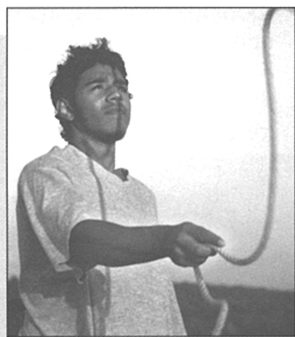




CLEARWATER *Navigator*

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"ROCKING THE BOAT" ON CLEARWATER



students learned the basics of sailing, worked on ditty bag sewing projects, and talked about the natural history of the Hudson River Estuary. Throw in a swim call, climbing the rigging, time for reflection, an

evening of skits, and it was one of the most perfect educational days I have ever spent aboard *Clearwater*.

Next morning we turned on the engine for the first time in two days and headed to the dock. As we drifted past Yonkers, the end of our trip, we gathered for a closing circle. Everybody had a wonderful time and said they would be back. ■



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Twelve high school kids from the Bronx "Rocking the Boat" project spent two days and nights aboard *Clearwater* in an experimental overnight program. As we sailed north from New York Harbor to the Tappan Zee Bridge, we raised sails, anchored, fished, performed some water tests, swam in the river, laughed, and smiled. The spirits of the crew and the kids soared for days afterwards.

We began at Liberty State Park and headed out into the

bustling Harbor where we raised sails to the whistle of a south wind. As some students maneuvered the boat between a Staten Island Ferry and a Circle Line tour boat, others looked at the fish we had caught in the trawl, and talked about the ecology of the river. Sailing north, we anchored near Alpine, NJ. Crew members and students shared anchor watches through the night; fortunately it didn't rain!

Bleary-eyed students greeted us in the morning but perked right up after deckwash. During the day,

