This Week on the Sloop

Clearwater has helped turn Kingston into an historic shipyard!

This week, the sloop moved from the Cornell dock in the Rondout Creek to her winter home directly in front of the barn at the Hudson River Maritime Museum. This is where she will stay for the duration of the project.

First the crew began dismantling the interior of the midships section of the vessel. The crew then numbered the planks and frames, and drew an outline around the planks that needed to be removed. Supports were put in places where the planks can be accessed and replaced.

On Saturday, over 30 wonderful and hard working volunteers arrived to help move the 30,000 lbs of bilge weights that are the ballast of the boat. Four out of the six compartments were passed off the boat by our volunteers and stored away for the winter.

By Monday, the signs of restoration were everywhere. A full team of winter crew and shipwrights filled the scene and planks were pulled from the hull. This exciting and unique project is now in full swing.
Clearwater and Cornell coming up the creek

All settled in at the Maritime Museum
Volunteers pass the bilge weights from the ship to land

Outlines for the planks to be removed
Planks start coming off

Follow the restoration live on Instagram!

What's Next?

The rest of the iron bilge weights are set to be removed on Saturday, November 14th at another open volunteer day (see below for details).

The crew will finish dismantling the interior and soon start the demolition of the centerboard trunk. The new centerboard trunk will be built from bottom to top, starting with the bedlogs.

Visiting and Volunteering on the Sloop

Help Move the Bilge Weights!

We can't thank our volunteers enough for helping us make light work of moving 2/3rds of
the bilge weights from the sloop on Saturday. Volunteers are welcome to help finish the task this Saturday, November 14th. Shifts will run from 9:30-noon and noon-3:30. We will provide coffee, water and a light snack. Families are welcome. No experience necessary. Bring your work gloves!

Many thanks to last week’s volunteers for helping us get so much done!

**Open Boat**

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! Our restoration is now underway but we still have a long way to go to meet our fundraising goal. Make your contribution today to ensure that the iconic sloop *Clearwater* remains on the Hudson River and continues sailing for many years to come.

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