This Week on the Sloop

This week a new type of transformation has begun to take shape, as destruction comes to an end and the creation of new pieces begins. While there is still a fair amount to be removed, interesting and unique tools and machines for the creation of new pieces have been rolled in.

One of the large tools that just arrived in Kingston is the ship-saw. This is a specialty band saw used in shipbuilding (see how cool it is at the Open Boat on Saturday!) Large pieces of wood have been put on specially made tables with rollers so that they can be moved around easily and cut accurately.

New wood has also arrived. Both frame stock and the lumber that will be used to create new bedlogs (the foundation of the centerboard trunk). The new lumber and the pieces that were removed were both weighed by a giant scale to keep track of any changes to the vessel's overall weight.
Ship-saw arriving.
Ship-saw in place with scaffolding and an I beam.

Frame stock arriving.
Roller tables being made for supporting wood as it is being cut on ship-saw.

One of the bedlogs being wrecked out by a shipwright.
A view from the main cabin looking forward.

Crew taking a short break.
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What's Next?

The new futtock pieces will be cut from the stock using the patterns that have been made for them. The ship-saw will be put to work cutting lumber and making new pieces of the sloop that will become part of the ship.

Visiting the Sloop
You can visit the sloop and see the progress of the restoration at our next Open Boat on December 12th from 4:00-8:00 PM.

Join Clearwater for a potluck, music, dancing and tours of the restoration work at the barn in Kingston.

Registration for Clearwater's Volunteer Maintenance Day on December 19th is closed. Thank you so much to all of our volunteers who give their time to help with this project.

Thank You!
Thank you to our generous donors and volunteers who have helped keep the sloop afloat! Your donations are still crucial to ensuring that the sloop will be back on the River this spring.

Contribute to Clearwater's restoration by becoming a member, volunteering, or helping us fund the project!