

**Andy Mele** has a BA (1994) and MS Environmental Science (2003) from Bard College. He was Executive Director of Clearwater from 1999 through 2005, where he increased the organization's annual revenues from \$900,000+ to more than \$1,900,000. He was instrumental in the EPA's 2002 Record of Decision requiring General Electric to remove PCB contamination from the upper Hudson River, and was instrumental in a court judgment against Entergy that requires compliance with the Clean Water Act in the cooling systems at Indian Point. From 1994 – 1998 Mele was Environmental Director at Clearwater, working on a wide variety of water quality issues, including some important early steps in the development of the Hudson River Park. Prior to his environmental work, Mele designed and built wooden boats. He held a national speedsailing title in 1986 in a 36-foot sailing catamaran, and a world's record for solar-powered boat voyages in 1992. He is the author of *Polluting for Pleasure* (W.W. Norton, 1993) which revealed the magnitude of oil and gasoline pollution in America's waterways from 2-stroke outboard motors and personal watercraft, and led to a transformation of the recreational boating industry. He is writing novels and is living in Woodstock, NY.