This week was an exciting week in Kingston: we started rebuilding the sloop! We installed the starboard bedlog, and began installing upper futtocks on the starboard side. Everyone is very excited to see her start to go back together.

The port bow of the sloop. All the planks and frames below the waterline in this section were replaced in 2010. The above the waterline portions will need to be replaced in the next five years.
Though the work this year focuses on the midships portions of the hull, there is always something to be done elsewhere on the vessel. This week we had a visit from the US Coast Guard, who asked for a variety of plank fasteners to be pulled, to inspect their quality over time.

We made sure a thin bead of cotton was lined up between the bedlog and the keel before lowering the bedlog the final eighth of an inch.
The inboard frames will be tenoned into the mortises in the bedlog where the piece of 2x6 is in the photo.

This photo shows the tail ledge, the vertical piece at the aft end of the centerboard trunk, being test fit into place.
You can see two new futtocks in place! More to come soon...

Follow the restoration live on Instagram!

What's Next?
We will continue to reshape the sloop, put in new wood and parts, and get her ready to sail again in June!

Visiting the Sloop

Come by and take a look at the sloop restoration at the open boat and potluck on Sunday February 21st from 3:00-7:00 PM.

VOLUNTEER:
Join the crew and be a part of the Restoration project! Email Volcoord@clearwater.org for more information.

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

Clearwater’s hull restoration is a landmark task that will cost the organization greatly. New York state will match 75% of our costs, but we must pay the other 25% by raising as much as we can.

Your generous donations have raised over $98,000 for the project so far, but we need you to keep filling in the planks and help us meet our $250,000 goal.

We can't thank you enough for all that you do to keep the Clearwater sailing.

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