



This Week on the Sloop

May 5-12, 2016

This week was an incredible time to be at the sloop. We hit several milestones all at once. The week started with the keel worm shoe being put back on the vessel, which required that the boat be lifted and the blocking removed.

With the help of our volunteers, we were able to load all 30,000 lbs of ballast back into the boat, which enabled us to do something really exciting: fasten the final planks onto the hull and close it back up.

The crew and shipwrights raced each other to finish hanging planks on the port and starboard sides. It all came down to the last two spikes being driven.

What an exciting time to be part of this amazing restoration!



Crew and volunteers on bilge loading day.



The ballast has been returned to the boat!



Fastening the last plank on the port side, the race is on!



Last plank on the starboard side!



Putting the keel shoe back on.





Follow the restoration live on Instagram!

What's Next?

We may have closed up the hull, but there is still interior work that needs to be completed. We will continue to build up the centerboard trunk and rebuild the sole supports on the port and starboard sides.

The main engine exhaust will be moved into place, and the caulkers will continue their work.

Visiting the Sloop

Sunday Cleanup Days

You can contribute to the sloop restoration every Sunday! Captain Annika is asking for your help in cleaning up the shop on Sundays after each work week. This will allow our crew to focus all of their attention on getting Clearwater back on the River by the spring.

Thank You!



With only a few weeks left to complete the restoration, we are working

hard to make sure the Clearwater is ready to sail again this spring. With your help, we've raised an incredible \$719,000 for the sloop restoration and only need to raise another \$131,000 to meet our goal.

Thank you to all who have helped us get this far!
We couldn't do it without you!

Contribute to Clearwater's restoration by [becoming a member](#),
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