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Lake Champlain Maritime Receives CVNHP Grants Grants support 2021 season, exhibits, and a paid internship

VERGENNES, VT - Lake Champlain Maritime Museum Lake Champlain Maritime Museum has received grant support totaling over \$52,000 from the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership (CVNHP) to support special exhibits and interpretation exploring Prohibition in the Champlain Valley and a paid internship in archaeological photogrammetry.

“Lake Champlain Maritime Museum connects people with our region’s history, ecology, and archaeology,” explains Susan Evans McClure, executive director of the museum, “This generous support from CVNHP ensures that our work will inspire a new generation of leaders, create a more informed community, and help build a healthy future for Lake Champlain.”

Prohibition in the Champlain Valley: Exhibits and Aboard *Lois McClure*

As our country marks 100 years since Prohibition, the museum will explore the history and impact of Prohibition in the Champlain Valley. With stories of 19th and 20th century temperance and smuggling efforts in New York, Vermont, and Quebec, the museum will examine the complex relationship between government, individuals, and society.

As part of this special initiative, the museum will present an onsite, outside exhibit opening on May 22, 2021 and an immersive digital exhibit on the same topic. An expanded experience exploring the role of the canals during Prohibition will be featuring on the museum’s replica sailing canal schooner, *Lois McClure*, which will be open for visitors Thursdays through Saturdays from May to October.

Archaeological Photogrammetry Internship

Central to Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is its archaeological research department, which identifies, documents, and protects Lake Champlain’s underwater cultural resources. Through ground-breaking work, the archaeology team makes shipwrecks and artifacts accessible to the public through exhibits, publications, and public programs. This group stewards over 300 shipwrecks in the lake, conserves and presents 10,000 objects and archives in its collection, and trains future archaeologists in cutting-edge methods. In 2021, the Museum will bring on a paid intern who will use photogrammetry and digital documentation to create 3d digital models of Lake Champlain shipwrecks and artifacts. This position will help provide improved public access and interpretation of the lake’s underwater resources.

About Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

Founded in 1985 with the mission to preserve and share the cultural and natural heritage of the Lake Champlain region, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is building a healthy future and community for Lake Champlain. Through education, exhibits and historic boats, research, and collections, the Museum connects people to the region’s history, ecology, and archaeology and creates opportunities for hands-

on learning that will last a lifetime. Year-round education programs serve more than 2,500 K-12 students, as well as hundreds of educators locally and nationally. For more information, visit www.lcmm.org.



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