



## **This Week on the Sloop**      **November 18 - December 3,** **2015**

Two weeks have passed since our last update. A lot of work has been done and big changes have taken place.

Both sides of the centerboard trunk, as well as the forward section, have been removed down to the bedlogs and more futtock sections on both the port and starboard sides have been removed.

The engine has been shifted out of its usual position. This was done by building a support system on the deck above the engine, drilling holes in the deck, and lifting the engine up. More supports were built from underneath.

The shrink-wrap plastic shed that covers the ship went on, making an enclosed space to work in.

On Monday our friends from Greenland, who sailed aboard Clearwater eight years ago, came to visit and check out the restoration project. They performed some traditional hunting songs for us and sang some Pete Seeger tunes in English and Greenlandic.



Supports help maintain the shape of the vessel and provide stability.



The engine is being lifted and is floating inside the vessel.



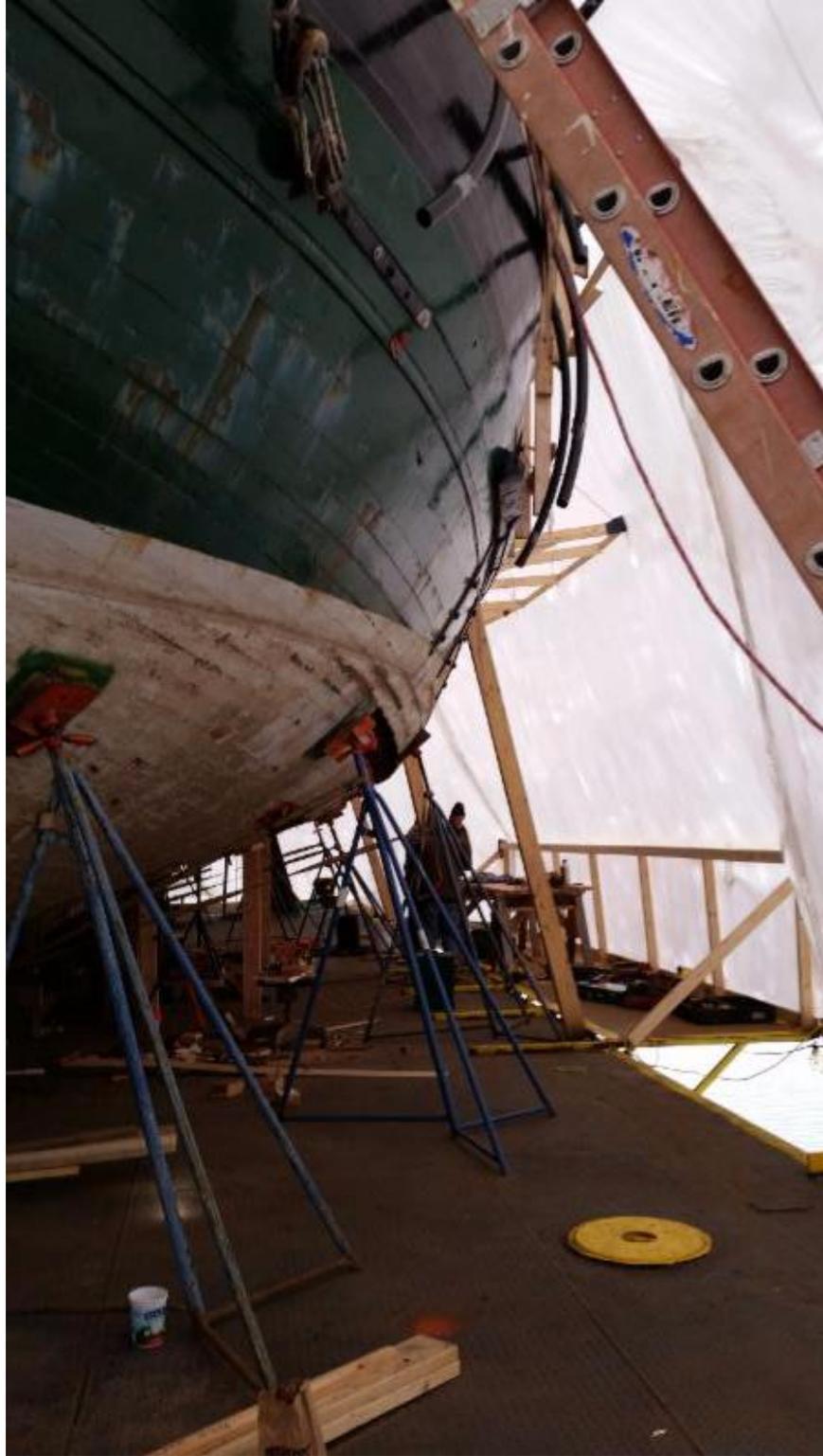
Engine support on deck.



Most of the centerboard trunk removed (view from galley).



The winter shed being built over the *Clearwater*.



A view of the *Clearwater* from inside the winter shed.



Our friends from Uummannaq, Greenland take a look at the ship's restoration progress.



The Greenlanders performed a traditional hunting song accompanied by drums made of animal skin stretched over wooden frames.



Follow the restoration live on Instagram!

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## What's Next?

Eventually, we will replace the lowest forward and after futtock of each frame with new white oak,

Soon, the bedlogs, keelson, centerboard trunk, and frames will be rebuilt, new white oak planks will be made and shaped, and then steam bent into place if necessary. The hull will be caulked in the traditional method, with cotton and oakum.

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## Visiting the Sloop

OPEN BOAT, December 12:

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.

VOLUNTEER MAINTENANCE DAY, December 19:

Please join us for a Volunteer Maintenance Day Saturday Dec. 19, 2015 to help work on the sloop as she undergoes her largest restoration project ever. Help make history by volunteering for either a morning shift, afternoon shift or all day! This event is open to everyone and we encourage you to bring the whole family\* out to volunteer with us.

The day will begin the morning shift at 9:30 AM and we will have hot water, coffee and a snack for all attendees. If you have sturdy work gloves bring them along if not no worries, we have extra for you to use. Volunteers and crew will work until 12:00 PM at which time we will break for lunch (please bring a packed lunch) and eat together until 12:30. We will begin working again after lunch and work until about 3:30 PM.

\*Children under the age of 8 can attend but must be supervised by an adult.

[Register here.](#)

**Thank You!**



Thank you to our generous donors and volunteers who have helped keep the sloop afloat! We've raised \$66,000 toward our Float the Boat campaign! We need \$250,000 to complete the project and make sure we can sail the Hudson River again by the spring.

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

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