



The Compass

May 2018

Newsletter of North River Friends of Clearwater

NEXT MEETING, MAY 2

The May **NRFC** meeting will be held on May 2, at the home of Sylvia Lawler, 28 Stone House Hill Rd., Coeymans, NY. Sylvia's contact: 518-756-2631. Potluck at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:00 PM.

Directions: The easiest way to reach Coeymans is via the NYS Thruway. From Exit 22 (Selkirk) of the NYS Thruway: Take a right from the Thruway exit onto State Route 144 (River Road). Go about five miles. You will be in a 55 mph speed zone. Once you see "Speed Limit 30 mph," you are approaching the Hamlet of Coeymans. You will see the Port of Coeymans on your left. Stone House Hill Road is the first left beyond the Port. There is also a sign at the entrance to Stone House Hill Road which says "Ravena Coeymans Yacht Club." It is just your side of the bridge over Coeymans Creek. If you cross the bridge, you have gone too far.

Look forward to seeing everyone. —sl

INTERESTING AREA EVENTS

- 5/19 Waterford Canal Fest, Waterford, NY, 10:00 AM-6:00 PM. We are not tabling. (Note corrected date.)
- 5/13 **Clearwater** Mother's Day Sail Featuring Music by Steve and Zen. Beacon, NY, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM.
- 6/9 **Clearwater** March to the Ocean (See **The Compass**, April 2018, page 2.)

NRFC CALENDAR

- 5/2 **NRFC** Monthly Meeting, 28 Stone House Hill Rd., Coeymans, NY. Potluck 6:30, Meeting 7:00. (See page 1 for directions.)
- 5/13 **Clearwater** Mother's Day Sail Featuring Music by Steve and Zen. Beacon, NY, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM.
- 6/3 **NRFC** Garage Sale, Dunbrook's Mobil, Lark & Madison, Albany, NY.
- 6/6 **NRFC** Monthly Meeting, Location TBD, 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.

BENEFIT CONCERT RECAP

The April 15 concert at the Linda appeared to be quite a success. The official stats aren't out on it yet, but most the seats were filled. **NRFC** members came out in force to donate time and effort to the event. There was a large variety of baked goodies for the guests to munch on, and the leftovers were sent down to the boat. Wanda Fischer served as MC. The music provided by her, Three Quarter North, Steve and Zen, the Bounce Back Band, and Annie and the Hedonists was outstanding. See page 3 for Rudy's photos. —st

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The Hudson River is a very different place now than it was 48 years ago on the first Earth Day. That change did not come easy. It's a result of hard work, dedication and love. The Hudson is still recovering, and we still have a lot of work to do. [#EarthDay2018#EveryDayisEarthDay](#)
Posted on Facebook by **Clearwater** 4/22/18.

MYSTIC WHALER'S LAST SEASON

The schooner Mystic Whaler and her fine captains, John Eginton and Pat Beck, will be sailing up the estuary in a few short weeks for their final season with Clearwater. We are indebted to this amazing boat and her crew for 23 years of flying the Clearwater flag, hosting our Clearwater volunteers, singing the jellyfish songs, and so much more. It was a rainy afternoon in 1996 when Steve Stanne traveled down to Mystic, Connecticut looking for a sister ship to sail the Hudson with our sloop each spring and found this gem of a coastal cargo boat.



This year both, Steve Stanne and Captain John enter into their next phases of life with the schooner up for sale and retirement on the horizon. We are excited to ring in the Mystic Whaler's last season by getting the two titans of the Clearwater family together again, with Steve Stanne returning as a volunteer aboard schooner for a week, as they pass the torch to the next generation of captains and scientists.

If you've sailed as a Clearwater volunteer or crew member with Captain John Eginton and want to be a part of the schooner's final Clearwater season, [apply to volunteer!](#) . . .

Clearwater's April E-Newsletter

◀ 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

BENEFIT PHOTOS THANKS TO RUDY LU



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The Compass Deadline

The deadline for submitting material for the May 2018 edition of The Compass is April 16. E-mail items to nrfc_compass@yahoo.com, or mail to Sue Thrasher, 2 Aaron Dr. #5, Cocksackie, NY 12051.

Newsletter by e-mail

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