

## ***The Group's Cruise on the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater***

The Group's final meeting of the 2016-2017 lecture season will be our traditional outing for our members and their families and friends. We have again, as we did in 2015, booked a morning cruise on the *Hudson River Sloop Clearwater*, and we have made arrangements for a prix fixe luncheon following.

**Who:** Any member of The Group, and family or friends. The cruise is limited to 50 patrons, per US Coast Guard restrictions.

**When:** Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, sailing at 9:00 a.m.

**From where:** The cruise dock in Cold Spring, New York, as it was in 2015.

**How long:** It is a three-hour cruise, returning to the Cold Spring dock at noon.

**How much?** The cost of the cruise is \$2,000, or \$40 per person if we fill all 50 spaces. The full cost of the cruise has already been paid.

**Weather:** It is a "rain or shine" cruise, but if the weather is totally unacceptable, such as a hurricane, the *Clearwater* staff may cancel the trip on the day of the sailing. Under such conditions, refunds by *Clearwater* may be forthcoming, but grudgingly!

**Payment:** The \$40 per person fare should be paid as soon as possible. Checks payable to "Peter Eschweiler" or to "Cash" are preferred, but checks payable to "The Group" are acceptable.

**Luncheon:** We have again booked the private dining room at the Hudson House, the hotel and restaurant in Cold Spring that is directly across the dock from the *Clearwater's* berth. The menu choices and the cost will be the same as in 2015, \$36 per person including tax and tip. We will collect the luncheon fee at the lunch. There will be a cash bar with waitress service; pay and tip directly to the server. We have pledged a minimum of 25 guests to the hotel; we will be taking a head count as the day approaches.

**Alternate lunch arrangements:** We recognize that not every cruise participant may want to eat at the Hudson House, which is why we have negotiated a lower guarantee to the restaurant. There are any number of other eating opportunities within a short walking distance (uphill) from the dock.

**Driving and parking:** Driving directions and parking locations will be furnished to those making the trip. Your Steering Committee will be making a dry run shortly before the sailing date to discover any unforeseen issues or opportunities. Allow about one hour for your drive.

**Carpooling:** We will furnish lists of members making the cruise as the day approaches, so that opportunities for carpooling can be evaluated and connections made.