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### SAV THE RIVER!

*Annals and Perennials in the River's Garden*

By ANDY MELE

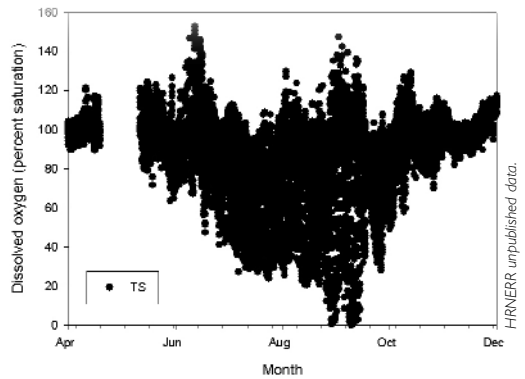
Aquatic rooted plants (macrophytes) are integral to the Hudson River's complex web of physical and biological relationships. It is because of a robust system of rooted plant beds that the river remains a viable habitat for many familiar species. Zebra mussels – the striped villains of so many estuarine tales – might have taken dissolved oxygen levels below pre-Clean Water Act levels were it not for constant oxygen replenishment from submerged aquatic vegetation. As the underwater plant beds go, so goes the river.

But not all rooted macrophytes play the same roles in the drama. True submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) includes a number of species descended from flowering land plants. Water celery (*Valisneria americana*), the predominant SAV, is a rhizomal perennial, and its beds provide habitat characteristics that differ significantly from the more conspicuous water chestnut (*Trapa natans*).

In SAV beds, the river water is rich in oxygen because the plant leaves are fully submerged, and give off their photosynthetic oxygen into the water column. More importantly, the dissolved oxygen from these plant beds becomes distributed throughout the river, compensating for much of the oxygen depletion caused by zebra mussels.

Water chestnut is an annual, and propagates by re-seeding itself with the distinctive sharp-horned seed pods sometimes called "devil's heads." The water chestnut seeds remain viable as long as ten years, enabling the plant to weather wide swings in environmental conditions.

### Dissolved Oxygen in Tivoli Bays in 2004



Plot of dissolved oxygen readings in a large water chestnut bed near Tivoli, NY, clearly showing hypoxia and anoxia.

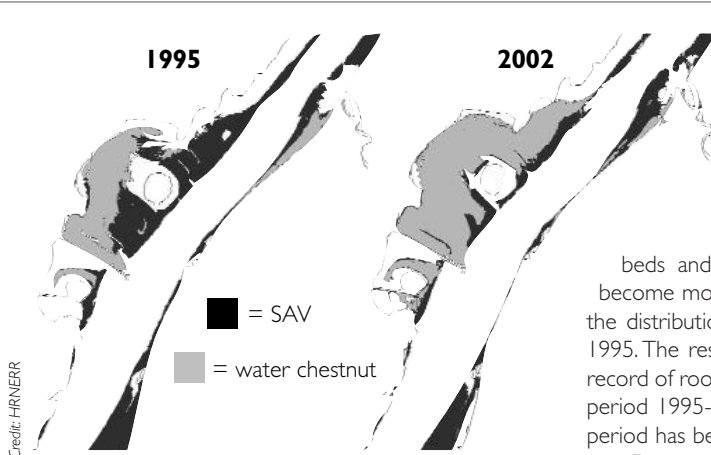
Water chestnut forms thick leaf mats on the water's surface; therefore it is not submerged, and not SAV. It contributes its photosynthetic oxygen to the atmosphere, not the river. It creates deep shade beneath its canopy, and may also impede normal gas exchange between atmosphere and water. Beneath the canopy, hypoxic (low oxygen) and anoxic conditions (zero oxygen) are regularly observed in larger water chestnut beds near low tide. Fish cannot tolerate these events, and must migrate from the beds to open water.

However, in this post-zebra mussel era, water chestnut beds have become a very important habitat for benthic (bottom-dwelling) invertebrates. The benthic inverts, once more evenly distributed across the open, unvegetated river bottom, are being aggressively grazed by very hungry fish, and are finding refuge in water chestnut beds.

According to Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve (HRNERR) scientist Chuck Nieder, mapping plant

beds and tracking changes in their distribution have become more important than ever. Nothing is known of the distribution of either SAV or water chestnut prior to 1995. The resources and study design to begin creating a record of rooted macrophytes were first put to work in the period 1995-1997, and the information gleaned from that period has become our baseline for further study.

From a second inventory developed in 2002, preliminary, unpublished results seem to indicate that areas occupied by both SAV and water chestnut remain essentially



Inbocht Bay, near Smith's Landing, in 1995 and 2002, showing spread of *Trapa* in calm bay waters, and gains in SAV acreage in the faster-flowing open river.

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Dear Clearwater Members and Friends:

In the five years he promised us as Clearwater's Executive Director, Andy Mele has accomplished nearly everything he set out to do. Clearwater is stronger now, in so many ways, than it has ever been, and we are all very optimistic for the future. But there's a sea change ahead.

When Andy told me in late January of his plan to retire after Revival 2005, I was both stunned and relieved. In the months since his near-fatal open heart surgery, his dedication to his work had returned to nearly the heart stopping level of previous years. His timing gave CW ample time to prepare for succession, and even to gracefully make a mid-course correction when a new opportunity arose.

A CW member experienced in the executive search process helped the board assemble a Search Committee, which was well underway selecting from a hefty pool of qualified applicants when The Dyson Foundation, unsolicited, offered to pay for state-of-the-art executive transition



assistance. These services are being provided by the Support Center for Nonprofit Management (SCNM) as part of a very recent national initiative.

Throughout the transition, governance of CW will remain in the able hands of the board members you have elected. The work of CW will continue uninterrupted, led by our wonderfully skilled staff, with guidance from an interim director coached for this purpose by the SCNM.

We expect to begin interviewing our Executive Director candidates soon after, with help from the Support Center, and we look forward to announcing your new E.D. in the fall. SCNM guidance will continue following the election of new board members and the hiring of our new director, to facilitate the integration of the new folks with the continuing staff, membership and Board.

Please know that sustaining your sloop and the work of Clearwater will remain the first priority of the Transition Team, which is composed of CW members and staff.

Join me in celebrating Andy's many accomplishments, and wishing him all the best as he subdues his Type-A personality with a more mellow life of writing and research. With your continuing support we will all renew our commitment to Clearwater's mission and keep the sloop sailing as a new Clearwater Generation begins to enter a lifetime of environmental citizenship.

May the River bring you fair winds, a sweet song, and teach you something new,

Annie Osborn



## SAV THE RIVER! *(continued from page 1.)*

unchanged. Small shifts have been observed, such as the expansion of water chestnut in Inbocht Bay (see graph on previous page), and the expansion of SAV on the opposite shore.

Water chestnut plants have fragile root systems, and require slow-moving water. SAV are more tolerant of currents. Each type also has its particular requirements for soil, depth and light penetration, all of which are fundamental physical characteristics of the river, and therefore it seems likely that the plant bed distributions we see today will remain largely unchanged.

Just to be on the safe side, however, a corps of volunteer paddlers is being trained and deployed to measure the extent of rooted plant beds during the years between major research initiatives.



John Redmond, a longtime friend of the *Mystic Whaler* and *Clearwater*, passed on at the age of 53 in May. Born in Riverdale, John was a Manhattan-based fireman for 20 years and after retiring, volunteered for both Clearwater and The Hudson River Museum. He was an absolute anchor aboard the *Mystic Whaler*, helping to expand and promote the Clearwater message with his quiet commitment. John loved being outside, as he traveled to Wyoming for Audubon programs, and was always quick to point out birds, tracks, geology formations; anything which caught his attention. He was also a devoted companion and friend to Carol Thorstensen and grandfather to Victoria. "Friends are like condensed soup, just add water", John said aboard the *Whaler* this spring, and he touched all who met him with his quick wit, mischievous smile and a certain twinkle in his eyes. He will be dearly missed, but we know we'll always be able to see him in his favorite place, the Hudson.

-Liz Schale, *Mystic Whaler On-Board Educator*

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# Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The 2005 Great Hudson River Revival gave us every reason to be proud. A distinctive, extraordinary gathering, this year's festival was perfect. Superior weather, fabulous performers, purposeful programming, and record crowds on the spectacular Croton Point peninsula. It was as good as it gets!

Everyone who participated in any way – exhibitors, vendors, performers, volunteers...even those who strolled through the festival for the first time – helped to create a very special happening. A wonderful community of good folks came together in peace to celebrate, learn about and enjoy the river. As my eight-year-old son said about the festival, "I like the Clearwater because you feel happy all day". Revival is a place you can feel happy all day.

While music, dancing, storytelling and water activities make Revival a great place to play and celebrate, the festival's authenticity comes from its unique focus on environmental education and outreach. Fifty environmental and social justice groups presented their progressive projects, networked and built support for their work. The Green Living Expo helped festivalgoers connect with environmentally



## It was a perfect festival.

sustainable products and services that can protect the planet and enrich our lives. The Hudson River Discovery tent – a premier environmental education exhibit – presented a first hand glimpse into the river's ecology.

Revival raises our consciousness that another world is possible and mobilizes us through environmental education and community building. The festival helps build support for Clearwater among the many people who understand the importance of helping in the fight for the planet, river by river, action by action.

Because music unleashes spiritual energy, Clearwater continues to present a rich and diverse roster of artists, expanding our audiences and increasing our standing as a purposeful music venue for a new generation. This year's line up – Indigo Girls, Entrain, Assembly of Dust, C.J Chenier, Black 47, Zoe Lewis, Aztec Two Step, Jack DeJohnette, Kim and Reggie Harris to name but a few – demonstrates the power of music to unite and motivate action.

Thank you for helping to make the Clearwater festival one of the country's largest annual environmentally-conscious events. I am very happy and honored to be part of this special Clearwater community.

– Ron Aja, Festival Director



### *A Note of Thanks from the Volunteer Coordinator*

*Hello, dear Revival Volunteers! By now, I feel like each one of you is a friend, if not actually family. So many of you have sent messages of thanks and appreciation! Here is a sample from a particularly eloquent letter: "One of my motivations for coming to the Clearwater Festival was to reconnect with an ecologically-minded, politically activist, considerate and compassionate community... Meeting so many other positive, passionate, progressive people was truly uplifting." My sentiments, exactly! I wish I had the space to tell stories about how each of you contributed to the festival in special ways, but all I can say is, Hugs for everybody, now and next year! Be well in peace - Susan Murphy*



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## Clearwater's 2005 Board of Directors

# CANDIDATES



### **ROZ BALKIN\*** (*Woodstock, NY*)

Longtime resident of the Catskills, with her husband Bob Whitcomb, Roz hosted one of Clearwater's most successful house parties at their home overlooking the Hudson Valley. As a single mother, she started making jewelry in her bedroom. She built a business manufacturing and designing, eventually employing eighteen people. After 30 years in the jewelry business, she retired. Roz is vice-president and co-owner of Sunflower Natural Foods Market in Woodstock. A community activist who promotes organic farming, Roz has been a member of Woodstock's Solid Waste Management Board, a fundraising board for the Woodstock Guild of Craftsmen, and is currently on the Development Board of Planned Parenthood where she chairs a very successful fundraiser in Woodstock. With an entrepreneur's financial savvy she is committed to helping Clearwater realize the program goals in its strategic plan.

"I believe in Clearwater! I 'found' the Hudson River a few years after I moved to Woodstock. That introduction came about through a sail on the *Clearwater*. Every time I see the sloop on the river, I know that there are children learning about clean water and a clean environment – many of whom would never have had the opportunity to be close to the river. Clearwater has changed the lives of many people. So many more people have an awareness of the value of our magnificent river, and the necessity of a clean Hudson. I am proud to be on the board of Clearwater, working with other board members, and a dedicated staff and wonderful captain and crew! It's exciting to work for an organization you believe in, with your heart and your mind."

### **SCOTT BERWICK\*** (*Hensonville, NY*)

Current Board Treasurer. Volunteer crew and Revival volunteer, 2001-2005; folk singer; guitar & banjo player, songwriter (including a song for and about the *Clearwater*). Chief Engineer, Hunter Mountain Ski Bowl; President of Hunter Mountain Racing Foundation, Inc., a small 501(c) 3 sports education foundation.

"While the magic of the sloop initially brought me to Clearwater, my three years on the Clearwater board have fostered an even greater appreciation for our extraordinary community. The boat, the river, the music, the education programs, and the enthusiasm of the crew, the staff, and the volunteers make for a winning environmental combination. I remain committed to our mission of environmental advocacy, environmental education, social justice, and the preservation of the boat. It would be an honor to continue to serve the Clearwater community as a Board Member."

### **EDWARD DLUGOSZ** (*Eatontown, NJ*)

Computer scientist, environmentalist, arts lover, and Scout leader, Ed currently serves as Monmouth County Friends of Clearwater President and served as a program coordinator of Pete's Ships to Save the Waters Conferences held from 2000-2003. He's a member of the Bayshore Discovery Project, MC Arts Council, chairman of the Environmental Commission, President of the Lions Club and is very successful in business development as Technical Director for Titan Inc. and Viatech. As Lions President, he markedly increased income from donations, grants, and projects. By wiser investing, he increased donations to charities, membership, and attendance. He is a trustee of Save Sandy Hook (litigating to stop privatization of National Park Service property) and has helped raise \$70,000 for this cause.

"I plan to bring the same passion, dedication, vision, idealism, pragmatism, and motivation to the Clearwater Board that I have brought to my family, job, and volunteer endeavors. I will continue the tradition and augment it with greater teamwork and communications among members and other organizations."

### **SUSAN FALZON** (*Athens, NY*)

Susan is Deputy Director of Friends of Hudson. She served on the Board of the 4,100-member citizen activist organization that was instrumental in defeating the St. Lawrence Cement Proposal. She leads the response to the Ravena, NY LaFarge Cement Company tire-burning proposal and provided leadership to the board's Strategic Planning Committee, with its new mission of creating a sustainable and self-reliant community. Susan was a founding director of STOPP (Stand Together Oppose Power Plant), the Athens grassroots group that opposed PG&E's Athens Generating Plant. She is a member of Columbia County Futures (CCF), which she represents on the Family and Community Coalition Network formed to address racism in the Hudson school system. She served on the Athens Zoning Board of Appeals, which she chaired in her fourth year. She lives in a renovated brick row house in Athens historic district and has a BA from Hunter College in Anthropology and Political Science.

"As a child in New York City, the Hudson always held a tremendous power for me. I loved the summers I spent as a camp counselor in Ulster and Dutchess counties, then moved to Athens in 1988. It has been my privilege to live here and work at the grassroots level on behalf of

this cherished place. I admire Clearwater as a member-based organization with vision, commitment, character and integrity. The Clearwater organization provides an inspiring mix of education, advocacy and joyful celebration. It would be an honor (and fun as well) to serve on the board."

### **CHRIS HUNT** (*Hastings-on-Hudson, NY*)

Chris graduated in 2003 as a double major in Environmental Economics and Peace Studies from Colgate University where he was a member of Students for Environmental Action, taught environmental science lessons in a local elementary school and participated in the university's first student-faculty conference on "greening" the college campus. He also worked as an Environmental Economics research assistant, wrote theses on wilderness valuation in the Adirondacks and environmental justice concerns in Vieques, and played the drums in a mediocre indie rock band. He is a passionate advocate for environmental preservation. Chris is currently employed as the Research Associate for the Global Resource Action Center for the Environment (GRACE), an environmental NGO which works to prevent factory farming and promote sustainable agriculture.

"As a lifelong resident of Hastings, I've developed a strong personal connection to the Hudson River and an awareness of the pressing need for continual, diligent efforts to protect this unique resource. Clearwater is undoubtedly among the most important and inspirational organizations to undertake this formidable task – I'd love to have the opportunity to contribute to its efforts by serving on the board."

### **PETER LAMIA\*** (*Oceanside, NY*)

Founder of Long Island Friends of Clearwater, lifelong environmental activist, professional fisherman and former Senior Project Coordinator for the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) for 13 years, Peter began his association with Clearwater in 1985 by volunteering at Revival. He was a Revival Coordinator for 13 years. Peter worked on the campaign to clean up GE's Hudson River PCB contamination and testified at EPA hearings on this and other topics. He has worked to promote waste reduction and recycling, while opposing incineration. He has also actively advocated for pesticide neighbor notification, Superfund and the Environmental Protection Fund, and air and water quality issues and has successfully run parts of NYPIRG's statewide fundraising efforts. Since leaving there in 2003, Peter has worked as political and fundraising consultant for groups such as Working

\* CANDIDATE IS AN INCUMBENT BOARD MEMBER.

# CLEARWATER'S 2005 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES



Families Party and New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers.

"I have seen many changes at Clearwater, yet it has remained consistent in its dedication to the river and its estuary. As a lifelong Long Islander, I believe that it is necessary for people who live downstate to understand the direct connection of Clearwater's work to their environmental well being. The Long Island Sound and the New York Harbor are, after all, part of the same waterway and are directly impacted by all that occurs up river. I feel that my inclusion on the Clearwater Board helps to expand the vision of the organization to areas that traditionally see themselves as separate geographically. It is this interconnectedness and feelings of common cause among folks from Montauk to Buffalo that will ultimately assist Clearwater in achieving its goals."

## **EMMA MISSOURI** (Woodstock, NY)

Emma has been an organic coffee roaster since 1994. She likes to say that she's in the organic business and it happens to be coffee. She developed and marketed Catskill Mountain Organic Coffee to educate people (over a great cup of coffee) about organic farming, ecological and environmental concerns, worker rights and economic justice. She has owned and operated Catskill Mountain Coffee for 11 years. In the 1970s, Emma worked at the national office of Clergy and Laity Concerned, a grass-roots peace organization founded by Martin Luther King, Bishop Gumble and Rabbi Abraham Heschel to oppose the Vietnam War. After the war ended, Emma's work with CALC shifted to organizing on worker rights and social issue priorities and against the military-industrial based economy and nuclear energy. Emma was an organizer for Women and Life on Earth, a feminist ecological group founded by Grace Paley, Anna Gorgy and Yestra King, where she helped produce Women's Pentagon Action in 1979 and 1980. She was a founder of Chrysalis Theater Eclectic in Northampton, MA, a collective that developed, produced and performed plays about nuclear power, gay and lesbian concerns and child sexual abuse. Emma has a MFA in Theater Directing; she lives in Woodstock.

"I grew up on the Missouri River, went to college on the Mississippi, lived for 17 years in the Connecticut River Valley and have lived in the Hudson Valley for 12 years. It is important for us to organize around our local and bio-region issues. Clearwater has done this diligently for decades, and I very much want to add my energy, work and insight to Clearwater's vital work."

**ANNE TODD OSBORN\*** (Garrison, NY) Board Chair, consulting forester, teacher and advocate for the environment, Annie has a Master of Forestry degree from Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. As NY State representative to the Garden Club of America, she coordinated botanical inventory of Iona Marsh; serves as trustee and conservation chair of the Philipstown Garden Club, Trustee of the NY Forest Owners Association, board member of the Russel Wright Center at Manitoga, the NY/NJ Trails Conference, the Garrison Union Free School Forest Committee, founding board member of Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, member Community Advisory Board of WAMC Northeast Public Radio.

"My passion for sailing took me and my husband and three young children on a 44' cutter in 1985 on a 10,000 mile loop past Newfoundland to Ireland and the coast of Africa and home across the North Atlantic. We home schooled. Before the birth of my five grandchildren, I used to paint watercolor landscapes in my spare time. Clearwater's transition and her newest generation are now my first priority. Although I'm a scientist, my chief concern as a Board member has been fiscal stability, so that Clearwater can grow into its strategic plan. We're making good progress, but there's a long way to go. I understand the balance between Clearwater's community culture and the need for financial sustainability, and believe that each empowers the other."

## **GERHARD RANDERS-PEHRSON**

(Ossining, NY) As a physicist working for the Medical School of Columbia University, Gerhard provides radiation used to clarify the known hazards and therapeutic potential of various forms of radiation.

"I have been involved with Clearwater activities since the early 80's, and feel that it is about time for me to take my turn serving on the Board of Directors. My main work has been centered on Ferry Sloops where I have served in almost all of the available organizational positions. Most satisfyingly, I was a Captain of the Hudson River Sloop *Sojourner Truth* until her sad loss in 2002. We had halcyon days in Hastings years ago with a safe harbor for our boat and a solid dock for *Clearwater*. There was a strong bond between us in the Sloop Club and members of the crew. I want to make an effort to strengthen our sense of community and to forge stronger bonds of friendship and trust among our various parts particularly through the

Sloop Clubs. My environmental view is dominated by a belief that our injured environment will recover when we stop assaulting it, taking as evidence the response of the Hudson River since the beginning of Clearwater's efforts."

## **EDNA SUSSMAN** (Scarsdale, NY)

A litigation attorney in New York City, Edna serves frequently as an arbitrator and mediator. She has spent years advocating for the environment first as executive director of Federated Conservationists of Westchester County (FCWC) where she launched a series of educational and advocacy initiatives, and now as president of Action for Tomorrow's Environment which promotes sustainability efforts in the region. She works to advance renewable energy and energy efficiency through the legal community as vice chair of the American Bar Association's Subcommittee on Renewable Energy Resources and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York's Energy Committee. Edna also serves on the boards of Environmental Advocates of NY and the League of Conservation Voters, Westchester Chapter and strongly believes in partnerships among environmental organizations to more effectively advance common goals. She edited the Westchester Environment newspaper for several years and authored numerous articles about various aspects of the environment including solar power, green roofs, Indian Point, planning board powers, xeriscaping, protecting parkland, Davids Island, the Hutchinson River Parkway Trail, and the urban environment

"It has been my great privilege to work with several of Clearwater's very able staff members on a variety of issues and I look forward to the opportunity to make a contribution to this unique organization which has played such an important role in the Hudson River and the region."

## **PETER WILCOX** (Norwalk, CT)

Peter joined Clearwater in 1973, when, as a conscientious objector to the draft, he was looking for an approved alternative to military service and found his calling in sailing for the environment. He came back in 1976 as captain and stayed until 1980. In 1981 Peter joined Greenpeace, where he served as captain of the *Rainbow Warrior*. This summer Peter and his daughters plan to settle in Norwalk.

"I would love to get re-involved with Clearwater. I have seen Clearwater touch so many lives in positive ways, and would like to do what ever I can to see her continue. I know from personal experience that the problems facing us today are more pressing and critical than ever. And I think Clearwater can be a strong voice."

\* CANDIDATE IS AN INCUMBENT BOARD MEMBER.

# CLEARWATER'S CONTINUING BOARD MEMBERS

**DAVID E. CHURCH, AICP** – 2007  
(*Pine Bush, NY*) David Church is currently Orange County, New York's Commissioner of Planning. From 1993 to 2002 he was Executive Director of the New York Planning Federation. He serves on the Properties Committee, Strategic Planning and the Executive Director Search Committee.

**ANN DAVIS, PHD** – 2007  
(*LaGrange, NY*) Assistant Professor of Economics at Marist College. Has researched and written about Hudson Valley economics, including industry cluster, art, tourism, philanthropy and entrepreneurship for 15 years; active in environmental, business, and social service organizations, protecting the Fallkill Creek and promoting biodiesel.

**JOHN DOSWELL** – 2007 (*New York City*) Writer/designer/producer - owner Doswell Productions. Sailor. Restored historic retired fireboat *John J. Harvey*. Advocate for Hudson River Park, restoring/preserving NYC's maritime heritage, parks, and a sustainable environment, especially with regard to our waterways.

**ROBERT ELLIOTT** – 2006  
(*Croton-on-Hudson, NY*) Former Mayor of Croton-on-Hudson and Executive Director of the New York Planning Federation. Past President of the New York Conference of Mayors; Co-Chair of Westchester's Council of Government; founder and past Chairman of Historic River Towns of Westchester.

**STEVE FILLER** – 2006  
(*Irvington, NY*) Attorney and Clearwater Board Secretary, Steve is a Board Member of NY Solar Energy Industries Association, and is active with the Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition (IPSEC), Irvington Open Space Advisory Committee and Greenburgh Special Committee on Budget Allocation. He frequently writes on legal and environmental issues.

**ADAM GREEN** – 2006 (*New York, NY*) Founder and Executive Director of Rocking the Boat, Inc.; Treasurer of the Bronx River Alliance Board of Directors and is Vice President of the Clearwater Board of Directors, and chairs Program Committee.

**JOHN HALL** – 2007 (*Dover Plains, NY*) Singer, songwriter, guitarist and founder of the band Orleans; founder of Saugerties Concerned Citizens and the Winston Farm Alliance (which blocked a proposed landfill), activist with Mid-Hudson Nuclear Opponents (which defeated the Greene County nuclear plant) and co-founder of Musicians United for Safe Energy (MUSE); also served on the Ulster County Legislature and the Saugerties Board of Education.

**ROBERT HENSHAW** – 2007  
(*West Sand Lake, NY*) Consultant on Athens Power Plant and Waywayanda Energy Project case until 2003. Adjunct Professor, Dept. of Geography & Planning, SUNY-Albany until 2004; Adjunct Professor, Center for Environmental Policy, Bard College. Board Member and past President, Hudson River Environmental Society 1974-present.

**KITAMA SEEGER JACKSON** – 2006 (*New York, NY*) Documentary Filmmaker; Associate Producer, Jim Brown Productions, NYC; worked with Volunteers for Peace in Northern Ireland in 2001; started a video production program for the Fresh Air Fund in 2002; graduated from Hampshire College with film and anthropology degree in 2003, former Clearwater crew.

**ERIC MARSHALL** – 2007  
(*Croton-on Hudson, NY*) Director of TryScience.org, a multilingual, global Web site which inspires millions of kids, and their parents and teachers, to Try Science through engagement with over six hundred of the best science education institutions worldwide; actively supports Clearwater's volunteer-based sloop clubs and is President of Riverlovers.

**JULIE NADEL** – 2006 (*New York, NY*) Former Director of Development at the Museum of Jewish Heritage. On the Board of the Hudson River Park Trust; Yankee Maritime Preservation Society; North River Historic Ship Society; Lilac Preservation Project. Former member of Community Board One, Manhattan.

## ANNUAL GATHERING 2005

Sunday, October 1  
location TBA  
begins at 12 noon

*Ways to Work Together*  
meeting, hosted by  
sloop clubs at 10 am

**NATALIE PATASAW** – 2006  
(*Wesley Hills, NY*) Adjunct Professor, Environmental Studies, Ramapo College of New Jersey. Formerly: energy analyst/consultant for Pace Energy Project and Environmental Defense; NYS lobbyist for the NYC Housing Authority; legislative analyst for the New York City Council. Board member, Rockland County Environmental Management Council.

**SUSAN SHAPIRO** – 2007 (*Spring Valley, NY*) An attorney practicing Real Estate and Entertainment law in Rockland County, Susan is an active member of the Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition and co-coordinator of Rockland Citizen's Awareness Network, both groups are working to close Indian Point.

**CHASE WELLES** – 2006  
(*South Nyack, NY*) Director, Friends of Hudson River Park; President, John J. Harvey, Inc., which owns the restored 1931 fireboat, now berthed at Pier 63. Board member of the Lilac Preservation Project and Save Our Ships New York. Partner in a real estate brokerage firm specializing in tenant representation; member of the Real Estate Board of New York.

**STEFAN YARABEK** – 2007  
(*Saugerties, NY*) Landscape Architect, Environmental Planner/Advocate; owner, Hudson & Pacific Designs, Inc., member of the Hudson River National Heritage Area Management Committee, Property Committee for Valkill and on the Board of Friends of Czech Greenways.

## PROPOSED CHANGE IN CLEARWATER BYLAWS TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 2; ARTICLE X, NEW SECTION 5; ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3.

*Explanation of proposed changes:*

### 1. E-mail Notification of Board Meetings.

Reasoning: Because of technological advances, and monetary and environmental costs of mailing, it is proposed that Board Meeting notification to Board Members be permitted by e-mail with posting on the Clearwater web site.

#### Add after the second sentence of Section 2, Article X:

"Alternatively, notice of Clearwater Board Meetings may be made by e-mail and posting on the Clearwater website, except to a Board Member who requests notification by regular mail."

### 2. Participation at Board Meetings via telephone conference call.

Reasoning: Because of the wide geographic representation on the Clearwater Board, traveling to board meetings can be a hardship. This will allow board members to participate by telephone when available, but it shall not replace their obligation to be physically present whenever possible.

#### Add as new Section 5 to Article X:

"Members of the Board of Directors may, from time to time where necessary fully participate in Board Meetings via telephone conference call, if such technology is available for the meeting. Participation by telephone conference call, however, shall not reduce the Board Member's obligation to be present at meetings as otherwise required by these Bylaws."

### 3. Executive Committee voting by phone or e-mail.

Reasoning: Because of the wide geographic representation on the Clearwater Board and Executive Committee, and the urgency or time sensitivity of some matters, it may be necessary from time to time for the Executive Committee to take binding votes via telephone conference call, or e-mail, and to query the rest of the Board between full board meetings.

#### Add after second sentence in Section 3, Article VII:

"The Executive Committee may take binding votes by telephone or e-mail where necessary and appropriate, but only if actual notice of vote is provided in advance to all Executive Committee members and only if a record of the decision is distributed by email to all Board Members promptly following the decision."

#### Add after third sentence in Section 3, Article VII:

"Decisions of the Executive Committee may also be ratified by the Board of Directors by email or telephone query to all Board Members for time sensitive matters where necessary and appropriate, but only upon the approval of more than fifty percent of the remaining Board Members following reasonable notice, and only if a record of the decision is distributed to all Board Members by email promptly following the decision."

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CIRCLE YES OR NO.	YES NO	YES NO	<b>#1:</b> E-mail Notification of Board Meetings.
	YES NO	YES NO	<b>#2:</b> Participation at Board Meetings via telephone conference call.
	YES NO	YES NO	<b>#3:</b> Executive Committee voting by phone or e-mail.

2005 Board of Directors

# BALLOT



The Clearwater Board of Directors is elected by the organization's general membership in a ballot vote. In 2002, the Board voted to increase its numbers to 25 members. In accordance with Clearwater's bylaws, those elected serve three-year terms. Ballots will be tallied and results announced at the Annual Gathering, to be held this year on the lower Hudson on October 1 (**details can be found on Clearwater's website: [www.clearwater.org](http://www.clearwater.org)**).

### BALLOT RULES

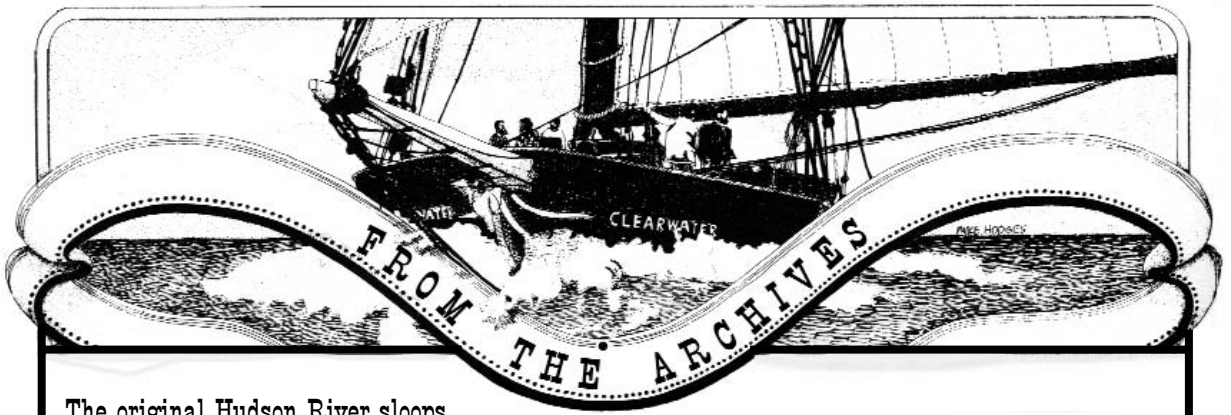
Please vote for any number of candidates up to **TEN (10)**. Family members are allowed two (2) ballots. Space is provided so that you may write in names of candidates not appearing on the Board of Directors slate. Write-in candidates must be Clearwater members.

### BALLOT VALIDATION

To insure that only members vote, a two-letter code is included on the right-hand side of the Navigator mailing label affixed to the reverse of the ballot page. Be sure this code remains attached to your ballot. Handwritten or photocopied ballots will not be accepted.

### MAIL YOUR BALLOT

Send your ballot to Board Elections, Clearwater, 112 Little Market St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Your ballot must be received at the Clearwater office no later than Sept 22, or you may vote in person at Annual Gathering. If voting at the Gathering, **you must use this ballot** showing your two-letter code. Additional ballots will not be available.



### The original Hudson River sloops

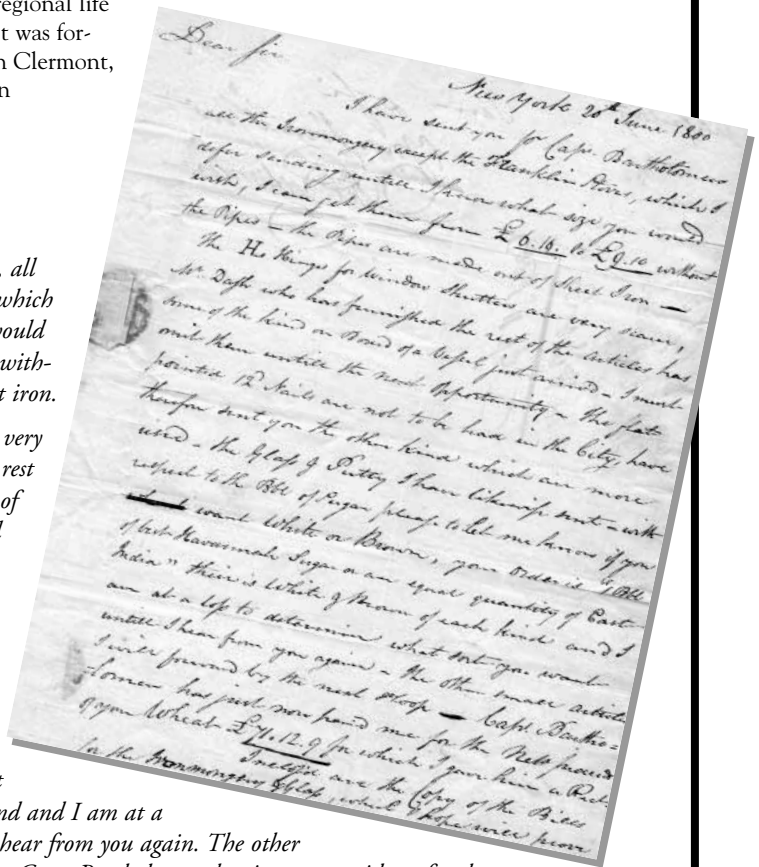
were social links between river communities. They were the bearers of news and friendship and the entrusted carriers of farm products and merchant wares. Penned by New York City merchant D. W. Wilson, this letter from the archives paints a small portrait of regional life and commerce in the country's early years. It was forwarded by sloop to an unidentified patron in Clermont, Dutchess County, NY, in the care of Captain Bartholomew.

New York 20th June 1800

Dear Sir,

*I have sent you, for Capt. Bartholomew, all the ironmongery except the Franklin Stoves, which I defer sending until I know what size you would wish. I can get them from L 6.16 to L 9.10 without the pipes. The pipes are made out of sheet iron.*

*The HL hinges for window shutters are very scarce. William Daph who has furnished the rest of the articles has some of the kind on board of a vessel just arrived - I must omit them until the next opportunity. The flat pointed 12d nails are not to be had in the City, have therefore sent you the other kind which are more used. The gal. of putty I have likewise sent. With respect to the block of sugar, please to let me know if you want white or brown. Your order is "1 block of best Savannah sugar or an equal quantity of East India". There is white and brown of each kind and I am at a loss to determine what sort you want until I hear from you again. The other small articles I will forward by the next sloop. Capt. Bartholomew has just now paid me for the net proceeds of your wheat, L 71.12.9 for which I gave him a rect.*



**MEMBER #  
NAME & ADDRESS**

no further to the right  
than this bar

**CODE ONLY**

**(no info that identifies the member)**

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