



The Compass

June 2018

Newsletter of North River Friends of Clearwater

NEXT MEETING, JUNE 6

The next **NRFC** meeting will be held on June 6 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.

NRFC CALENDAR

- 6/3 **NRFC** Garage Sale, Dunbrook's Mobil, Lark & Madison, Albany, NY. (See article page 1.)
- 6/6 **NRFC** Monthly Meeting, 25 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY, Potluck 6:30, Meeting 7:00.
- 6/9 **Clearwater**—March for the Ocean.
- 6/16-17 **Clearwater's** Great Hudson River Revival, Croton-on-Hudson, NY.
- 7/4 **NRFC** Monthly Meeting, Location TBD, Potluck 6:30, Meeting 7:00.
- 7/13-15 **NRFC** Camp & Paddle, Location TBD.
- 8/1 **NRFC** Monthly Meeting, Location TBD, Potluck 6:30, Meeting 7:00.
- 8/3-5 **NRFC** Camp & Paddle, Location TBD.

FINAL BENEFIT CONCERT RECAP

The **Clearwater** benefit at the Linda on April 15 will put approximately \$1,500 in the **NRFC** treasury, and an additional \$200 will be credited by **Clearwater** for our next sail. Advance ticket sales of \$722 and ticket sales at the door made up the majority of the profits after payment of the \$500 fee for the use of the Linda. Great work by all who chipped in to make this event a success! —st

NRFC SPRING GARAGE SALE

SUNDAY JUNE 3, 2017

9:00AM to 5:00PM

DUNBROOK GARAGE, LARK & MADISON AVES., ALBANY, NY

- at the famous Dunbrook Garage that never closes -

We Need Volunteers! We Need Donations!

NRFC is once again hosting its twice-yearly garage sale offering the gently and not-so gently used possessions of our and our donor's lives to those who might have a yen to buy them – recycling the goods but helping our treasury too. We've been doing this sale for YEARS!. Where do we get all the stuff to sell? Consumer society at its best, we guess.

And, once again we are completely dependent on everyone pitching in: not just stuff to sell, of course, but also your volunteer labor. We need YOU and your STUFF. You can bring stuff to me ahead of time, but better (for me) to the garage on Saturday, June 2 – try for noon or after. Or bring it when you come to volunteer EARLY Sunday morning. For set-up, please try to be at the garage at **6:30 AM**. Those of you that have been involved before know set-up is a bear without lots of help. Do make an offering to the rain-gods, eh?! Make them go-away. (Continued next page)

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GARAGE SALE CONTINUED

We need stuff to sell, so ask your neighbors, co-workers, friends, to go trolling on 'recycling' night. We need volunteers for set-up, cashiers and crowd controllers, and take-down folks (oh! yes!) plus borrowed tables and canopies. Rain – well, we have no rain-date. Gotta make it work. We need to raise some money to help us fund the educational sails NRFC does on **Clearwater**. Your no longer needed items will help us meet that goal. We need to refund a sail, since **Clearwater** got our proceeds directly last year for boat repairs.

Once again, it's not just about the money, but connecting with a not-always-wealthy urban community who get terrific deals on the stuff we sell. Not only that, we get super publicity for our NRFC mission in showing that recycling, repurposing and reusing stuff really works. Please, please, please volunteer to help, acquire, and donate stuff. The sale (June 3) is BEFORE our June meeting (June 6), so call me directly to sign-up, by May 31 – hopefully - it's a bear to worry about lack of staff. Thanks so much in advance. We can't do it without you ALL. Call Lydia at 518-527-2200 to sign-up. THANK YOU!!!

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? 5/1**— Get The Compass on-line by sending **your** e-mail address to Sue Thrasher at nrfc_compass@yahoo.com.

DARE TO COMPARE

Do the long days of summer seem too brief and the dark days of winter seem to drag on forever? If you compare sunrise and sunset tables for June and December, you will see it is not just your imagination.

In June there is just ONE DAY with the most hours of daylight—15 hours and 18 minutes. The summer solstice occurs on that day—at 6:07 AM, June 21. In December there will be EIGHT DAYS with the fewest hours of daylight—only 9 hours and 5 minutes. The winter solstice will fall in the middle of that stretch on December 21 at 5:23 PM.

So on Thursday, June 21, get up with the sun around 5:15 AM and continue prancing around outside until after 8:45 PM because the next day will already have one less minute of daylight. --np

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The Compass Deadline

The deadline for submitting material for the July 2018 edition of The Compass is June 18. E-mail items to nrfc_compass@yahoo.com, or mail to Sue Thrasher, 2 Aaron Dr. #5, Coxsackie, NY 12051.

◀ 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

CANAL CLEAN SWEEP

Spring finally seemed to arrive at last on April 21st. Thankfully, it was warm and sunny when the crew from **NRFC** arrived at Erie Lock 7 (Niskayuna) for our annual park clean-up to celebrate Earth Day. Armed with gloves, collection bags, and grabbers, we fanned out across upper and lower parking lots, bike trails east and west, and a final assault on the roadway. We separated glass, metal, and plastic bottles—enough to fill one of two monster-sized plastic trash bags (see photos). The second monster bag was filled with all other kinds of trash. In addition, we collected part of a wooden bed, a wooden pallet, two hub caps, a bicycle tire inner tube, assorted seat cushions and pillows—large and wet.

The crew consisted of Jas, Lydia, George, Steve, Kitty, Vicki, Nancy, and we welcomed new **NRFC** member Debra. Mother Nature had little to show off but coltsfoot and skunk cabbage. However, the sun and blue skies were more than enough reward.

—np



Photos by Lydia Kosinski

TIDBITS

- Stephen reported that he and Zen enjoyed performing onboard **Clearwater** for the Mother's Day Sail and hope to do so again soon. He is volunteering for Revival and will work overnight stage security, so he will be around both days.
- Ex-Teachers at the March for Science



Photo by Lydia Kosinski

- Posted by www.clearwater.org on Facebook, 5/23/2018

