



# The Compass

January 2019

Newsletter of North River Friends of Clearwater

**THERE WILL NOT BE A REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF NRFC IN JANUARY 2019. ANY NECESSARY BUSINESS WILL BE HANDLED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING (WIMPS IN THE WILDERNESS) ON MARTIN LUTHER KING WEEKEND.**

## **NRFC ANNUAL MEETING 2019, AKA WIMPS**

**92 STEVENS RD., LAKE PLACID, NY**

**Important update!** January 18-21st, 2019, are the meeting dates.

Note that we are to arrive on *Friday* afternoon and depart Monday. There was a typo in the date in the December issue of **The Compass** in that I said our arrival was on the 19th ... No No No! Sorry! The earliest time we can arrive is still under negotiation with the owner. Stay tuned. I will let you know.

**Particulars:** The residence is commodious, with over 5700sf with ample common rooms. As usual, an inquiry has been sent to confirm what bedding arrangements there are in the bedrooms, but it's expected that all attendees will have suitable lodging. We apparently have linens and towels at this lodge, but will confirm. Things are a bit strange in that the place is in the process of

## **WIMPS CONTINUED**

being sold, so reconfirmations are good. (Check out the place on Zillow, if you'd like.) The lodge is found on a street just up behind the Mirror Lake Inn, so it's a short hike to downtown attractions.

**Dining:** Per SOP, breakfasts and lunches are on your own, but there are 3 evening meals to consider. For one, I have secured a large turkey, and hopefully other attendees will bring some relevant sides to go with it. What to have for the other two? Suggestions you all? Please call, email, or text me, and I will distribute your potluck proposals to signed-up attendees. Please weigh in early in the week of January 13th to allow attendees time to plan and cook.

**Business:** Please bring your thoughts (and day planners) regarding NRFC's 2019 proposed activities including fundraising, farmers market tabling, CleanSweep, benefit concerts, and, of course, summer and fall outings suggestions. Contact me if you've concerns, questions, suggestions - Lydia

## **CLEARWATER'S OPEN BOATS**

Saturday, January 12th, 3:00-6:00 PM

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

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

Share food, songs, and friendship! Poster on page 6. Please post where appropriate.

## STEPHEN SMITH ELECTED PRESIDENT, CLEARWATER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

[Hi Everyone...](#)

December 14, 2018

Last night I was honored to be unanimously elected president by the Board of Directors of Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc. I have attached the press release and photo that is going out today. Yesterday I also met with Greg Williams, the Executive Director at Clearwater. He is calling all the Sloop Clubs to let them know of this decision but let me communicate with NRFC. He wanted to be sure that I would let our group know that he is anxious to work with us and all of the Sloop Clubs to further the goals of our organizations.

On a personal note I would like everyone to know that my new duties at Clearwater will not interfere with my participation at NRFC. I remain committed to our organization and look forward to spending the new year with you.

Stephen

**See page 3-4 for complete press release including photo.**

### **The Compass Deadline**

The deadline for submitting material for the February 2019 edition of The Compass is January 21st. E-mail items to [nrfc\\_compass@yahoo.com](mailto:nrfc_compass@yahoo.com), or mail to Sue Thrasher, 1 Aaron Dr. #4, Coxsackie, NY 12051.

## SOLSTICE DINNER PHOTOS

By Lydia Kosinski



### ◀ 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (optional) Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

December 14, 2018

**Veteran Clearwater Board Member, Musician and Environmental Engineer Elected President**

*Stephen Smith has been elected President to lead Clearwater into the next 50 years of environmental advocacy and education for the Hudson River*

BEACON, NY – At a meeting of Clearwater’s Board of Directors (BOD) held on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, Stephen D. Smith was elected President of Hudson River Sloop Clearwater’s BOD and will take the helm following two years of board leadership by Betsy Garthwaite, who has held the position since September 2016. Smith brings a wealth of experience as a Clearwater board member and officer, environmental engineer, local organizer and musician.

Stephen D. Smith is a Senior Environmental and Safety Engineer for LaBella Associates DPC and resides in Albany, NY. Smith served three consecutive terms as a Clearwater board member from 2007-2016; during that time, he assumed the role of Treasurer, Secretary and participated in the executive, facilities, environmental action, education, and nominating committees. Smith recently returned to the board in October 2018. Smith is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, from which he earned a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering and a minor in Business Management.

Smith is also a talented musician and performs on bass and guitar with various bands in a variety of styles, including Reggae, Funk, Classic Rock and Americana. He also served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Capital Region Blues Network, the Albany chapter of the National Blues Foundation.

Smith is Vice President of North River Friends of Clearwater, the Albany-based Sloop Club. With the help of North River Friends of Clearwater, Stephen has organized annual fundraising events at The Linda, WAMC’s performing arts center in Albany.

“My goal as board president will be to work collaboratively with Greg Williams (executive director), staff, volunteers and our sister organizations to further Clearwater’s mission: to protect and preserve our beloved Hudson River” said Smith.

Smith steps into the role after Betsy Garthwaite served as President since September 2016 in which she steadied the organization after a long and costly restoration of the ship’s hull. The Board and staff thank Garthwaite for her extraordinary service to the organization. Garthwaite is a former sloop Clearwater captain, dedicated member, volunteer and unofficial Clearwater historian.



Clearwater welcomed three new members to the BOD at the September 2018 annual membership meeting to include: Bruce Ginsberg of Woodstock, NY, Arthur Jones of Jersey City, NJ, and Jason Samel of Long Island, NY. Clearwater board members are elected by Clearwater's membership and play key creative roles in fundraising, event planning, program development, financial management, public relations, and project management, and serve as spokespersons and ambassadors for Clearwater. Clearwater members and the public may communicate with the Board at any time by emailing [board@clearwater.org](mailto:board@clearwater.org).

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**About Hudson River Sloop Clearwater**

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater has been at the forefront of the environmental movement as champions of the Hudson River. To date, more than half a million people have experienced their first real look at an estuary's ecosystem aboard the sloop *Clearwater*. Clearwater has become the grassroots model for producing positive changes to protect our planet. For more information, visit [www.clearwater.org](http://www.clearwater.org).



## NRFC CALENDAR

12/31 New Year's Eve Open House, 2 Leonard Pl., Delmar, NY, 7:00. (See article in December issue.)

### 2019

1/2 **NO MONTHLY MEETING IN JANUARY!**

1/12 **Clearwater's** Open Boat, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston, NY, 3:00-6:00.

1/19-21 **NRFC** Annual Meeting, aka Wimps in the Wilderness, Lake Placid, NY.

2/6 **NRFC** Monthly Meeting, Location TBD, Potluck 6:30, Meeting 7:00.

2/8 **Clearwater's** Open Boat, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston, NY, 5:00-8:00.

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## HERE COMES THE SUN

Earth's orbit around the Sun is not exactly circular but rather somewhat elliptical instead. Moreover, the Earth is not equally distant from the Sun at the ends of its orbit. When the Earth reaches the shorter end of its orbit, it is called the perihelion. On January 3, 2019, the Earth will be a mere 91,403,554 miles close to the Sun. —np

[Source: The Old Farmer's Almanac (2019), p. 118]

### **Newsletter by e-mail**

Want to save our \$\$\$? Save a tree? De-clutter your house? Have the newsletter sooner? **Receive interim updates & important info when available?** — Get The Compass on-line by sending your e-mail address to Sue Thrasher at [nrfc\\_compass@yahoo.com](mailto:nrfc_compass@yahoo.com).

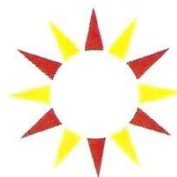
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*Hudson River Sloop Clearwater's*

## **WINTER OPEN BOATS**

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

*Share food, songs, and friendship!*

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 8TH 3:00 - 6:00**

**SATURDAY JANUARY 12TH 3:00 - 6:00**

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 8TH 5:00 - 8:00**

**SUNDAY MARCH 3RD 2:00 - 5:00**

CLEARWATER'S KINGSTON HOMEPORT  
50 RONDOUT LANDING, KINGSTON, NY

