



The Compass

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Newsletter of North River Friends of Clearwater

NEXT MEETING, FEBRUARY 6

The next **NRFC** meeting will be held on February 6th at Stephen Smith's office, LaBella PC (previously Novus Engineering), 25 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY. Potluck will be at 6:30 PM followed by the meeting at 7:00 PM.

CLEARWATER'S OPEN BOATS

A Free Family-Friendly Potluck with Music, Educational Activities, and Deck Tours.

Friday, February 8th, 5:00-8:00 PM

Sunday, March 3rd, 2:00-5:00 PM

Share food, songs, and friendship!

NEWS FROM STEPHEN

- Stephen will be interviewed on WOOC Radio 103.5 FM by NRFC member, Peter Savio, at approximately 3:30 PM on February 7th.
- The Linda has agreed to lease us the space for our annual fundraiser for **Clearwater** on April 7th. This event will be a part of the 50th/100th anniversary celebration: 50 years for **Clearwater** and 100 years of **Pete Seeger**, who was born on May 3, 1919.

2019 NRFC CALENDAR

JANUARY Those who wish to will attend the Open Boat in Kingston.

FEBRUARY: The meeting will be February 6th.

MARCH: There will be an Open Boat in Kingston on Sunday the 3rd, from 2-5. Just show up.

We're looking at the possibility of a winter maintenance workday in February or March. In time for the meeting, please check your calendars for dates that you'd be available.

Tabling at the Schenectady Farmer's Market, date TBA.

A Clearwater benefit will take place at the Linda. WAMC says March 24 and 31 are available, and possibly a date in April if those don't work out.

Stephen is contacting performers with good name recognition to try to boost attendance. He noted that the trade-off may be that they may ask to be paid. It's hoped that better known performers will increase attendance enough to offset what they'll be paid. Stephen says he should have some names and a firm date by the February meeting.

APRIL: The meeting date is the 3rd.

Our participation for the Earth Day cleanup will be scheduled for either the 20th or 27th

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(preferred). Lydia will obtain and handle the paperwork.

UPDATE: Stephen reports that WAMC has agreed to rent The Linda to us on APRIL 7 for the fundraiser.

MAY: The Meeting date is the 1st.

GARAGE SALE Because of conflicts with the usual June date, the Spring sale is tentatively scheduled for May 19.

JUNE: The meeting date is the 5th.

UPDATE: Since the NRFC Annual Meeting, Clearwater has made the decision to hold Revival again this year on the weekend of June 15-16 at Croton Park. See page 3 for more information.

The Clearwater Revival will be the 15th and 16th if it happens. Stephen met with George Lattimer to try to reduce our cost for the use of Croton. We'll also probably take out cancellation insurance in place of rain insurance, since it's cheaper.

Stephen points out that advance sale tickets are popular because of the lower price, and also are a big source of the funds that can be depended on to put the festival on.

The possibility of an alternative to Revival is being discussed, in the form of a 2-3 day show in Beacon.

JULY: The meeting date is the 3rd, noting that Independence Day occurs the next day.

The Camp and Paddle will be the 9-11th, moving to the following weekend if that doesn't work out.

NOTE THAT CLEARWATER WILL PROBABLY BE IN OUR AREA AUGUST TO SEPTEMBER.

SEPTEMBER: The meeting will be on the 4th, the day after Labor Day.

The 90 miler canoe etc. race will be the 5th through the 8th.

A garage sale is tentatively scheduled for the 15th.

CLEARWATER'S ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE A SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER. Stephen asks that one of us attend it this year to accept our charter.

OCTOBER: The meeting will be on the 2nd.

The Camp and Paddle will be the 11th through 14th.

NOVEMBER: The meeting will be the 6th.

Tussings will be the weekend of the 8th-11th. Mike has offered to talk to them about a price break.

DECEMBER: The meeting will be on the 4th.

The solstice dinner is tentatively scheduled for Sat. the 7th or Sun. the 8th at 4 PM at either the Normanside or Scarboroughs.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY at Jas and Lydia's.

JANUARY 2020: The meeting will be the 8th, not the 1st.

◀ Membership Application ▶

Enclosed is my check/money order/cash for membership in North River Friends of Clearwater for the category checked:

___ Individual (\$15.00/yr.) ___ Family (\$20.00/yr.) ___ Additional Contribution \$ _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone (optional) Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Please mail to: North River Friends of Clearwater, P. O. Box 3842, Albany NY 12203

___ I would like to know more about Hudson River Sloop Clearwater

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater

Cordially invites you to attend the

4th Annual Spirit of the Hudson Gala

Sunday, February 10, 2019 • 3 - 7 p.m.

The Garrison, 2015 US 9, Garrison, NY 10524



Celebrating

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater's 50th Anniversary

Spirit of the Hudson Award

Honoring **Adam Green**

Founder & Executive Director

Rocking the Boat

Clearwater Lifetime Contribution Award

Honoring **John Mylod**

Retired Executive Director

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater

MEDIA ALERT

January 24, 2019

The Great Hudson River Revival (The Clearwater Festival) Will Return to Croton Point Park on June 15-16, 2019

BEACON, NY – **The Great Hudson River Revival (Clearwater Festival) will return to Croton Point Park on June 15-16 on its traditional father's day weekend.** Revival is the country's oldest and largest music and environmental festival, bringing together major musical acts and Clearwater's own brand of green activism for a unique weekend every June. Clearwater Festival 2019 takes place on the banks of the Hudson River at beautiful Croton Point Park, Croton-On-Hudson, NY. Tickets will be go on sale in February 2019.

Who: Clearwater Board of Directors approves proposal confirming that the Clearwater Festival will take place in 2019

What: The Great Hudson River Revival (The Clearwater Festival) 2019 Dates Announced

When: June 15 and 16, 2019

Where: Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson, NY

Why: Founded by Pete Seeger, the Clearwater Festival is the country's oldest and largest music and environmental festival, bringing together major musical acts and Clearwater's own brand of green activism for a unique weekend every June.

NRFC ANNUAL MEETING 2019 AKA WIMPS IN THE WILDERNESS

NRFC's weekend --- aka "WIMPS"-- is our long-standing winter weekend, this year on January 18 through 21, also Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend, in the old 1932 and 1980 Olympic village of Lake Placid. Also, as experienced last year, we had a weekend of bizarre weather! LAST year started as a day of 50°F followed by days of -20°F. THIS year we had a nice regular cold day followed by a mini-blizzard across the State, dropping on us an additional 1.3 feet of snow on top of an approximately 8-inch base. Nice white stuff, with 2 days of -14°F and up, and at times triple that in wind chill. Brrr indeed!

It was a good thing we had a perfectly lovely house in which to take our retreat: A little under 5,800 sq.ft. with ample sleeping quarters, bathrooms, a double oven, etc., all rolled up in an 1898 mini-mansion up on Sentinel Hill in Lake Placid. Eleven NRFCers stayed, with two Saranac Lake members joining in for a bit. The new owner of the house just purchased it the previous week so it was a learning experience for all. He's an anesthesiologist in Saranac Lake, but fortunately none of us required those services.

Besides our official agenda, we cooked and dined--rather extravagantly--and, of course, puzzled, finishing the one started at Veterans Weekend and making a good dent in another.

Clearwater Board President Stephen made some sweet evening music as well as being a superb chief breakfast chef, and the Paps made quite the la-de-da pinkies-up cake. Others of us enjoyed totally fabulous baked goodies by Vicki, Teo, Dan, and Kitty (Dutch sweets, too), roasted and sautéed and baked vegetable dishes by Kitty and Jas. Let's not forget savories including pickles, guacamole, smoked salmon and homemade lasagna, baked Alfredo-y chicken, salad, and Marsala-garlic roast turkey...the list goes on. Maybe we should call ourselves "North River Friends of Food"? Our outdoor pursuits didn't make up for all that energy intake save for shivering to stay warm. Snowshoeing the Peninsula Land Conservancy trails helped, as did a dogsled ride (though mainly by the

doggies) on Mirror Lake. No one had the nerve (darn windchill!) to try the seemingly 100 mph toboggan run onto the lake or the Bobsleds at the Olympic site. Village strolling and some football viewing was far less rugged. One of the highlights of the weekend was that we experienced the lunar eclipse--from beginning through totality back to light, right off the porch of the house. Sweet!

Now, outside of the fun n' frolic, what did we do?

- Reaffirmed our mission statement: To clean, protect and preserve the Hudson River watershed through a variety of activities in our area.
- Reaffirmed and attested to our organization's focus, that while we sadly are kind of aging out and members dwindling, we remain a viable up-River supporter for all that **Clearwater** stands for.
- We reaffirmed that **Clearwater** education sail sponsorship is one good way to spread the message, so let's see if we can get that boat to come visit us more often, eh!?
- We discussed and planned for:

Our annual concert at The Linda and an effort to solicit some higher profile paid performers? Stay tuned (yes, corny joke) for a weekend to be determined in early Spring.

Make sure to volunteer at it and all the other events!!!

Other fundraising events, e.g., a tentative **NRFC** Garage Sale in May.

Contacting Sylvia for additional Summer or Fall concert--plus (e.g., auction, bake sale)

Tabling at Proctors

Contacting Clean Sweep, choosing possible dates

Choosing Sloop work party date(s) for **NRFC** volunteers

Choosing Camp & Paddle/Row weekends - July, August, September, October

Agreeing that Tussings is our November 2019 Veterans weekend choice

Setting date for Solstice Dinner and possible venues

See page 1 for 2019 **NRFC** Calendar.

PICTURES FROM WIMPS 2019

By Lydia Kosinski



The Compass Deadline

The deadline for submitting material for the March 2019 edition of The Compass is February 18th. E-mail items to nrfc_compass@yahoo.com, or mail to Sue Thrasher, 1 Aaron Dr. #4, Coxsackie, NY 12051.

NRFC CALENDAR

- 2/6 NRFC Monthly Meeting, 25 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY, Potluck 6:30, Meeting 7:00.
- 2/8 Clearwater's Open Boat, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston, NY, 5:00-8:00.
- 2/10 Clearwater's 4th Annual Spirit of the Hudson Gala, The Garrison, Garrison, NY, 3:00-7:00.
- 3/3 Clearwater's Open Boat, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston, NY, 2:00-5:00.
- 3/6 NRFC Monthly Meeting, Location TBD, Potluck 6:30, Meeting 7:00.
- 4/3 NRFC Monthly Meeting, Location TBD, Potluck 6:30, Meeting 7:00.
- 4/7 NRFC/Clearwater Fundraiser, The Linda, Albany, NY. (See page 1 articles for information.)

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Coeymans tug boat rounds up loose barge on Hudson

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