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## Lake Champlain Maritime Museum Welcomes New Board Members

**VERGENNES, VT** – Lake Champlain Maritime Museum announced the election of new members to the Board of Directors in 2021 and 2022:

**Catherine Parker** is the Assistant Director of Young Alumni Giving at Boston College. A resident of Vergennes, Catherine attended Vergennes Union High School and worked as a camp counselor at Basin Harbor each summer. Catherine graduated from St. Lawrence University in 2016 with a focus on education and sociology. Catherine is a connector and has a passion for bringing people together around a common cause. Catherine joined the museum's board in 2022.

**Chief Don Stevens** is an award-winning leader, businessman, writer, and lecturer. He was appointed to the Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs by Governor Douglas in 2006 for two terms, where he served as Chair and led the fight to obtain legal recognition for the Abenaki People in Vermont. Chief Stevens was able to acquire tribal land for the Nulhegan Tribe which had been absent for over 200 years. A gifted storyteller, he speaks about issues of Native American Sovereignty, Racial Disparity, and Abenaki Identity. He was appointed by the Attorney General to the Racial Disparities in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems Advisory Panel and serves on the Lake Champlain Sea Grant Advisory Panel and Vermont State Police Fairness and Diversity Advisory Panel. Chief Stevens joined the board in 2022.

**Hannah Langsdale** is the owner of Whistling Man Schooner Co. in Burlington, VT. After graduating from St. Lawrence University in 2015, Hannah learned to sail on Lake Champlain. She is passionate about learning and sharing Lake Champlain stories and actively participating in a tightly-knit yet growing maritime community. She earned her captain's license in 2017 and was recognized in 2019 as a Vermont Business Magazine Rising Star for her leadership and commitment to the future of Vermont. Hannah joined the board in 2021.

**Adam Powers** is an attorney practicing with the law firm of Powers & Powers P.C., a mediator in the firm of Mark Powers, LLP, and a Hearing Officer for the State of Vermont in Educator Licensing and Disability Retirement appeals. Adam was born and raised in Addison County, spending his childhood exploring Lake Champlain through sailing, diving, and more. Adam has restored a number of sailboats and also served as the director of the Seacoast Sailing School in New Hampshire for two seasons. As a parent of three daughters, Adam deeply values the resources the lake presents for his kids: tactile and vivid lessons in ecology and history, constant reminders of our interrelationships with the environment, and a playground rich in challenge and opportunities for growth. Adam joined the board in 2021.

**Stacy Raphael** is a resident of Vergennes and an educator at the new Addison Wayfinder Experience school. Before she began her formal teaching career, Stacy directed school programs and partnerships at the Flynn Center in Burlington and ran grantmaking and education programming for the Vermont Arts Council in Montpelier. She has a Master's in Education from Goddard College and her teaching

certification through Champlain College's teacher apprenticeship program. Stacy joined the Museum's board in 2021.

**Edward Schinik** has been the Chief Financial Officer of Yorkville Advisors Global LP, a small investment advisory firm, since 2005. In his role Ed is responsible for Yorkville's Accounting Department and operational infrastructure. Ed is a Certified Public Accountant with a BA in Accounting from Queens College, City University of New York. Ed was a founding member and treasurer of HAPI Foundation, a children's charity, from 2002-2011. Ed joined the Museum's board in 2021.

The Board of Directors shapes the path forward for the museum. Beyond assuming fiduciary responsibility, they are instrumental in the overall governance of the organization.

### **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, 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](http://www.lcmm.org).