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Lake Champlain Maritime Museum Re-Opens on May 22 with Free Admission for All

VERGENNES, VT — Lake Champlain Maritime Museum will re-open to the public this Saturday, May 22 with free admission for all visitors. The museum will be open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with all outside exhibits from May 22 to Oct. 17. Indoor galleries and exhibits will remain closed temporarily. Some exciting highlights for the museum's all-outside 2021 season include:

- The Noble Failure: Prohibition in the Champlain Valley, a new outside exhibit exploring the complex relationship between government and individuals and changing attitudes about alcohol consumption over time.
- Lake Health vs. Lake Threats, a new outside display examining the natural and man-made threats to the lake and how to keep our watershed healthy.
- Women at the Helm, a display featuring women leaders of the Champlain Valley from the 1700s to today.
- The replica canal schooner *Lois McClure* docked at the museum and open for visitors every Thursday-Saturday, conditions permitting.
- The replica Revolutionary War gunboat *Philadelphia II* on display on the museum's green.
- Historic maritime artifacts around the museum's 3-acre campus.

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum tells the stories of the Champlain Valley for all visitors to look to the past and see what is possible for the future. Eliminating admission fees ensures that this history, the lake, and the museum are available to all residents and visitors to the region. Visitors can plan their trip to the museum and check out which exhibits are open at www.lcmm.org/Visit.

The 2021 season and free admission are made possible with support from the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership, Lake Champlain Basin Program, and the museum's members, donors, and corporate sponsors. The museum will share regular updates on exhibits and season events on their website and social media.

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Download Lake Champlain Maritime Museum campus photos, courtesy of the Museum.

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 .