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Clearwater Supporters At State Capital This Sunday

Supporters of the sloop CLEARWATER, battling to clean up the waters of the Hudson, expect to fill a special Amtrak car on Sunday, March 14, and travel to Albany. As the train whizzes along the river's east shore, Clearwater staff environmentalists will point out the natural and political history of the great waterway. Musicians Lorre Wyatt and Peter Seeger will fill in with songs.

In Albany, during the afternoon, they will meet with legislators and officials to see how rank and file citizens can be more effective in spending the clean-up program. The meeting is officially called a "Sloop Club Congress". The principal participants will be members of the dozen or more Clearwater Action groups based in communities and colleges along the river.

The Clearwater organization, which as a group of several thousand own and operate the 106 ft. historic sailboat invite all concerned citizens to take part in the trip to Albany.

Clearwater's Environmental Action Coordinator, John Harris-Cronin, will report on his testimony at Albany and Washington, D.C. hearings concerning the PCB crisis. This handy industrial chemical, in use for almost half a century, now appears to be dangerous in the long run to animal and human life. Its presence in Hudson River fish, because of upriver discharges by a General Electric plant, has thrown many Hudson River fishermen out of work. Health authorities can no longer allow these fish to be sold for public comsumption. It is hoped that Hudson River fishermen will join this train trip, and make their presence felt in Albany.

The train leaves Grand Central at 10AM, Croton at 10:50, Poughkeepsie at 11:40, Rhinecliff at 11:55 AM and Hudson at 12:17 PM. The returning train reaches New York City at 8 PM. Anyone joining the expedition should ask for the Clearwater Car, or listen for the singing. For reservations on the Amtrak Clearwater Special phone 914-454-7673.

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