



This Week on the Sloop

January 14-22, 2016

Before we update you on this week's work, we'd like to start by addressing what's on everyone's mind and in everyone's hearts right now: the cancellation of 2016's Great Hudson River Revival.

The difficult decision to cancel the Festival this year was made not by one person, but by everyone who has been deeply involved in the planning of this festival since the beginning, including our army of dedicated volunteers. This decision was incredibly difficult to make; the festival is important to so many people and to us as an organization. Our goal is to restore the sloop this year and restore the Festival in 2017.

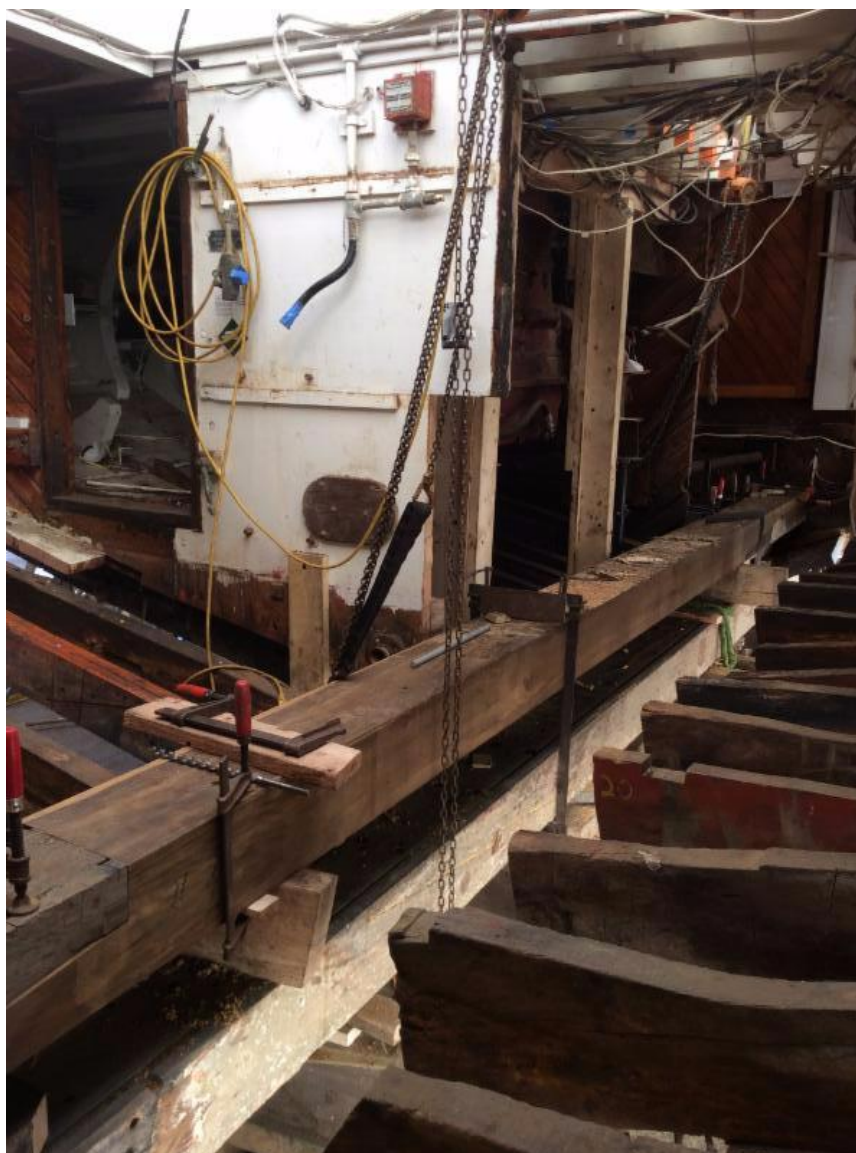
Pete left us with so much: his knowledge, his passion, his music, and our beloved sloop *Clearwater*. The small riverside concerts he performed, which eventually grew into the Revival Festival, were all in an effort to raise enough money to build the sloop. We won't give up on that boat, we know Pete wouldn't - he never did.

This week we had many volunteers donate their time to restore our beloved ship. Many thanks to everyone who came and volunteered in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the National Day of Service. On Saturday, a group of freshmen from Bard College sanded the main cabin overhead, to prepare for paint.

Monday, eleven volunteers braved the cold to help paint the overhead and scrape and oil the foredeck.



Below the waterline, things look similar to how they looked last week. In keeping with the old adage, measure thrice, cut twice- we've been doing a lot of detailed measuring and cutting to keep the water out of the boat.



Last week we brought the keelson section up inside the hull. Now that's it's fit the right way, we're making sure we have the tools to fasten it in place. It will have to be removed again in order to install the starboard bedlog beneath it.



The port lower bedlog is the base of the port side of the centerboard trunk. It also forms part of the hull, so it has a lot of shape to it.



Here, shipwrights cut the rabbet where the hull planking will fasten, creating a watertight joint.



Follow the restoration live on Instagram!

What's Next?



We'll continue to pattern and cut new futtocks until there are no more to replace.

Visiting the Sloop & What YOU can do to help

Please join us for another Open Boat on February 21st from 4:00-8:00 PM in

Kingston. We will have music, dancing, potluck dinner and tours of the sloop restoration.

In light of the news about the festival and the restoration project, many people want to know what they can do to help. There are many ways to get involved.

[You can support Clearwater by attending our fundraising events.](#)

Please stay tuned for updates on our series of concerts up and down the River.

[Become a member, or renew your membership.](#)

Donate your time: hang posters for our events, spend a day working on the sloop, help us with mailings and other work around the office, volunteer to work at our fundraising concerts, there are plenty of ways to volunteer. Email volcoord@clearwater.org.

Make a donation to the sloop restoration to [help us Float the Boat.](#)

Create or support a fundraising event in your community. Contact volcoord@clearwater.org for details.

Host a [House Party for Clearwater.](#)

Thank You!



Thank you to our generous donors and volunteers who have helped keep the sloop afloat!

Clearwater's hull restoration is a landmark task that will cost the organization greatly. New York state will match 75% of our costs, but we must pay the other 25% by raising as much as we can.

Your generous donations have raised over \$95,000 for the project so far, but we need you to keep filling in the planks and help us meet our \$250,000 goal.

We can't thank you enough for all that you do to keep the Clearwater sailing.

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

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