This Week on the Sloop  

October 29 - November 5, 2015

This week saw a big transformation on the sloop.

On Thursday afternoon, we warped into the ‘pit’ at Scarano boat building, lifted the fuel tank off the boat with a crane, and hauled the sloop out of the water.

Warping is when the vessel is moved by human power, shifting docklines and pulling the boat to a new location. (Clearwater weighs 120,000 pounds!)

Friday, the sloop was set on the barge. Blocking was placed under the keel, and jack stands were set up on all sides to give stability and keep her supported.

The tug Cornell then set up along side the barge and delivered Clearwater to the Rondout creek. Some of the crew even took the six hour ride down on the tug!

For the rest of the week, the crew has been working on getting the winter cover set up to create a shed over the whole boat. Many of the interior spaces have been taken apart to open up areas for the restoration work ahead.
Alyce and Eric helping the sloop warp into the pit to haul out.
The fuel tank was removed with a crane, later placed on the barge.

The barge awaits the sloop.
Blocks being placed under the keel to support the weight of the sloop.

Jack stands were placed on all sides of the hull to stabilize her.
The sloop making the journey from Albany to Kingston.

Some of Clearwater's crew members got to ride on the tug!
Follow the restoration live on Instagram!

**Special Edition Float the Boat T-shirts and Hoodies**

For two weeks only! Purchase a special, limited edition Float the Boat t-shirt and a portion of the proceeds will help fund the iconic sloop Clearwater's winter restoration project.

Sales will open Monday, November 9th and close Monday November 23rd.

Visit [www.clearwater.org](http://www.clearwater.org) on Monday morning to make your purchase!

**What's Next?**

Soon, Clearwater will be situated next to the Barn in Kingston, and our amazing group of shipwrights will begin the long process of taking her apart to put her back together stronger than before.

**Be a Part of the Restoration!**

This Saturday, November 7th, you can join the crew in working on this landmark restoration project! We need volunteers to help us remove the bilge weights from the sloop. Each one weighs only three lbs, but with 10,000 weights to move, many hands are needed. No experience necessary, families are welcome.
Bring your work gloves!

The first shift is from 9:30AM to noon and the second shift runs from noon to 3:30PM. Coffee, water and a light snack will be provided.

Register here

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**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.

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**Thank You!**

![Image of volunteers]

Thank you to our generous donors and volunteers who have helped keep the sloop afloat! We raised another $12,000 this week for a new total of $47,000!
Help us fill in the rest of the planks by spreading the word about this unique project, becoming a member, volunteering, attending our Gala and Open Boat events, or helping us fund the project!

The Clearwater Gala

One way to support our restoration effort is to attend our first-ever fundraising gala! This year's gala will honor Annie and Fred Osborn III with the inaugural Spirit of the Hudson Award. This award is presented to those who make extraordinary contributions to the protection and celebration of the Hudson River and its watershed and to individuals who exemplify the values and spirit of Clearwater's cofounder, Pete Seeger.

**Get your tickets here**

Guests will enjoy musical performances by Paul Winter, dinner, a live auction, and more! Morning host, Radio Woodstock 100.1 WDST's Jimmy Buff will be Master of Ceremonies.