

From The Helm



Since taking over as President in September, I am both humbled and grateful for your confidence in me to lead the organization. As anyone who has ever raised the mainsail on the sloop *Clearwater* knows, it takes a lot of people working together to achieve that goal. And so it is with this organization. If we are to meet

the challenges that lie ahead for Clearwater, the Hudson River, and the planet, we all need to join in. Will you pick up the halyard and pull with me?

Betsy Garthwaite
Clearwater Board President

Thank you!

The Clearwater Captains and crew would like to thank all of you who helped us get our beloved sloop back on the River or joined us for a sail this season. Your support is what makes it possible for us to bring thousands of people to the River each year and inspire them to love and protect it. We genuinely appreciate your commitment to a cleaner, healthier Hudson River. See you in 2017!



Photos by Brian Zucker Fuhr



CLEARWATER'S
GREAT HUDSON RIVER REVIVAL

A Music & Environmental Festival

We are delighted to announce that
Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival
will return to
Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson, NY
on **June 17-18, 2017!**

To receive member pricing, visit **Clearwaterfestival.org** and enter the email address associated with your Clearwater membership in the Promo Code box. To check the status of your membership, contact Ann Mellor at (845) 265-8080 ext. 7119.

To stay up to date on all festival happenings, please visit **Clearwaterfestival.org** and **Revival's Facebook Page.**

We look forward to seeing you in June to carry on the great traditions begun by Pete and Toshi Seeger over four decades ago!

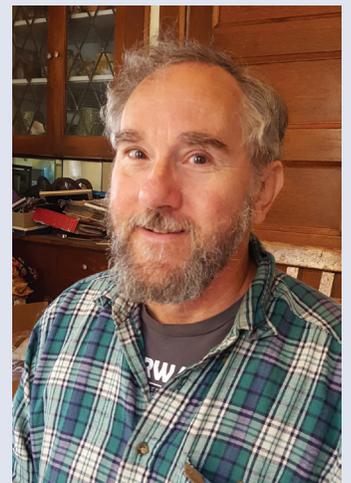
"Someday music will save this rainbow-colored race"
— Pete Seeger

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

Allan Goldhammer
Member since 1979

Why are you a Clearwater member?

"To foster the spirit of collective ownership, to correct imbalances both environmental and among people, and encourage members to direct Clearwater towards those goals. We need young members to come and take this gift which is waiting for your ideas. Come to board meetings, create change! I'll help."



Tideline Family Day



On Saturday, September 10th at Esopus Meadows Preserve we enjoyed Clearwater's Family Day. Esopus Meadows Preserve is the home of the Tideline program, our land-based field trip program. We had a wonderful day by the river, with over 100 people in attendance. The audience heard performances from Ratboy Jr., Rick Soedler, Storycrafters, Roger the Jester, Funkinships, and Payne's Grey Sky.

Many children went seining with Clearwater educators, and we had stellar volunteers from the Revival Children's area helping out, bringing their cool activities. Bryan and Susan Perrin of UrthArts guided the audience in a fun art project-dubbed "art on a stick."

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped out, it made the day that much better knowing we had great people to talk about the beauty, the health, and the issues concerning the river today.

It was a successful day of outreach, and the rainbow at the end of the day was a spectacular reminder of the amazing place we live in.

Thank you to our onboard volunteers!

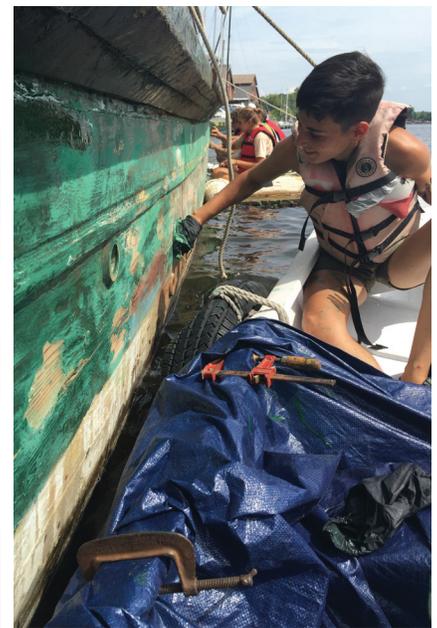
Maura Niemisto & Caitlin Zinsley, Onboard Educators

Clearwater's 2016 sailing season has come to an end and we would like to thank all the live-aboard volunteers who came and spent hours sanding, painting, and teaching youth about the river!

We will not forget the long, hot days of ship maintenance, youth empowerment programs and the amazing people who came on board and helped us during those sweaty summer days.

You made the heat, cold & rain bearable and continued to remind us why we do what we do!

If you would like to volunteer onboard Clearwater, fill out our online application <http://www.clearwater.org/education/volunteer-crew-on-the-sloop/>.





Clearwater's Second... Annual Gala!

This year's Gala hosted the largest number of *Clearwater* captains ever assembled. Clearwater welcomed captains spanning five decades from six US states and Canada. "I think I can speak for most *Clearwater* captains when I say that we hold very special, enduring memories of our time on board the sloop," said Clearwater Board President and former Captain Betsy Garthwaite. Thank you to all who attended!

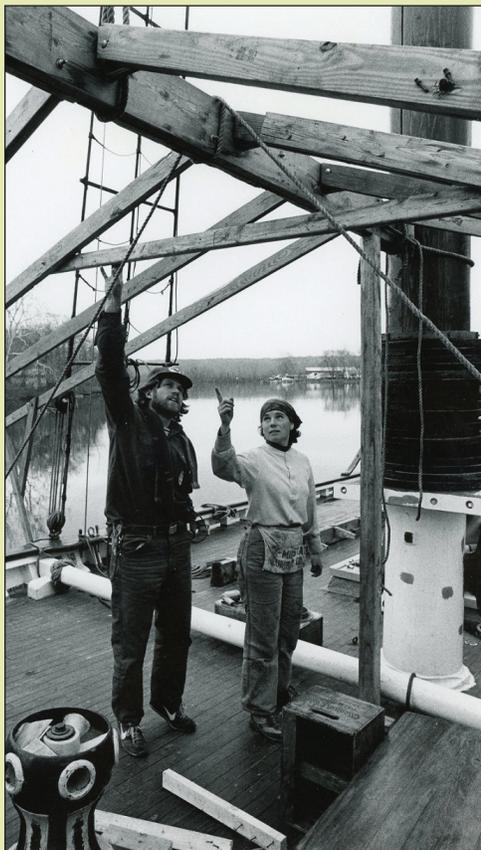
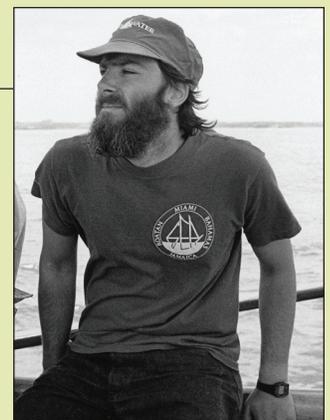
Left: Captain Jean Wort, honoree and Spirit of the Hudson award recipient
Below: Clearwater captains



Photos by Tom Macom

Clearwater's Second Generation!

Now that the sloop *Clearwater* has been around for nearly 50 years, we're seeing something very special. The children of former crew members and captains are becoming *Clearwater* crew members themselves. Just this past winter, there were four members of the "Second Generation" working on the restoration project. Then, in July, the daughter of former captain Cate Cronin joined the crew for a month as a sail trainee. Clearwater doesn't just create the next generation of environmental leaders. Clearwater creates the next generation of shipwrights and sailors. A few of them are pictured here.



At left: Peter Webb and Capt. Cate Cronin on board the sloop in Saugerties in 1981. Photo by Charles Porter.

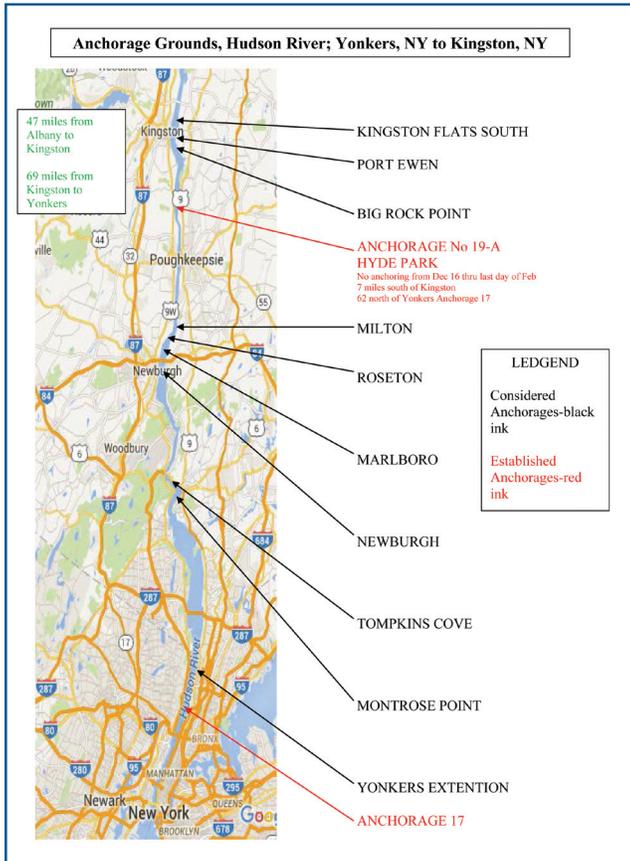
Top right: Caroline Webb, daughter of former Capt. Cate Cronin and crew member Peter Webb, and Katie Horder, daughter of former Capt. Morley Horder. Photo by Betsy Garthwaite, 2016.

Bottom right: Morley Horder on board the sloop in New York Harbor. Photo by Mitch Carucci in 1986.

Environmental Action Update:

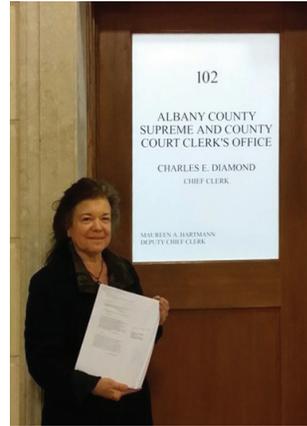
Indian Point: In the past year Indian Point experienced eight unplanned shutdowns, including a major leak of tritium and other radioactive isotopes, and the discovery that 227 baffle and former plate bolts inside Unit -2's reactor core were loose, rusted, broken or missing. These have since been replaced, but IP Unit-3, with identical equipment, has not yet been inspected, let alone repaired. 2016 also saw the passage of NY State's Clean Energy Standards to ensure 50% renewable energy generation by 2030 (Yay!), but also included a massive nuclear subsidy of \$7.6 to \$10 billion (with a "B") to keep New York's aging and unprofitable nuclear fleet operating for another 12 years ("Boo"). While working tirelessly to help close Indian Point, Clearwater is also actively promoting the transition to a renewable energy economy, which the Public Service Commission's nuclear subsidy will unfortunately delay. On another positive note, on November 21 the State of New York Court of Appeals ruled that the Entergy's application related to Indian Point's license renewal is indeed subject to consistency review NYS Department of State, which has already determined that it is not consistent with the State's Coastal Management Plan.

Hudson River PCB Clean Up: Clearwater continues to participate in the Community Advisory Group (CAG) for the PCB remediation, which is now focused on the floodplains in the upper Hudson. We are also participating on EPA's 5-yr review team to evaluate what we believe was not the comprehensive clean up the Hudson River deserves. In August, Governor Cuomo and NYS DEC Commission Basil Seggos issued a strong statement of support for a more robust clean up of Hudson River PCBs and announced that the Canal Corporation will soon begin navigational dredging. This is a major step forward in this ongoing saga.



Clearwater Challenges New York State Nuclear Subsidy:

This year Governor Cuomo and the NY State Public Service Commission (PSC) launched a plan to bail out old, unprofitable nuclear power plants upstate to the tune of up to \$10 Billion – and they want New Yorkers to pay for that bailout with a surcharge on their electricity bills. Nuclear energy is not our future – it's dirty, expensive and dangerous. We deserve clean, affordable and renewable energy. This plan, spelled out in Tier 3 of the so-called Clean Energy Standard, is like subsidizing the horse-and-buggy industry while Henry Ford is rolling cars off the assembly line. On November 30, Clearwater and Goshen Green Farms submitted a landmark case challenging the PSC's August 1 ruling, which would force NY ratepayers to underwrite an aging nuclear fleet for the next 12-years, as more and more high-level nuclear waste is generated, for which there is no good solution for storage or disposal. Four of these reactors are located in western NY, but the Tier 3 nuclear subsidy could apply to Indian Point Units 2 and 3 as well. Because nuclear power is NOT clean and can certainly not be called emission-free, this challenge is precedent-setting for the entire nation. Stay tuned for details as this historic lawsuit unfolds.



Aquatic Invasive Species:

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are still a looming threat in the Hudson River; but with our member support and the participation of over 3,000 boaters we were able to prevent Eurasian watermilfoil, water chestnut, and more species from spreading further inland in the Hudson Valley and elsewhere in the state. Our AIS Program wouldn't have been such a success without funding from the Lower Hudson Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management and the NYSDEC, and all of your support!



Coast Guard Announces Proposal for Ten New Anchorages on the Hudson River:



The 10 proposed anchorages, located between Yonkers and Kingston, will include 43 sites for mooring huge tankers and barges filled with highly volatile crude oil – turning the Hudson, which has

taken almost 50 years to clean up, into an industrial parking lot. This proposal has generated a lot of concern from Hudson Valley residents, businesses, boat and yacht clubs and municipalities. The Advanced Notice of Public Rule Making (ANPRM), which is similar to a preliminary scoping session, will be followed by a full Notice of Public Rule Making (NPRM) in the Spring of 2017.

Visit the US Coast Guard website for more information or to submit comment at www.regulations.gov/comment?D=USCG-2016-0132-0001

Holiday Shopping at the Clearwater Store!

We are offering 25% off all merchandise until January 1, 2017. Enter promo code **AutumnSails** while supplies last!
(Offer excludes Public Sail Gift Certificates)

Clearwater Public Sail Tickets! \$15-\$50

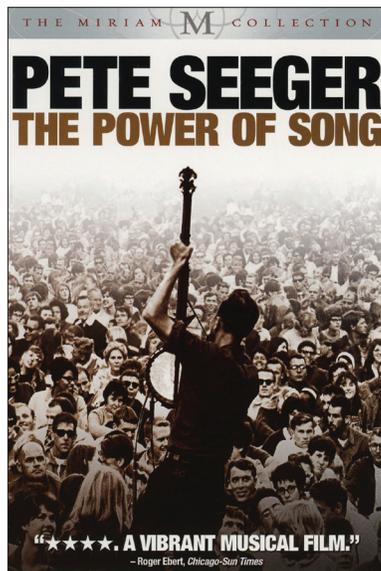
Give the gift of sailing! Perfect for everyone on your list, and suitable for all ages, the gift of a *Clearwater* public sail allows the recipient to choose the date and location that work best for them from a list of available sails. Certificates will be emailed to the email address provided.

Repurposed Sloop Plank Pens



These pens and letter openers sets are beautifully hand crafted using wood from the iconic sloop *Clearwater*

during her hull restoration of 2016. Get a magnificent (yet practical) piece of history for yourself or the *Clearwater* lover in your life. **Starting at \$40**



Power of Song DVD \$22.95

Part of the American Masters series on PBS, *Pete Seeger: The Power of Song* is the only authorized biography of our founder. Combining never-before-seen archival footage with personal films made by Pete & Toshi Seeger, this 100-minute feature is available as a DVD.

To Order:

Order online at www.clearwater.org or call Erin Macchiaroli at (845) 265-8080 ext. 7101.

Sloop Clearwater Knitting Kit! \$30

Create your own sloop *Clearwater* pillow, wall hanging or framed keepsake. This locally designed kit includes: introductory information, custom pattern and knitting chart, and all yarn colors.



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A KITLA KRAFT DESIGN 2015

Clearwater Hoodie \$30

Zip into *Clearwater*'s cozy black hoodie featuring *Clearwater*'s new (vintage) woodcut sloop logo.



Pewter Clearwater Ornament \$16.50

Measures 2.5 x 3 inches.