This Week on the Sloop February 4-11, 2016

This week, we installed the head and tail ledges, followed by the port lower bedlog. This means that the keelson section and the port upper bedlog are the last of the really heavy timbers that need to be installed. (That's not to say the rest of the work is small... the centerboard trunk above the bedlogs consists of ten, twenty-foot long 6" x 6 timbers, and five 4 1/2" x 12" timbers.) Also, the frames on the starboard side are beginning to come together.
With the ledges (vertical ends of the centerboard trunk) in place, the port bedlog fills the giant gap that we've seen for the past month. You can see that the centerboard trunk is beginning to take shape again. The port upper bedlog is staged inside the hull on the left side of the photo.
On the right side of this photo is the port lower bedlog now in place. Above the bedlog you can see the thin plywood patterns for the new futtocks (frame sections).

On the right side of this photo you can see two frames made of three new futtocks each. To the left you can see two upper futtocks in place. In the foreground you can see the half dovetail of a new frame, which will fit into a mortise in the starboard bedlog.
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What's Next?

After the bolts we ordered come in, the port upper bedlog and keelson will be fastened in place. Then we'll be able to begin installing futtocks on the port side, as we continue installing them on the starboard side.

Visiting the Sloop
Pictures can't do this work justice. Come see it for yourself at the open boat and potluck on Sunday, February 21st from 3:00-7:00 PM.

**VOLUNTEER:**
Join the crew and shipwrights on February 28th from 9:30-3:30 for a public maintenance day! Bring your lunch and we'll provide coffee, water and a light snack.
Contact Volcoord@clearwater.org to volunteer.

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

With your help, we have raised $105,358.00 to restore our beloved sloop.

Please help us keep filling in the planks and 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!