

From Clearwater's Education Department

Year-of-the-Young

Clearwater raises a flag and rings a bell in support of young leaders everywhere. This year marks an unprecedented shift in the consciousness of our nation's youth.

For 50 years, Clearwater has been a place where young people join together, haul on the halyards, and gather in song with crew, volunteers, and students aboard the historic sloop. Today, many of our sailing crew and volunteers often come straight from high school or college and are thrust into real-world challenges of teaching young minds, performing hard physical labor in all weather, carefully navigating intentional community living, and having necessary conversations around gender identity, institutional racism, and environmental justice around meals.

It was a group of very young, inspired, and activated people who raised money to lay the keel in 1968, sailed the fine sloop *Clearwater* on her maiden voyage in 1969, and started an environmental revolution right here on the Hudson River that rippled across waters around the globe. Clearwater continues to encourage individuals to form their own bond with the Hudson River through personal experience. Clearwater puts learning in the hands of each student as they get to touch fish, haul on lines, set seine nets, clap or sing along with river songs, and create works of art

inspired by the Hudson.

Our nation is bearing witness to a revolution lead by a generation who has new ideas, high standards, an urgency for reform, and momentum that will guarantee a better tomorrow. Pete Seeger had great faith in humanity to come together, and especially trust in young people, to muster up the strength and ingenuity needed to protect the Hudson River and save the world. We continue to hear the echoes of his words in the chants and songs pouring forth from the lips of children and young adults stepping up to demand a better future for themselves.

We gather at the Hudson River, casting nets into the turbid waters and hauling in schools of energetic Young-of-the-Year fish on their first migrator path up the estuary. But this spring, we are awestruck by promise for change led by students across the nation during this astonishing Year-of-the-Young. We applaud this extraordinary effort paralleled by young fish and young leaders as you show us what can be achieved when you struggle against the current and triumphantly overcome.

For more information on how you can get involved on the sloop, please email Maija Niemisto at Maija@clearwater.org or call (845) 265-8080 x 7115.



Education Saturation

On May 18th, Clearwater will be working with students throughout the valley, From Riverdale to Esopus Meadows, on the sloop, in the classroom, and by the shore.

The grand total is 270 students on one day. May 18th highlights the many aspects of our program available to students. Educators will bring fish and invertebrates to the Riverdale Country Day School 3rd graders as part of their year-long study of the Hudson River, which includes classroom visits and a sail on the *Mystic Whaler*. This is our 4th year of working with the school.

The Meadow Pond School in South Salem NY will have 2 trips on the *Clearwater*. While the morning group sails, we will work with the other group at their school, offering our Power of Song and our Water Pollution Cleanup program. The Power of Song uses songwriting as a way of creating social change and inspiring the students to act on issues that concern them. Our hands-on pollution activity examines how we pollute our water, how we clean it, and how we could do better.



When the morning sailing group returns we will work with them as well.

At Esopus Meadows, the Orville Todd Middle School from Spackenkill, NY will join us. We have worked with this school so many times that the teachers insist on running the seining station for their students. It is great to see the interactions between the students and teachers, as the challenges of fishing with a net are quite different from their classroom relationship.

This day encapsulates Clearwater's goals to educate, activate, and inspire. Educate on the life of the estuary, activate students to protect the environment, and inspire them to appreciate the beautiful and complex system that is our beloved Hudson River.

For further information, please email Eli Schloss at Eli@clearwater.org or call (845) 265-8080 x 7106.



CLEARWATER'S SPRING 2018 PUBLIC SAILS

April 22, 2 PM
Kingston
EARTH DAY
with music from the Bounce Back Band

April 28, 11 AM
Kingston
with music by Rootbrew

May 5, 2 PM
Poughkeepsie
with music by Caprice Rouge

May 13, 11 AM & 3PM
Beacon
with music by Ginny's Kitchen

May 26, 11 AM
Cold Spring
with music from the Sloop Singers

May 28, 2 PM (Mystic Whaler)
NYC
with music from Cap'n Phil



May 28, 2 PM
Cold Spring
with music from Long Steel Rail

June 2, 2 PM
Cold Spring
with music from Breakneck Ridge Revue

June 9, 2 PM
Yonkers
with music by Feral Foster

June 10, 3 PM
Beacon
with music by Wind & Stone

June 23, 2 PM
NYC



Tickets at www.clearwater.org

Environmental Action Is Making a Real Difference

The Hudson River continues to face many challenges and opportunities, which Clearwater's Environmental Action Program has creatively tackled by educating decision-makers and community members, promoting consensus-based solutions, where possible, and by filing legal actions where necessary.

NO TO ANCHORAGES – YES TO SAFETY: This year we have seen widespread opposition and unprecedented public comment from a broad coalition of Hudson River organizations and municipalities effectively stop the proposed ten additional anchorages between Yonkers and Kingston, which would have housed up to 43 vessels filled with highly-explosive crude oil. Following a series of facilitated workshops, the Coast Guard issued its Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment (PAWSA) Report in March and has created a Hudson River Safety Committee (HRSC) to recommend practices that will ensure the safety on our iconic waterway into the future.

INDIAN POINT: Promoting Safe Decommissioning. Indian Point's aging reactors, Units 2 and 3, are scheduled to close in 2020 and 2021, respectively. Given its track record of transformer explosions, degraded bolts, leaky O-rings in both reactors and a crack in the reactor head

of IP-2, Indian Point's closure is an important step to reducing a major threat to the Hudson River. However, with more than 1,500 tons of high-level waste stored on-site in severely overcrowded fuel pools or in vulnerable dry cask storage, much still needs to be done. We are also working with local elected officials to establish a Citizens' Oversight Board to ensure effective input to achieve the safest possible, fully funded decommissioning plan and a Just Transition for plant workers.

CLEARWATER'S LEGAL CHALLENGE TO NY'S NUCLEAR SUBSIDY IS UNDERWAY: For the past year, Clearwater, NIRS, IPSEC and others have challenged the NYS Public Service Commission's 12-year mandatory \$7.6 billion (with a "b") subsidy to bail out aging nuclear plants in western NY, which are no longer economically viable on their own. Unless stopped, these plants will continue to generate hundreds of tons more of highly-radioactive nuclear waste, for which there is no disposal solution. Our petition has survived motions to dismiss, and this landmark case is now headed to hearing, but we need your support to ensure victory in this classic David vs. Goliath challenge. Please contribute to our legal fund by going to Clearwater's donate page and selecting the "Article 78 Challenge to NY Nuclear Subsidy" option – or by mailing a check in the envelope provided. Whether you donate \$5 or \$500 -- every little bit helps.

PCBs – Only A Partial Victory: Clearwater and our sister organizations, several State and Federal agencies, and many municipal officials have called for a more robust PCB clean up that will allow the Hudson to recover more rapidly. We believe that the remediation that EPA has required of GE is NOT adequately protective of human health and the environment. Recently EPA delayed issuing a Certificate of Completion for this phase of the dredging and agreed to help DEC analyze their extensive data – both steps in the right direction – indicating that public pressure is having some positive impact.

For further information on these issues and actions, please go to www.clearwater.org/ea/ or email mannajo@clearwater.org or call 845-265-8080 x 7113 or 845-807-1270.



Watercraft Inspection Steward Program (WISP)

Watercraft inspection stewards are becoming more common across New York and the United States as invasive species become a more widely recognized environmental problem. One of the most common modes of spread for aquatic invasive species is via boats, trailers, and boating equipment. Many species can survive for extended periods outside of water, giving them countless opportunities to "hitchhike" from one waterbody to another. These stewards help to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species at the source.

The Watercraft Inspection Steward Program (WISP) was started at Clearwater in 2015, and during the 2017 season Clearwater expanded the program from two stewards to three that each worked four days/week. 583 boats were inspected and over 1,400 individual boaters were reached. Overall, 89 percent of boaters were willing to participate in inspections and 70 percent were aware of the Clean, Drain, and Dry protocol. Only 9 percent of boats harbored aquatic

hitchhikers!

The 2018 season brings another exciting expansion to the WISP. This year, 4 stewards will be stationed at the Croton, Highland, Staatsburg, and Kingston boat launches from May to September from Friday-Sunday and on holidays. Additionally, this season Clearwater has partnered with the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference to host the Lead Boat Steward through the prestigious AmeriCorps program from April to October. The Lead Boat Steward will travel to several different launches throughout the season, as well as survey New York water bodies for aquatic invasive species, assist the Invasive Species Program Manager, Samantha Epstein, with trainings and presentations, and even lead two group volunteer survey trainings at Annsville Creek with kayaks provided free of charge for volunteers by Hudson River Expeditions! The Invasive Species Program also offers free training on AIS identification to lake associations and marinas.

Members Making a Difference

Thank yous are in Order

Clearwater wishes to especially thank Anne Todd Osborn and Fred Osborn for co-hosting our 3rd Annual Gala on February 11th honoring 50 years of Clearwater board members. This year's Spirit of the Hudson awardee was Ms. Judith Enck.

We also humbly thank Ms. Alicia Barahona, scientist and ultra-marathoner, for dedicating her run across the ice of Lake Baikal in Siberia to raise funds for Clearwater. Your actions make a difference and we appreciate you!



Patron Fish

Revival is finally here! Please join us for one of the hottest line-ups in Clearwater Festival Friday history. This special concert includes (get ready...) Tom Paxton & The DonJuans, Tom Chapin, David Amram & Josh White, Jr., Joanne Shenandoah, Kim & Reggie, The Kennedys, The Nields, and Mike + Ruthy!

All Patron Fish donors that donate \$50+ will be listed in the Festival Program Book. Donors giving over \$300 receive 2 weekend Festival tickets! Donors giving over \$500 receive 2 weekend tix, 1 ticket to the Festival Friday Concert, cocktails and dinner! Over \$600 receive 2 weekend tix, 1 ticket to Friday Concert, cocktails, dinner, & 1 Friday Sail! Over \$1,000 receive 2 weekend tix, 2 tix to Friday Concert, cocktails, dinner, & 2 Friday Sail tix!

Musical performances from 7:00-8:30pm. Festival Friday Sail takes place from 4-6pm. Guests arrive at 3:30pm sharp. Book online at www.clearwater.org or contact Ann Mellor at (845) 265-8080 x7119.

March For the Ocean & Clean Water Forum June 9th

The sloop *Clearwater* will host a Clean Water Forum on June 9th at the port in Cold Spring, NY from 10am - noon. Join us for this free, public event aboard the Hudson River's Environmental Flagship as we collect messages of concern from the people of the Hudson Valley. There will be an opportunity to participate by writing your own message to Congress in support of Federal protection of our global waters. Local elected officials and members of the scientific community will lead the forum joined by Hudson River Sloop Clearwater's own Board member, Environmental Justice figurehead Mr. Aaron Mair. March for the Ocean (M4O), is a nation-wide event organized by Blue Frontier Campaign. RSVPs are appreciated but not necessary at devdir@clearwater.org.



MARCH FOR THE OCEAN

Every Drop Counts

In addition to joining as a member, donating and attending our fundraising events, there are numerous ways to show your interest in carrying forward the mission of our founders, Pete Seeger and his friends. Recurring donations in any amount are available on our website. Please also consider or call us to discuss sustaining membership, gifts of stock or planned giving. Hudson River Sloop Clearwater is a non-profit, member-supported environmental organization working every day to connect people to the river.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

Hy Yellin (1923-2018)



Every so often at Clearwater, we receive heartfelt messages about how this organization has touched people's lives. Below is a recent letter we received from member Bill Yellin, whose father Hy (Herman) Yellin passed away in January.

Hello, Sloop Clearwater;

You may have gotten donations over the past few weeks in memory of Hy (Herman) Yellin, who passed away

on January 24th at the age of 94.

I thought you should know why these were coming to you.

My Dad followed me into your organization in the early 1990's after the death of my mother, his life-long soulmate. Looking for something to do, he found it, and a home for a while in Clearwater.

In his 70's, he volunteered at the Revival for several years, picking up garbage and grumbling at kids, happy as a clam.

For a few summers, he helped onboard the sloop when he could. Did a few week-long tours, and every now and then I would hear that the crew had spotted him in lower Manhattan and shang-hai'd him into service for an afternoon sail. Note that I heard this from both him (complaints) and crew members after the fact, happy as hell to have found him.

Eventually, life caught up with him, age, arthritis and a diminishing capacity to relate to other people's kids, and he faded from Clearwater.

Anyway, that's who he was, and that's why when people have asked what they can do in his name, we've said "Clearwater." Maybe you got something, maybe not, but I thought you should know.

See the attached photo; maybe someone will remember him.

Thanks,
Bill Yellin, Clintondale, NY



The Third Annual Chefs for Clearwater Benefit
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