Dear Friends,

In 2019, we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of Pete Seeger’s birth and the 50th anniversary of the sloop Clearwater’s launch, two important milestones!

Back in 1966, Pete Seeger and a bunch of like-minded folks formed an organization – Hudson River Sloop Restoration – to build the first Hudson River sloop crafted in over 100 years.

By 1968 construction had begun in South Bristol, Maine. On May 17th, 1969, two weeks after Pete Seeger’s 50th birthday, the sloop Clearwater was launched before over 2,000 people. The crew sang their way down the coast, raising money to pay for the new vessel. Travelling up and down the Hudson, very quickly Clearwater became synonymous with the fight to clean up the river, inspired by Pete Seeger, a fearless warrior for social justice and the environment.

Fifty years later we celebrate Pete and the sloop, America’s environmental flagship, which is still sailing at a time when we need her as much as ever. We hope you will celebrate with us by becoming a Patron Fish donor and join us for a very special evening of music with long-time Clearwater friends Tom Chapin and his daughters, The Chapin Sisters, in honor of these milestones.

We call contributors to this program Patron Fish to recognize the splendid variety of fish that inhabit the Hudson estuary, and to highlight your role in promoting their welfare. These indigenous species range from the palm-sized Hogchoker to the giant Sturgeon, one of which was recently spotted at 14 feet long! While some of their populations have rebounded in the last 50 years, all of them remain so laden with industrial pollutants (PCB’s) that they are unsafe for children to eat.

Thanks to your support, Clearwater can continue to inspire a new generation of environmental leaders and active citizens working together to preserve and protect the Hudson River. We hope to see you on Festival Friday, and at the Festival too!

Sincerely,

Greg Williams
Executive Director

Stephen Smith
Board President

Please note – all Revival Weekend tickets will be available at Will Call. There are no paper tickets this year.

Benefits to becoming a Patron Fish:

- All Patron Fish donors from Hogchoker and above are listed in the festival program book if received by April 28.
- Donors $300+ receive 2 weekend tickets to the 2018 Festival. Tax deductible portion is $86.00
- Donors $500+ receive 2 weekend tickets plus 1 Festival Friday Sail ticket. Tax deductible portion is $238.00
- Donors $1,000+ receive 2 Weekend tickets plus 2 Festival Friday Sail tickets. Tax deductible portion is $608.00

Festival Friday Sail – A magical sail on the eve of the Festival aboard the Clearwater featuring live music from Tom Chapin and The Chapin Sisters, artisanal food and local wine. Space on the sail is limited and it promises to sell-out. The sail takes place from 5:30-8:00 pm. Guests arrive at 5:15 pm sharp. The sail will depart from the Festival Dock at Croton Point Park in Croton-on-Hudson, NY.

For details and further information, please contact Ann Mellor at (845) 265-8080 x7119

Hudson River fish illustrations by Grace Padgett.

YES! I want to help by becoming a Patron Fish. Enclosed is my tax deductible gift.

- Sturgeon $1000+
- Striped Bass $500-$999
- Shad $300-$499
- Perch $200-$299
- Killifish $100-$199
- Hogchoker $50-$99

I am giving $300 or more and would like 2 Revival Weekend tickets.
I am giving $500 or more and would like 2 Revival Weekend tickets and one Festival Friday Sail ticket.
I am giving $1000 or more and would like 2 Revival Weekend tickets, 2 Festival Friday Concert tickets, and 2 Festival Friday Sail tickets.
No tickets please, I would like my entire donation to support Clearwater.

Please list me in the Program Book as:

- Please list me as “Anonymous” in the Program Book.
- Please don’t list me at all in the Program Book.

To be listed in the Festival Program book, please reply by April 28.