



This Week on the Sloop

October 15 - 22, 2015

This week the Clearwater crew began down-rigging the sloop in preparation for her trip to Albany and haulout at Scarano Boat Building.

This winter's work plan involves replacement of the frames and planks below the waterline. Previous work replaced the bow and the stern sections. Now we need to tackle the more complicated midships area of the boat which includes the centerboard trunk.

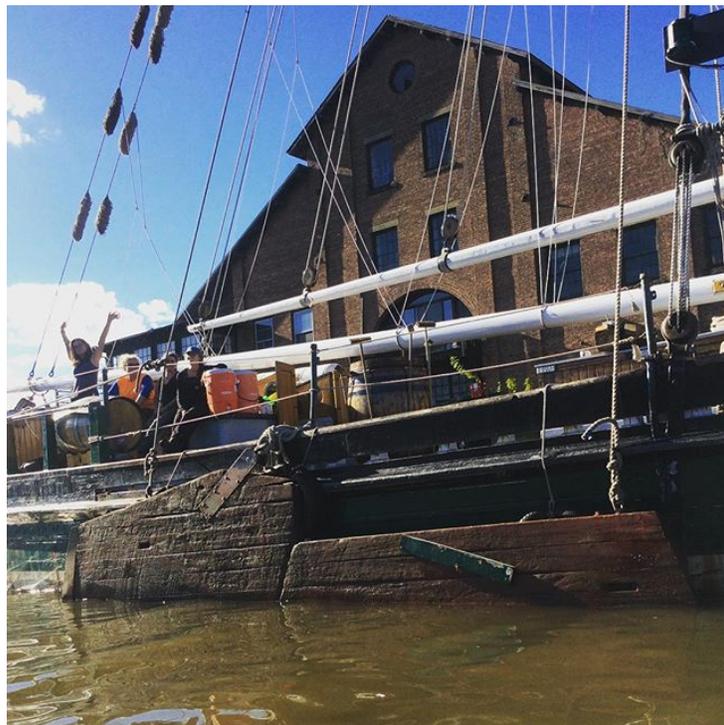
The centerboard trunk is the slot in the hull in which the centerboard pivots. Clearwater has a retractable, weighted centerboard that helps keep the boat from getting pushed sideways by the wind. Removing the centerboard is the first step in the restoration.



In order to lower the centerboard, we first need to remove its pivot point, a 2" diameter steel pin, which is below the water line. That means water flows into the boat while it's being removed!



After lowering the whole centerboard beneath the boat, we used the mechanical advantage of the capstan to raise it up on the starboard side.



The 4,000 lb centerboard emerged from beneath the sloop!



A forklift was used to haul the centerboard out of the water and place it on land.



The boom and gaff were also removed this week.



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What's Next?

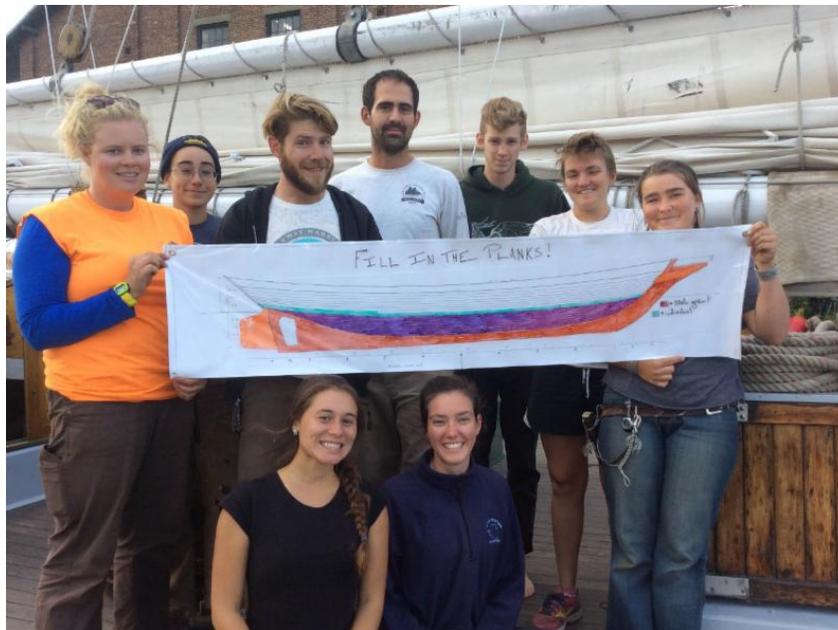
The sloop recently arrived at Scarano Boat Building in Albany, NY where her crew started removing the fuel tank with a crane with plans to have it off the sloop by Saturday. Then, the sloop will be hauled out and set on a barge to be towed back to her winter home port in Kingston. It is then that the major part of the restoration will begin.

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. More information will follow.

Thank You!



Thank you to our generous donors and volunteers who have helped keep the sloop afloat!

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