This Week on the Sloop

March 10-17, 2016

This week, we got the keelson section fastened in place, so the foundation of the centerboard trunk is ready to be built upon. We also faired the new frames on the starboard side, so the planks have a smooth frame on which to fasten. We continued making and installing frames on the port side.
Here, you can see the keelson fully in place. On the starboard side, carriage bolts hold the keelson to the keel, passing through the starboard bedlog. On the port side, the keelson is held in place by temporary bolts. The permanent bolts will attach the lowest two timbers of the centerboard trunk to the keel, passing through both the starboard bedlog and the keelson.
There are some fasteners that pass through deck beams into the upper centerboard trunk. We need to remove the old fasteners so new ones can be installed.
New futtocks are appearing amongst the old ones on the port side.

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What's Next?

In the coming weeks, we'll install the triangular supports for the engine bedlogs (on which the engine sits). Rebuilding the interior will begin with installing the bilge stringers and ceiling planks (the layer of planking on the inside of the frames).
Visiting the Sloop
Pictures can't do this work justice. Come see it for yourself at the open boat and potluck this Saturday, March 19th from 4:00-8:00 PM.

**VOLUNTEER:**

"Thanks very much to the volunteers who came to help us out with cleaning up! We'll be cleaning up every Sunday and everyone is welcome!" - Captain Annika Savio

**Sundays at the Sloop:** Every Sunday is a volunteer day at the sloop! Clearwater's captain is asking for some help in cleaning up the winter shop after each work week so the crew can dedicate as much time as possible to finish the restoration work in time to sail this spring. There's no need to register, volunteers can just show up on Sundays at the Kingston Home Port at 50 Rondout Landing
Volunteer Maintenance Day: Join the crew and shipwrights in working on the sloop restoration on March 26th. Bring your work gloves and lunch- we'll provide coffee, water and a light snack! Contact Volcoord@clearwater.org to volunteer.

We're in the Home Stretch!

We are only three months away from sailing on the Hudson River again and we can see the finish line! Help us close the gap and raise the last bit of funding to complete the project!

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

Your generous donations have raised $120,422.71 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, will do, and have done to keep the Clearwater sailing.