This Week on the Sloop

This week the Clearwater arrived at Scarano Boat Building in Albany, NY.

The crew started working to remove the fuel tank, which needs to be out of the way in order to access the centerboard trunk.

In order to remove the fuel tank, all of the fuel tank plumbing and supports had to be disassembled.
Then the tank was ready to come out of the bosun's locker.

The crew used rollers to bring the tank outboard, and line it up with the door.
Then they attached the halyards to bring the tank out the door and turn it 90 degrees.

The mechanical advantage of the halyards reduced the 1600 lb load as they lifted the tank up through the hatch onto the deck.

Follow the restoration live on Instagram!
What's Next?

The fuel tank will be removed from the sloop and set down on the barge so it can be painted over the winter.

We will then haul the vessel out, set her back down on a barge and shore up the hull using jack stands and blocking.

The tug Cornell will tow the barge back down to the Rondout, where we will build extensions to the barge deck, to make a wider work space. During this time, we will also cover the entire vessel, from above the deck of the sloop down to the deck of the barge, with a winter cover (a frame of dimensional lumber covered with a skin of thick plastic) to protect the sloop and her crew from the elements.

Soon the crew will start disassembling the interior shelving, galley, and captain's cabin, so they can access the frames to be replaced.

![The sloop covered by her winter shed, March 2015](image_url)

RACE the Sloop

You will get a chance to race the sloop as she makes her way to her home port in Kingston! Look for more details in next week's issue!

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, and fun!
Thank You!

Thank you to our generous donors and volunteers who have helped keep the sloop afloat! This week we raised another $10,000! We couldn't do this wonderful work without you.

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