is complete! View is from the main cabin looking forward.



Our propeller is looking brand new!



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What's Next?

We'll continue to finish up the shaping and installation process and then start to prime and paint. The port hull, the ceiling, and stringers throughout, possibly even the trunk itself may get a coat of paint this coming week. The caulking of the starboard side will move right along, and then the paying of the starboard seams can happen.

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 end of June.

Thank You!



With only a few weeks left to complete the restoration, we are working hard to make sure the Clearwater is ready to sail again this spring. With your help, we've raised an incredible \$720,000 for the sloop restoration and only need to raise another \$130,000 to meet our goal.

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

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