



Enviroblurb

June - July 2010

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[After you read the Enviroblurb, separate the Water Festival fliers and give them to friends. Keep the calendar as your own reminder. We'll see you there!!!](#)

NYCFC Annual Sail

Join us Sun., July 18th, for our annual sail on the Clearwater. We'll meet promptly at **5:30 pm** at the 79th Street Boat Basin, Manhattan's West Side (in Riverside Park) for an exciting "three hour sail" (6 pm – 9 pm). Bring food for pot-luck dinner, instruments, and environmental updates. The sail is open to all NYCFC Members and only costs \$5.00. Send a check for \$5 (plus membership, if not up to date) to guarantee your reservation to NYCFC, PO Box 20381, Park West Station, New York, NY, 10025-1513. See the Hudson River from a unique perspective!

How the U.S. is Messing Up Climate Change Legislation

Editorial by Zoe Rubin

Until the U.S. makes a commitment to reverse global warming, other major emitters, such as China, have no obligation to follow. China had signaled to the U.S. that, were we to pass significant climate and energy legislation, they would put a serious effort into creating a strong treaty in Copenhagen. Yet we did not. And so, despite the media commotion over the December Climate Change summit in Copenhagen, little was done. With the two largest polluters declining to act, the international community was crippled.

America's inability to address this key aspect of the environmental movement lies in our nation's current political paralysis. Arriving in Denmark's capital, other chief executives wielded supreme bargaining power for their nations. Obama, however, had to contend with a divided U.S. Congress.

The federal government has a long history of failing to address the global issue. While we may have signed the Kyoto Protocol, we have no intention of ratifying it—unlike the 187 nations who have ratified the treaty. As a result, the requirements of the treaty are rendered non-binding.

The very same interests blocking change under the previous presidential administration are still at work today. In the last quarter, Exxon Mobil alone spent \$7.2 million on lobbying—more than the entire alternative energy sector. A pressing issue facing environmentalists is the lack of support from voters. Polls have proven that Americans are less, not more, concerned about climate change than they were in the past. Other surveys have found that those Americans who were concerned with the issue were far

more likely to buy "green" products in response, as opposed to contacting an elected official.

The House of Representatives bill that passed in June of last year, upon which the Senate bill was modeled, called for a 17% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. The original goal was set for 20%, but this is better than the 14% the Obama administration suggested or the 6% Congress considered a year before. Originally, electric companies had to generate 25% of their power from renewable energy sources, such as wind or solar power, by 2025. The number has decreased to 15% by 2020 but only 12% in regions of the nation where renewable energy has not been sufficiently developed. Constant political squabbling is decreasing any hope of creating a lasting mandate for environmental change.

Every day, 90 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions are dumped into the environment. The time to act is now.

Indian Point Update **By Jonathan Rubin**

ISPEC reports the State DEC DENIED ENTERGY CORPORATION a H2O Quality Certificate for Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant (ISPEC) e-mail reported by Jonathan Rubin

"This is a watershed towards termination of IP's 30 year rape of the Hudson River." Reactors 2 and 3 abrogated the ecosystem using a plethora of H2O of the Hudson River as a free resource to cool the reactors and as a dump for waste heat and "radioactive" materials", meaning there is harmful radioactivity in the drinking H2O.

"Entergy Corporation intentionally implemented obsolete information in its documentation submitted to the State DEC which in their analysis clarified this deceptive distortion using misleading algorithms, false claims and compelled logic in attempted justification of a nuclear power plant killing over 2 billion fish yearly," which must effect the entire ecosystem including residents of the State in communities close to the Hudson River,

"NY State demands a resubmission from Entergy Corporation for its H2O Quality Certificate for IP using apt data with accurately clear models to premise their alleged case. Entergy Corporation will have 30 days NOT 30 years to make their CASE."

"The State analysis of 23 pages was sent Entergy on 4/2/10 is a meticulous in scientific methodology and focused adherence to LEGAL PRECEDENTS to COMPEL COMPLIANCE to the CLEAN H2O Water Act which

protects the public including the NYC community on the Hudson River. Entergy Corporation in attempts to insalubriously supersede the cost of closed cycle cooling submitted documentation dated and deceptive."

<Entergy is appealing and may go to court. Nothing is certain, but it's a good start. – ed.>

Submit Your Enviroblurb Articles

Submit articles, poems, .jpgs of drawings/photos, and calendar items to jeannestork@yahoo.com or send items to NYC Friends of Clearwater, Inc., PO Box 20381, Park West Station, New York NY 10025-1513 (email perfered). Please, contribute an article that educates NYCFC members and the public about an environmental topic. Articles you've written yourself are always the most interesting for our members to read. We have many terrific writers; let's show the public what we can do!!! An article should generally be no more than a half page or a full column long. I use 3.65" columns, Ariel font, and 10 point size. Thanks! (deadline: 7/26/2010, 4 pm)

NYCFC Calendar

Unless otherwise stated, contact NYCFC at info@nycfriendsofclearwater.org or (212) 978-7300.

June 11, Fri., 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm, NYCFC General Meeting at DC 37, 140 Park Place/125 Barclay St., Manhattan, usually room 12 -- We will prepare for our Revival table and the Water Fest (both dates below).

June 13, Sun., 12 pm - 5 pm, Beacon Sloop Club's Strawberry Festival, at Beacon Riverfront Park next to Beacon's Metro North Train Station, on the Hudson River, www.beaconsloop.org/Festivals.html

June 19 – 20, Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival – NYCFC Volunteers Needed! (NYCFC Members preferred, if possible) contact Ken Katz, (718) 229-8798 or leave a message at (212) 978-7300.

June 27, Sun, 2nd Annual NYCFC Water Festival, by The Frying Pan on Pier 66, Manhattan, at 26th Street & the Hudson River: M23 cross-town bus west to Chelsea Piers, last stop, and walk 3 blocks (3 piers) north. The festival is on the far end of the pier. Join us as we enjoy music and educate ourselves and the public about environmental issues!

July 6, Tue., 7:00 pm, NYCFC Board Meeting at The Frying Pan docked on Pier 66, Manhattan (at 26th St & Hudson River: M23 cross town bus west to Chelsea Piers -- last stop and walk 3 blocks or 3 piers north, the Frying Pan is docked on the far end of the pier).

July 16, Fri., 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm, NYCFC General Meeting at DC 37, 140 Park Place/125 Barclay St., Manhattan, usually room 12.

July 18, Sun., Clearwater Annual Sail meet at 5:30 pm at the 79th Street Boat Basin, Manhattan's West Side. Bring food for pot-luck dinner, instruments, and environmental updates. \$5.00 plus current NYCFC Membership, send check to guarantee reservation to NYC Friends of Clearwater, Inc., PO Box 20381, Park West Station, New York NY 10025-1513

July 24, Sat. City of Water Day on Governors Island. NYCFC volunteers needed from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm.

July 26, Mon., 4 pm, Enviroblurb Deadline, jeannestork@yahoo.com

Aug. 20, Fri., 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm, NYCFC General Meeting at DC 37, 140 Park Place/125 Barclay St., Manhattan, usually room 12.

Aug. 21-22, Sat.-Sun., 35th New Jersey Clearwater Festival, 11am-7pm, Sunset Park, Asbury Park, NJ, (732) 872-9644, info@mcclearwater.org

Sept 7, Tue., 7:00 pm, NYCFC Board Meeting at The Frying Pan docked on Pier 66, Manhattan

Sept. 15, Wed., 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm, NYCFC General Meeting at DC 37, 140 Park Place/125 Barclay St., Manhattan, usually room 12.

Everyone Welcome...Bring Friends

General Meetings: Potluck Dinner (share food), **environmental meeting** (w/ guest speaker), & **talent swap** (mostly sing-a-longs) **Directions:** DC 37, 125 Barclay Street /140 Park Pace in lower Manhattan: **1, 2, or 3** train to Chambers St., walk S. to Murray St., W. (almost to West St.) to 140 Park Pl.; or **A or C** train to Chambers St., walk S. & W. as above; or **E** train or **PATH** to World Trade Center (Chambers St.), walk N. to Barclay St., W. to 125 Barclay St.; or **4, 5, 6, J, R, or W** train to Brooklyn Bridge/City Hall, then walk S. & W. to Park Pl. and Broadway, & W. on Barclay St. to 125 Barclay Street

Additional dates and special events will be posted in the calendar link at www.nycfriendsofclearwater.org as they become available. Sometimes, we can list dates on the message at (212) 978-7300.

NYCFC Mission

New York City Friends of Clearwater, Inc.* educates members and the community on environmental issues that include protecting and preserving the Hudson River, NY Harbor, related waterways, drinking water, and life in and around these waters and shores. NYCFC is an affiliate of the *Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc.

RENEW OR BECOME A MEMBER

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

NYCFC Dues (circle): \$20 Individual, \$30 Family, \$25 Sea Horse, \$50 Star Fish, \$10.00 Limited Income, \$50 Organizations

(___ I have included an additional (circle) \$40 individual, \$55 family, or \$20 limited income for Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc. membership.)

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**Join the NYCFC E-Group!
Get the Enviroblurb First!!!**

To join the NYCFC on-line community, go to groups.yahoo.com/group/nycclearwater and click on "Join This Group!" or "New Member? Sign Up!" depending on which option your computer gives you. From there, the site gives you step-by-step directions based on your current status. If you have trouble, email NYCFC at info@nycfriendsofclearwater.org. Besides receiving the Enviroblurb over a week earlier, you can participate in discussions about the environment and NYCFC in general. Please, only use the group for environmental and group communication. As a 501(c)3 organization, we cannot engage in partisan politics. **After you join our e-list, please email us at info@nycfriendsofclearwater.org so we can stop sending you Enviroblurbs through the mail.** This saves paper, ink, and postage (and time emailing people individually!); so it's an environmentally friendly way to receive the NYCFC newsletter. Thank you!

Pete Seeger 90th Birthday Concert DVD Now on Sale at www.seeger90dvd.myshopify.com

The 2-DVD set of The Clearwater Concert, the all-star celebration of Pete Seeger's 90th birthday at MSG, is now available for purchase. Over 40 artists including Joan Baez, Ritchie Havens, Bruce Springsteen, Dave Matthews, Tom Chapin, Billy Bragg, and Roland Musa sang songs written or inspired by Pete in a remarkable birthday party. These DVDs include performers who were not in the PBS TV show. The Clearwater Concert benefited and helped raised awareness for Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc., the non-profit environmental education organization started by Pete Seeger and others in 1966. All proceeds of this remarkable DVD package will go to Clearwater. (\$ 35)

Upcoming NYCFC Events:

**General Meetings: Fri., July 16th & Aug. 20th, Wed., Sept. 15th,
NYCFC Water Festival: Sun., June 27th
NYCFC Sail on the Clearwater:**

***** See the calendar inside for details! *****

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