This Week on the Sloop


This week, work on the sloop was focused on the frames.

Since the sloop's keel is continuous along the center line of the vessel, the centerboard (and thus, the centerboard trunk) is offset just to port of the keel. The centerboard trunk is built upon the keel, bedlog, and keelson on the starboard side, and an upper and a lower bedlog on the port side (which bolt into the starboard side structure through the vertical pieces at either end, called ledges). The futtocks (frame sections) tenon into mortises in the bedlog on the starboard side, and the upper bedlog on the port side. The starboard bedlog was the first of those heavy foundation pieces we installed in early February. Since then, shipwrights have been hard at work replacing the futtocks on the starboard side. With the starboard bedlog in place, we were able to position and install the ledges, followed by the port lower bedlog, then the port upper bedlog. This week, we began making and installing new futtocks on the port side, as well.
These two photos of the starboard side show that we have replaced almost all the starboard futtocks on the list for this year.
On the port side you can see that we have begun to install the first replacement futtocks.

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What's Next?
Here, the keelson section is propped up above its resting place so the tenons of the starboard frames can fit in the mortises of the bedlog. Once all the frames are in, we'll lower the keelson section into place, bolt it down, and build the centerboard trunk on top of it.
These yellow pine planks, which we just planed, will become the ceiling planks; the layer of planking inside 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:**
Many thanks to all our volunteers who came out to work on the sloop on Sunday!

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!
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 $113,000.71 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.