



This Week on the Sloop

November 12 - 19, 2015

This week the crew removed the rest of the bilge weights with the help of some amazing volunteers. More planks were removed from the hull, and the engine was drained of fluids. The engine needed to be shifted out of the way to make room for the crew to access and disassemble the centerboard trunk.

The centerboard trunk passes through two watertight bulkheads, between the hold and engine room/bosun's locker, and between the engine room/bosun's locker and galley/captain's cabin. Part of the base of the centerboard trunk is the keelson, which runs from stem to stern, above and parallel to the keel. The section of the keelson that is part of the centerboard trunk needs to be inspected for structural integrity and replaced if necessary.



The port side of the centerboard trunk being carefully removed.



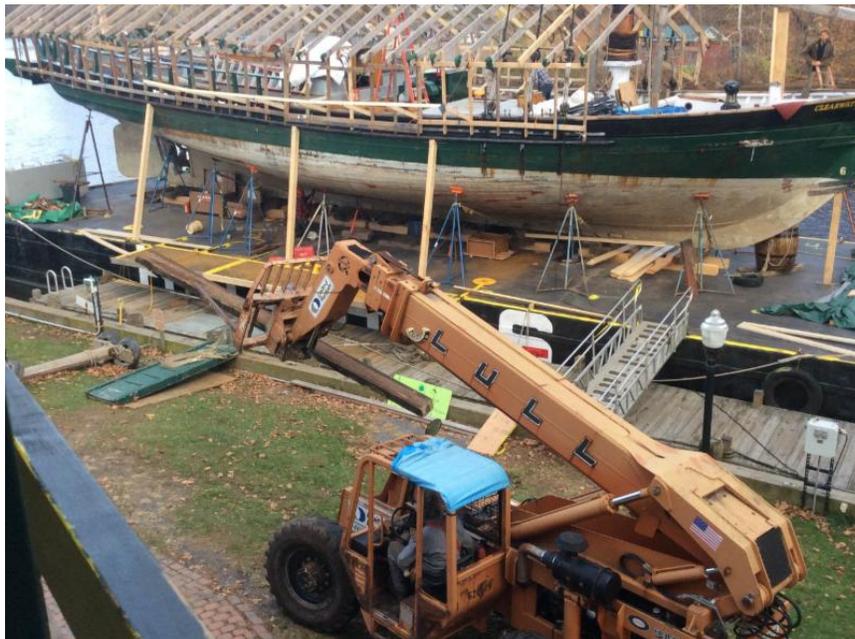
One piece at a time is cut and hoisted to the deck. Here's the first piece out!



Now three pieces are out.



Four pieces are out, and shipwrights Wayne and Michael are cutting out the fifth.



A Lull is used to remove each piece from the ship.



A railing was built on the barge to attach the winter cover, a thick plastic skin that will protect her from the winter weather.



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What's Next?

In the coming week, the winter cover will be placed over the *Clearwater*, the centerboard trunk will continue to be disassembled, more futtocks (curved timber pieces forming the lower part of the frame) and planks will be removed, and patterns to replace them will be drawn. Eventually, the crew will replace the lowest forward and after futtock of each frame with new white oak.

Visiting and Volunteering on the Sloop

Volunteer to help us work on the restoration on Saturday December 19, 2015 to continue helping with our Sloop Restoration work. Shifts run 9:30 to noon and

noon to 3:30. Water, coffee and a light snack will be provided.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register.

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. More information will follow.

Thank You!



Thank you to our generous donors and volunteers who have helped keep the sloop afloat! We've raised \$54,000 toward our restoration project, but we still need another \$250,000 to make sure the sloop is sailing again in 2016!

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