Sail to Washington, D.C.
The Hudson River Sloop Clearwater is sailing to our nation’s capital to deliver a message from our members and supporters in the Hudson Valley and across the country that we:

- Know that pollution is an environmental justice issue, disproportionately harming our most vulnerable communities.
- Stand for clean water and healthy rivers.
- Need federal agencies, like the EPA, that enforce the regulations that are protecting public health and safety.
- Believe that environmental policy needs to be based on sound science.
- Understand that climate change is a major threat to the ecology, the economy and the security of the nation and urgent action must be taken to address it.
- Want a sustainable world for our children and for future generations.

Once in Washington, Clearwater will hold an environmental forum on Capitol Hill that focuses on the issues and policies affecting clean water.

In 1970 Pete Seeger and the Clearwater crew sailed to Washington, D.C. delivering thousands of petitions in support of the Clean Water Act to Congress. This event is considered to be the tipping point in the passage of this landmark legislation. What began in 1972 with the passage of the Clean Water Act must continue as we celebrate the 45th anniversary of that legislation.

The sloop will embark on its journey from this year’s festival (June 18th) just like Pete Seeger did in 1970! There will be a ceremony to wish Clearwater well on its journey as well as opportunities to send your messages to Washington.

Science Aboard Clearwater
One of the central reasons that Clearwater is sailing to Washington, D.C. this summer is to highlight the need for sound science to inform both our policy makers and the general public in decision making. The scientific community needs their voices to be heard and through our Clean Water Forum on Capitol Hill, we will connect the research community with congress on key issues threatening our most valuable resource: water. We are proud to work with Clean Water Action in Washington, D.C. to gather local and national partners together surrounding important water issues.

On our voyage to the nation’s capital and back, we will be collecting water quality data, conducting an aquatic biological acoustic survey, and microplastics pollution research. This will not only provide a valuable set of data comparing the Hudson River Estuary, the Atlantic Ocean, the Delaware Bay, and the Chesapeake to each other, but will also mark the launch of Clearwater’s new Science Aboard Initiative. Clearwater recognizes our responsibility to inspire and educate the next generation of scientists with a renewed emphasis on communicating science to all Americans. On our way home from Washington, D.C. the sloop will act as a good-will ambassador and visit our sister organizations including the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, Calvert Marine Museum, and Sultana Education Foundation. We would like to thank Clean Water Action for their support and collaboration on our visit to Washington.

For more information: www.cleanwateraction.org
Dear Clearwater Community,

Clearwater’s Great Hudson River Revival returns to Croton Point Park in Croton-on-Hudson, NY on June 17 & 18!!! Tickets and info at www.ClearwaterFestival.org. Don’t forget that kids 12 & under get in for free!!!

The artist line-up for this year is simply amazing and will feature a diverse group of acts from around the world. Clearwater favorites returning include: Lake Street Dive, Cry Cry Cry’s Reunion Show (Lucy Kaplansky, Richard Shindell & Dar Williams), Arlo Guthrie, Los Lobos, Richard Thompson, Josh Ritter, Toshi Reagon and BIGLovely, Joan Osborne singing the songs of Bob Dylan, Alejandro Escovedo, modern day folk troubadour Joe Purdy, Tom Paxton & The DuanJUans, Holly Near, Tom Chapin, Guy Davis, David Amram, Josh White Jr., The Kennedys, Martha Redbone Roots Project, Jay Ungar & Molly Mason, Walkabout Clearwater Chorus and many more!

Artists making their Clearwater Festival debut include: Australian guitar virtuoso Tommy Emmanuel; British singer-songwriter Nick Lowe; folk, blues and gospel singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Valerie June; innovative folk-rock band The Barr Brothers; NYC-based brass band and internet sensation Lucky Chops; husband and wife team Larry Campbell & Teresa Williams; A Tribute To Buckwheat Zydeco by members of his original group, The Legendary IL Sont Partis Band; the throat-singing, slide guitar playing one-man-band The Suitcase Junket; cellist, singer, and former member of the Carolina Chocolate Drops, Leyla McCalla and many more!

A new feature this year will be The Workshop Tent which will host many interesting workshops and performances including: Tributes to Harry Chapin, Woody Guthrie and Oscar Brand; a Hudson Valley Song Swap with some of the finest singer-songwriters in the Valley; and a presentation entitled “Standing Rock on The Hudson” with numerous Native American performers and speakers.

Other areas that make the Revival experience unique and memorable include the Working Waterfront, offering rides on small boats and tall ships. The Handcrafters’ Village showcases over 60 crafters and folk artists with quality handmade items and demonstrations. The Green Living Expo is the place to learn about sustainable products, services, concepts and technologies for informed lifestyle and business choices. The Artisanal Food and Farm Market offers local and regional foods and specialty items.

One of the most memorable ways to experience Revival is by taking a two-hour sail on the Hudson River on-board the sloop Clearwater or schooner Mystic Whaler. Festival sails sell out quickly, so make sure you purchase them soon by visiting http://www.clearwaterfestival.org/sloop-schooner-sail-tickets/.

Revival is THE place for families. As always there will be plenty of family-oriented programming with the Family Stage, juggling and roving artists, face painting plus lots of other activities and vendors for kids.

The entire festival is wheelchair accessible and stage programming is staffed with American Sign Language interpreters.

Tickets are on sale now at www.ClearwaterFestival.org or (877) 435-9849. Clearwater Members receive a 20% discount off of all advance ticket purchases.

Our Friday Night Fundraising Sails return this year on the evening of June 16 onboard the sloop Clearwater and schooner Mystic Whaler. The evening will feature a two hour sail (6-8pm) along with intimate performances on the boats by Tom Paxton, Holly Near, Tom Chapin, Guy Davis, David Amram, Joanne Shenandoah, Josh White, Jr., The Kennedys, and Joel Rafael. Local artisanal food and drink will also be served. To donate and confirm your tickets, please contact Ann Mellor at (845) 265-8080 ext. 7119.

The Clearwater Festival’s success is dependent on over 1,100 volunteers who make possible all that festival-goers see, hear, and experience over the weekend. There are many ways to get involved with over 45 committees to choose from including Zero Waste, Working Waterfront, Peacekeeping, Environmental Action and many others. Those interested in volunteering at the Clearwater Festival can visit http://www.clearwaterfestival.org/volunteer/ to sign up, or contact Linda Richards, Volunteer Coordinator at Linda@Clearwater.org, or (845) 265-8080 ext. 7160, for more information.

All proceeds from the Festival directly support Clearwater’s environmental education and advocacy to help preserve and protect the Hudson River and its tributaries, as well as the communities of the Hudson River Valley.

I look forward to seeing you in June!

Steve Lurie, Festival Producer
This forum is designed to help identify the safest reasonable, fully-funded decommissioning plan options for Indian Point that can serve as a model for other reactor communities in New York and around the nation, which are, or will soon, be facing decommissioning. The forum will be an overview of nuclear waste storage and planning for a just transition for plant workers with technical knowledge and institutional memory who need to be retained, and retraining and placement for those who will gradually be downsized as Indian Point closes in 2020-21. It will address health and environmental impacts, the need for waste characterization and ongoing radiologic monitoring, and will feature case studies that highlight lessons learned from communities where reactors have already closed and been decommissioned.

Forum Information:
Friday, June 9, 9am-4pm at the Desmond-Fish Library, 472 Rt. 403, Garrison, NY 10524. The forum is free and open to the public. For further information, contact mannajo@clearwater.org or (845) 265-8080 ext. 7113.

Save the Date!

June 9, 2017:
Forum on Nuclear Waste Storage and Reactor Decommissioning 9am - 4pm at the Desmond-Fish Library, 472 Rt. 403, Garrison, NY

June 17-18, 2017:
Clearwater’s Great Hudson River Revival!

September 17, 2017:

September 24, 2017:
Clearwater’s Annual Meeting

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Three hour sails with music, live fish, and more!

MAY
29th 10:00-1:00 Memorial Day Sails, West Point - Clearwater
29th 2:00-5:00 Memorial Day Sail, West Point - Clearwater

JUNE
3rd 10:00-1:00 Sail, Cold Spring - Clearwater
10th 10:00-1:00, Cold Spring - Mystic Whaler
11th 2:00-4:00 Strawberry Festival Sail, Beacon - Mystic Whaler

JULY
22nd 5:00-8:00, 79th Street, NYC - Clearwater
30th 5:00-8:00 Meditation Retreat, Beacon - Clearwater

AUGUST
5th 6:00-9:00, Yonkers - Clearwater
26th 4:00-7:00 Water Ceremony, Beacon - Clearwater

More exciting public sail dates to be announced!

$50 Adults
$35 Members
$15 Kids

Buy Tickets at www.clearwater.org

Fish Advisory Information:
Check out www.health.ny.gov/fish for the latest advisory info.