



## Hudson River Sloop Clearwater

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## ***Clearwater* and Friends to Sail into NYC for Climate Week**

BEACON, NY – America’s Environmental Flagship, the sloop *Clearwater*, will sail into NY Harbor this Sunday, September 20th to kick off [Climate Week](#). This year’s Climate Summit will focus on rebuilding after COVID-19 and what lessons can be learned in the pursuit of a net-zero future through just transition. *Clearwater*’s sail is among several actions taken by Clearwater in support of Climate Week.

*Clearwater* will sail beside a flotilla of activist boaters including the schooner, *Shearwater*. The flotilla event will draw people’s attention to climate week and build upon the connection to racial justice.

"So much has changed on and in the Hudson in the last fifty years," said *Clearwater* Captain, Nick Rogers. "But there is a lot more work for us to do. There is a great need for more education, inspiration, and activism to protect our beautiful river and planet. This Sunday, *Clearwater* is sailing around the upper harbor to bring awareness to the Climate Summit, in support of a river that needs our help, and a community that needs support. At Clearwater, we know that science is real, black lives matter, and you cannot have climate justice without social justice."

*Clearwater* welcomes local boaters to join the flotilla in NYC between the Battery, Governor’s Island, Statue of Liberty and Jersey City between 2pm-4pm on Sunday, September 20. *Clearwater* asks boaters to fly banners or flags in support of climate justice and social justice. *Clearwater* Captains ask that boaters check the weather to ensure they are being safe, stay clear of traffic and abide by the rules of the road. The Captains ask boaters to avoid the channel and other vessels and large marine traffic. A live stream is expected to be broadcast from onboard the sloop during the flotilla via [Clearwater’s Facebook Page](#).

Since 1969, *Clearwater* has sailed the Hudson River to advocate for the cleanup of the Hudson. *Clearwater* sailed to Washington DC where founder, Pete Seeger successfully helped enact the Clean Water Act in 1972. Sailing for environmental and social justice causes has been the primary focus of the sloop this year as the vessel was not able to sail with passengers and students due to COVID-19.

Contact [sail@clearwater.org](mailto:sail@clearwater.org) for more details about the flotilla or [Clearwater.org](http://Clearwater.org) to support *Clearwater* by becoming a member or making a donation.

### About Hudson River Sloop Clearwater

*Launched in 1969 by legendary folk singer and activist Pete Seeger, 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).*