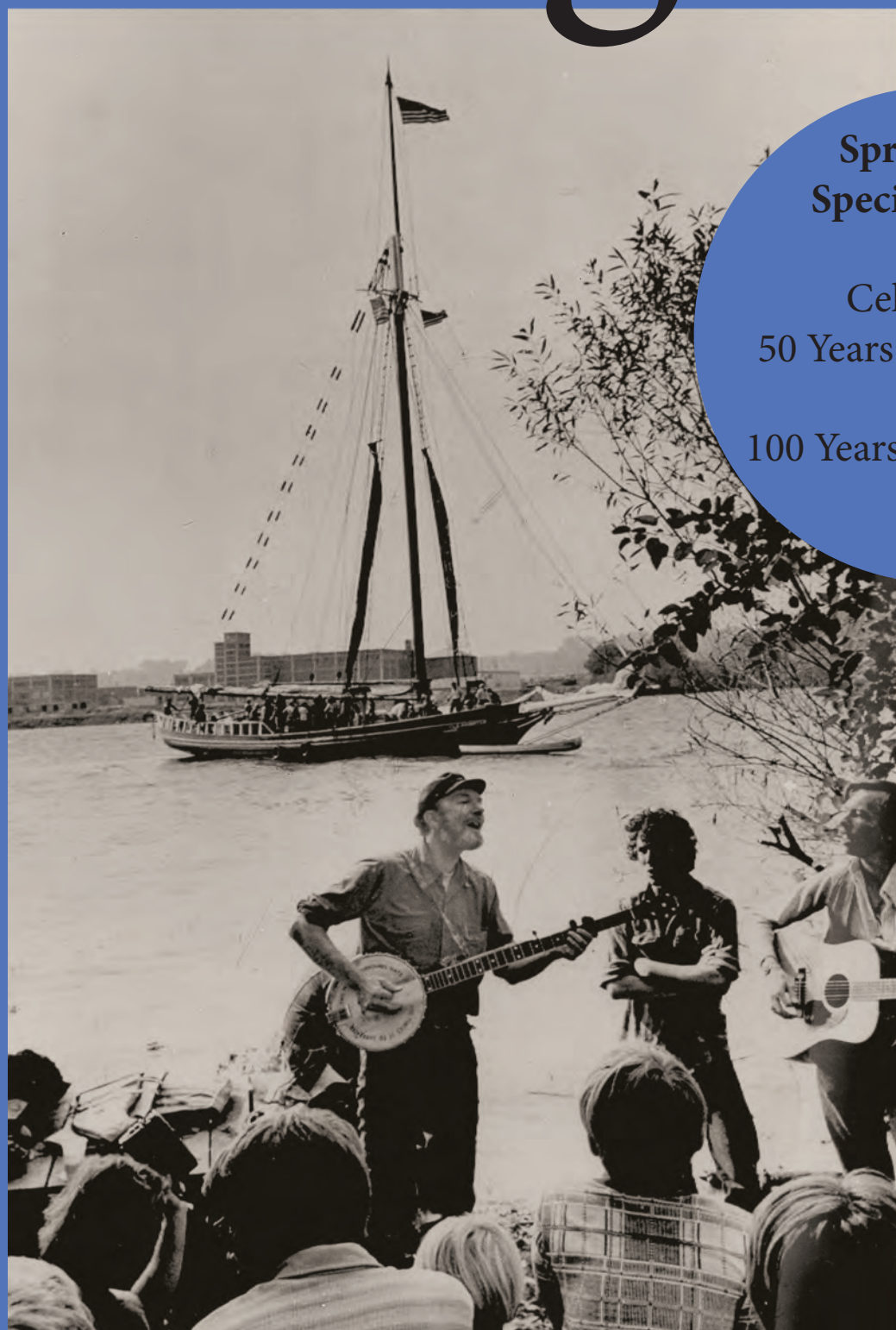


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Special Edition

Celebrating
50 Years of Clearwater
and
100 Years of Pete Seeger



This year, Clearwater celebrates 50 years since the launch of our namesake vessel, the Hudson River Sloop *Clearwater*, and the centennial of Clearwater founder, Pete Seeger.

Thanks to you, our loyal and generous supporters, Pete Seeger's legacy lives on through our education programs, advocacy work, and special events like the Great Hudson River Revival.

We're dedicating this special edition *Navigator* to highlighting a few of the many achievements that we've accomplished together over the past 50 years. We've come a long way. Our Hudson River and planet need each of us, now more than ever, to stand up for policies that protect our waterways.

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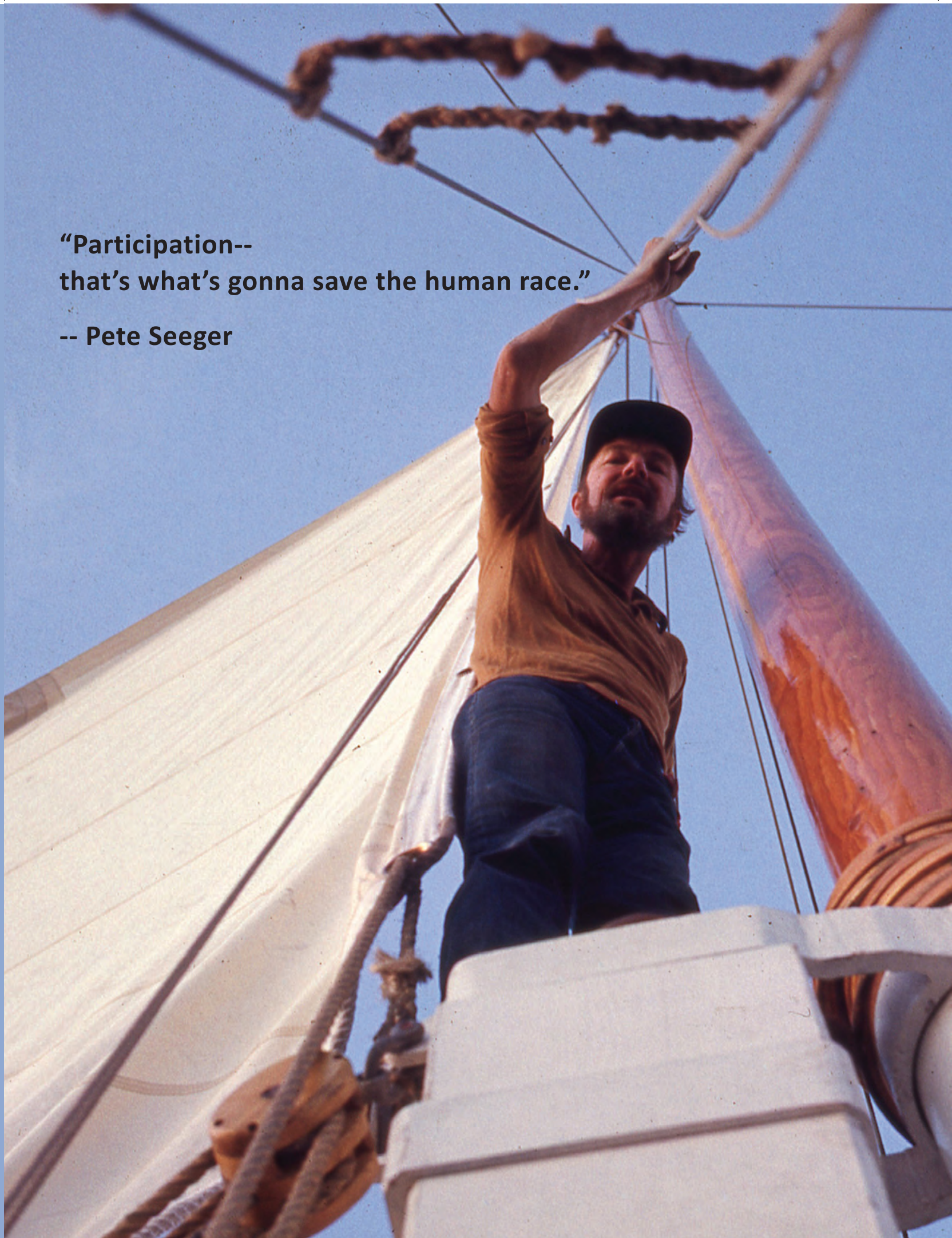
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Cover: Pete Seeger sings to a group of children on the banks of the Hudson River. He visited the General Electric plant at Fort Edward in 1975 and said it was unfair to close the plant as there were 83 other plants in the U.S. that were also dumping PCBs, 1975. (AP Photo)

**“Participation--
that’s what’s gonna save the human race.”**

-- Pete Seeger



Fifty Years of Clearwater

At a time when the Hudson River was rank with chemicals and raw sewage, Pete Seeger and his friends had a vision to build a majestic sloop, a replica of the vessels that sailed the Hudson centuries ago. They hoped the ship would bring people to the river, and the experience would inspire them to protect the water.

More than 50 years later, Clearwater continues to honor their vision.

1966 - A hat is passed at an organizational meeting in June and \$167 is raised. The Hudson River Sloop Restoration incorporates in September.

1968 - "That's what the Hudson River sloop is being built for- to clean up the Hudson River, and if that isn't a fine dream, then you don't understand about machines that surround hate," - John Cole, *Maine Times*, "Pete Seeger's Dream Boat."

1966

1966 - The first "Hudson Valley Folk Picnic" takes place in October and raises \$1,500 for the organization.

1969 - Sloop Clearwater launched from the Harvey Gamage Shipyard in South Bristol, Maine, May 17, 1969.

Shortly after, the crew began to collect signatures on petitions calling for better protection of our waterways.

1960s

April 1970 - Having collected thousands of signatures, Pete Seeger and the crew of the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater helped turn the tide in favor of enacting the 1972 Clean Water Act by sailing the Clearwater to Washington, D.C. and organizing an historic Capital Hill forum on the need for federal clean water protections.

1970 - Clearwater begins on-board education program

1972 - Clearwater offices move from Cold Spring, NY to the Fite House in Poughkeepsie, NY

1971 - Clearwater's first Pumpkin Sail from Rensselaer to NYC.

1975 - NY Times article about PCBs, GE, and the Hudson River. Clearwater, Hudson River Fisherman's Association (from which Riverkeeper was founded in 1983), Scenic Hudson, and the NRDC intervene in NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) proceeding to enforce pollution laws against GE.

1976 - DEC and General Electric (GE) settle a legal proceeding whereby GE agrees to pay \$3 million towards clean-up plus \$1 million for research.

1976 - The sloop participates in Operation Sail in NY Harbor to celebrate the nation's bicentennial.

1975-76 - First major restoration of the sloop, prompting the sloop's captains and crew members to undertake rigorous preventative maintenance measures.

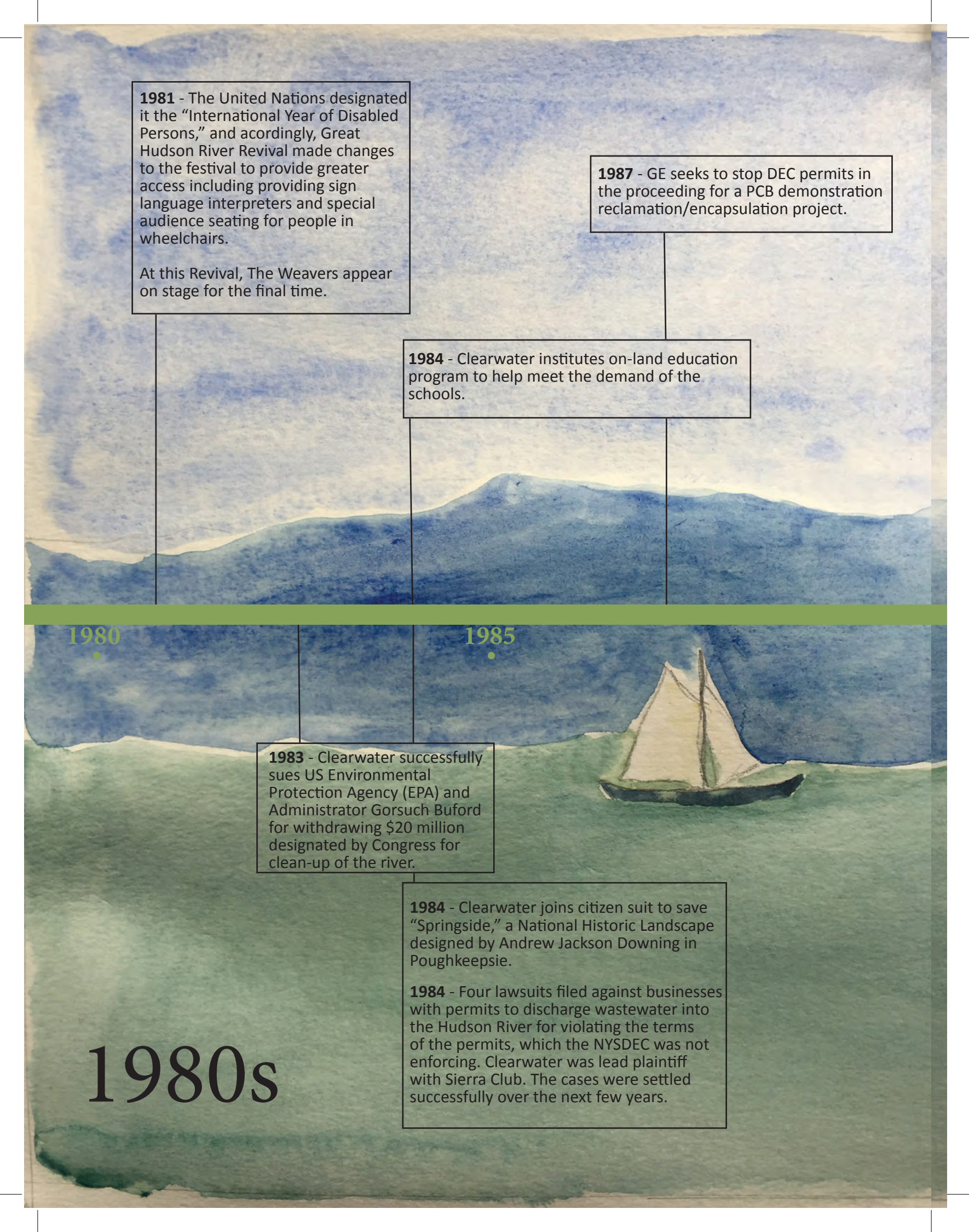
1970

1970 - With support from the New York State Council on the Arts, Clearwater co-produced a number of riverfront concerts from Cold Spring to Kingston with the Hudson Valley Philharmonic. Thousands turned out to hear a program that included Handel, Mozart, Rossini, and Bizet.

1975

1975 - Thanks to evidence collected by John Cronin and other Clearwater's People's Pipewatch volunteers, the US Attorney for the Southern District of NY successfully sued the Tuck Tape Company of Beacon for violations of the Clean Water Act. It was the first successful prosecution of the CWA in NY.

1970s



1981 - The United Nations designated it the "International Year of Disabled Persons," and accordingly, Great Hudson River Revival made changes to the festival to provide greater access including providing sign language interpreters and special audience seating for people in wheelchairs.

At this Revival, The Weavers appear on stage for the final time.

1987 - GE seeks to stop DEC permits in the proceeding for a PCB demonstration reclamation/encapsulation project.

1984 - Clearwater institutes on-land education program to help meet the demand of the schools.

1980

1985

1983 - Clearwater successfully sues US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Administrator Gorsuch Buford for withdrawing \$20 million designated by Congress for clean-up of the river.

1984 - Clearwater joins citizen suit to save "Springside," a National Historic Landscape designed by Andrew Jackson Downing in Poughkeepsie.

1984 - Four lawsuits filed against businesses with permits to discharge wastewater into the Hudson River for violating the terms of the permits, which the NYSDEC was not enforcing. Clearwater was lead plaintiff with Sierra Club. The cases were settled successfully over the next few years.

1980s

1990 - Clearwater supported the sail of the Odeyak, a half kayak/half canoe vessel sailed by Cree and Inuit people from James Bay, Quebec to NYC to oppose the proposed massive flooding of their hunting and fishing grounds in Quebec province to create a hydroelectric dam. Clearwater and the sloop clubs provided speaking venues and shore support and collected municipal resolutions in opposition to the proposal, which was defeated in 1994.

1995 - Clearwater's Environmental Action Program receives EPA Environmental Quality Award for its work on cleaning up the PCBs contaminating the Hudson River.

1992 - Clearwater's international impact evident when the Neva River Clearwater, founded in St. Petersburg, Russia in 1992, visited the Hudson Valley in 1994 to observe our programs. They throw a spring festival on the Neva River, educating over 200 children about clean water.

1996 - Creation of Clearwater's website (www.clearwater.org) which receives the Excelsior Best of the Web Award from the Robert F. Kennedy Democratic Club.

1993 - Release of "HUDSON RIVER ANGLER SURVEY: A report of the adherence to fish consumption health advisories among Hudson River anglers," Bridget Barclay, Clearwater's Environmental Action Director, Principle Investigator, and Author. This landmark document is considered an important turning point in Hudson River PCB Superfund site case, showing the nexus between PCB contamination in the Hudson River water and sediment and human health by actively demonstrating that humans were unaware of and/or ignoring health advisories and consuming PCB-containing fish.

1990

1995



1998 - Hudson River named an "American Heritage River" by President Clinton.

1994 - the 25th anniversary of the sloop is celebrated at the Great Hudson River Revival, attended by many former captains and crew members who had sailed on the maiden voyage.

1990s

2001 - Clearwater launches "Young Women at the Helm" empowerment program.

2002 - Pete Seeger named a "Clean Water Hero" by the Clean Water Network for his prominent efforts in support of the passage of the Clean Water Act.

2006 - The beginning of the next generation of major restoration work on the sloop. Foredeck in process of being replaced, rigging removed by crane and sent to rigger in MD for replacement, electrical system upgraded.

May 2009 - A concert at Madison Square Garden celebrates the sloop's 40th anniversary and Pete Seeger's 90th birthday. Performers include Dar Williams, Joan Baez and Bruce Springsteen.

2001 - EPA decides to move forward with PCB clean up, forcing GE to pay for the cleanup of the toxic waste that it dumped in the river.

2004 - *Clearwater* added to the National Historic Register for its role in "articulating, publicizing, and defining the American environmental movement, as well as for directly fighting in some of the nation's most important environmental conflicts."

2009 - inspired by the success of "Young Women at the Helm," Clearwater launches "Young Men at the Helm," programs to empower young adults living in the river communities. Our LBBTQ+ allies rounds out the Young People at the Helm programs.

2002 - In the wake of 9/11, Clearwater calls for an immediate closing of Indian Point nuclear power plant.

2000

2005

2001 - Clearwater convenes a colloquium entitled, "PCB Contamination in the Hudson Valley: A Victimless Crime?" at the SUNY School of Public Health in Rensselaer, NY at which several of the top researchers on PCBs describe their work and recent advances in understanding the mechanisms of PCB toxicity and the health effects on humans.

2008 - Clearwater moves from the Fite House in Poughkeepsie to the 84 acre University Settlement Camp in Beacon, our current offices.

2000s

2009 - GE finally begins its remediation, removing more than 2.7 million cubic yards of PCB-contaminated sediment across approximately 500 acres from a 40-mile stretch of hotspots in the Upper Hudson River between Ft. Edward and the Federal Dam in Troy.

2010 - As part of its Green Cities program, Clearwater undertook a groundbreaking community-based Environmental Justice Inventory for the City of Peekskill, identifying major sources of pollution, disparate impacts on vulnerable populations, and offered a range of suggested solutions.

2012 - Clearwater continued with a Climate Justice initiative in four Hudson Valley cities to assess potential environmental, economic, public health, and safety impacts of climate change on communities of color and low income in Kingston, Poughkeepsie, Beacon, and Peekskill, each of which have waterfronts vulnerable to sea-level rise.

2016 - Clearwater files a lawsuit against NYS Public Service Commission, challenging the mandatory 12-year nuclear subsidy that is costing NY ratepayers between \$7 and \$10 billion that would be much more wisely invested in renewable energy infrastructure.

2010

2015

2019

2015 - Clearwater undergoes third phase of a major hull restoration costing nearly \$1 million.

2018 - A settlement agreement is reached by Riverkeeper, the NYS Attorney General's Office, and Entergy to close the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant in 2020-2021. Clearwater refocuses on safe decommissioning, a just transition for workers, and the creation of Citizen's Oversight Board to ensure effective public input with advice from scientists and other experts.

2010s



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“A good song reminds us what we’re fighting for.”

- Pete Seeger



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1. Pete in the Village of Schuylerville, NY, 1969. Photo by Dan Budnick
2. Construction of the sloop *Clearwater* at the Harvey Gamage Shipyard
3. Third Annual Hudson Valley Folk Picnic, June 1968



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**“Do-so is more
important
than say-so.”**

- Pete Seeger

4. The sloop is launched on May 17, 1969, in South Bristol, Maine

5. Setting sail from Beacon, NY on its way to Washington, D.C., April, 1970

6. Sea Trials, Capt. Allan Aunapu, Pete Seeger



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“If there’s something wrong, speak up!”

- Pete Seeger



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- 7. Clearwater volunteers and staff protest at Storm King
- 8. Manna Jo Greene, Clearwater’s Environmental Action Director, filing lawsuit against NYS Public Service Commission, 2016
- 9. John Cronin, one of Clearwater’s People’s Pipewatch volunteers, collects evidence. 1975



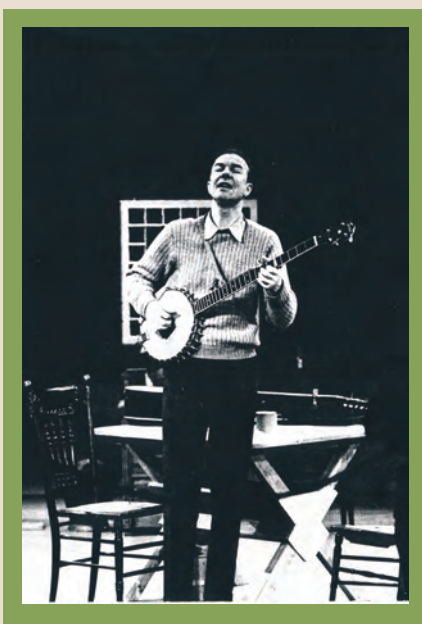
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“I feel that my whole life is a contribution.”

- Pete Seeger



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10. *Clearwater* sailing on the East River. Photo by Patrick Whitaker
11. Pete and Vic Schwarz, National Historic Register ceremony, 2004
12. Pete on the set of his television program “Rainbow Quest”

Clearwater is the people's boat! It's your boat.

Join us for a public sail or charter the sloop for your next special event.
Contact sched@clearwater.org or call 845-265-8080 ext 7107
to check availability.

Public sails give you a chance to:

- Experience the Hudson River and its shores from a new perspective!
- Join in "all hands to the halyards" to help hoist the sails to the rhythm of a traditional sea chanty
- Steer the boat with the 11-foot tiller
- Meet the crew of a working tall-ship and visit their living quarters below deck
- Experience the Clearwater tradition of a moment of silence and reflection
- Enjoy (or sing along with) music provided by the crew
- Learn about the Hudson River's history, biology and environmental concerns
- Relax and enjoy being out on the water



Friday, MAY 31

Public Sail from W 79th Street Boat Basin, NYC
3 hours, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, JUNE 9

Public Sail from Beacon, NY
2 hours, 3:00 p.m.

Friday, JUNE 21

Public Sail from W 79th Street Boat Basin, NYC
3 hours, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, JULY 4

Fireworks Sail from Poughkeepsie
3 hours, 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, JULY 13

Meditative Journey from Beacon
2 hours, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, AUGUST 4

Meditative Journey from Beacon
2 hours, 5:00 p.m.

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2 hours, 3:00 p.m.

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