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A member of the crew adjusting sail aboard Clearwater before she left for Washington

Clearwater Carrying Pollution Drive to Washington

The Hudson River sloop Clearwater sailed out into the rough waters of the Atlantic Ocean yesterday to take its campaign against pollution to Washington for Earth Day Ceremonies next week.

The 96-foot-long version of the 19th-century cargo sloops that used to work the river, stopped for several hours yesterday at the South Street pier—the only scheduled stop in its six-day, 450-mile journey from its mooring in Beacon, N. Y.

On board, along with the volunteer crew of 16 adults, were six infants and 12-year-old Anita Curtis of the Bronx, who had painted a poster showing a factory whose smokestacks were pouring

fumes into the air. Across the top of the poster were the words: "We're only kids; let us breathe."

Anita is not making the voyage to Washington, but her poster will stay on board to help carry the antipollution message.

"The Hudson River's one of our prize possessions, but it's becoming an industrial sewer," said Pete Seeger, the 50-year-old folk singer who is chairman of the Hudson River Sloop Restoration, Inc., which operates the Clearwater.

Mr. Seeger went ashore before the Clearwater sailed for Washington. He will join the ship in Washington a week from today for Earth Day ceremonies there at which the volunteer crew

will present a "State of the Hudson" report on the banks of the Potomac.

"We've sailed for a year now up and down the river showing people what the river used to be, how it's polluted now and what it can be," Mr. Seeger said, "but now we're going to Washington because the problems of the American rivers can't be solved by people like me who live on them. Only the Federal Government has the power to enact and enforce the laws that are needed."

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