

## Restoration Efforts of Historic Landmark, the *Eleanor*



**June 20, 2017 at 7PM  
Livingston Town Hall  
119 County Route 19  
Livingston, NY 12541**

The Livingston Free Library is sponsoring this program about a part of local history on the Hudson River. Louise Bliss, founding President of the Hudson River Historic Boat Restoration and Sailing Society Inc. will provide the details of the process of the vessel's restoration project. The grass roots movement began in December 2010 with the return of the *Eleanor* to Columbia County. Louise, a lifetime sailor, who grew up in North Claverack, has returned to Columbia County after a teaching career in Bedford, NY.

***The Eleanor***, built in 1903, is the last surviving example of a class of boats known as "raceabouts" that were designed for speed. This vessel is operated under sail and without power. She is built with materials of mahogany, oak, cedar, iron and copper. Master craftsman and apprentice volunteers work Thursday evenings in Hudson to restore *the Eleanor* to her original shape. The *Eleanor* is entered in the US National Register of Historic Places (1982) and the NYS Register of Historic Places (1983), the restoration efforts will preserve a part in history of the Hudson River.