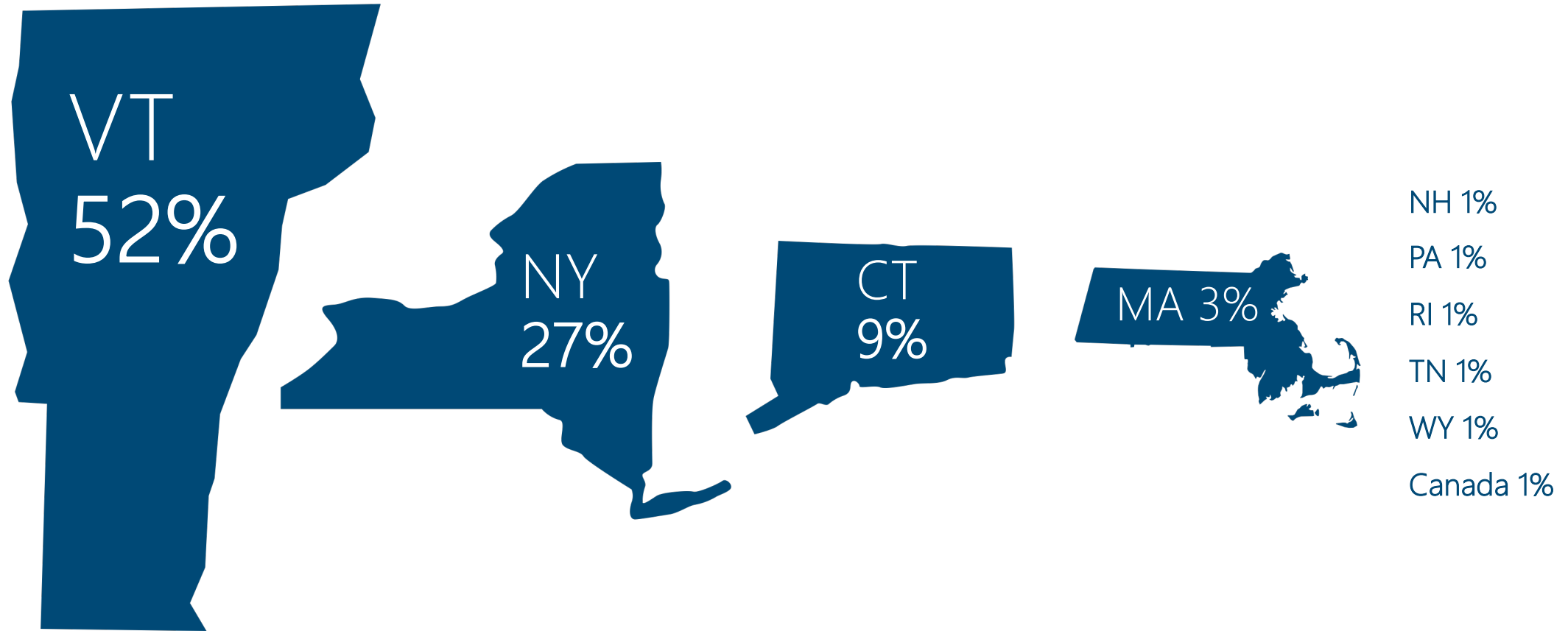


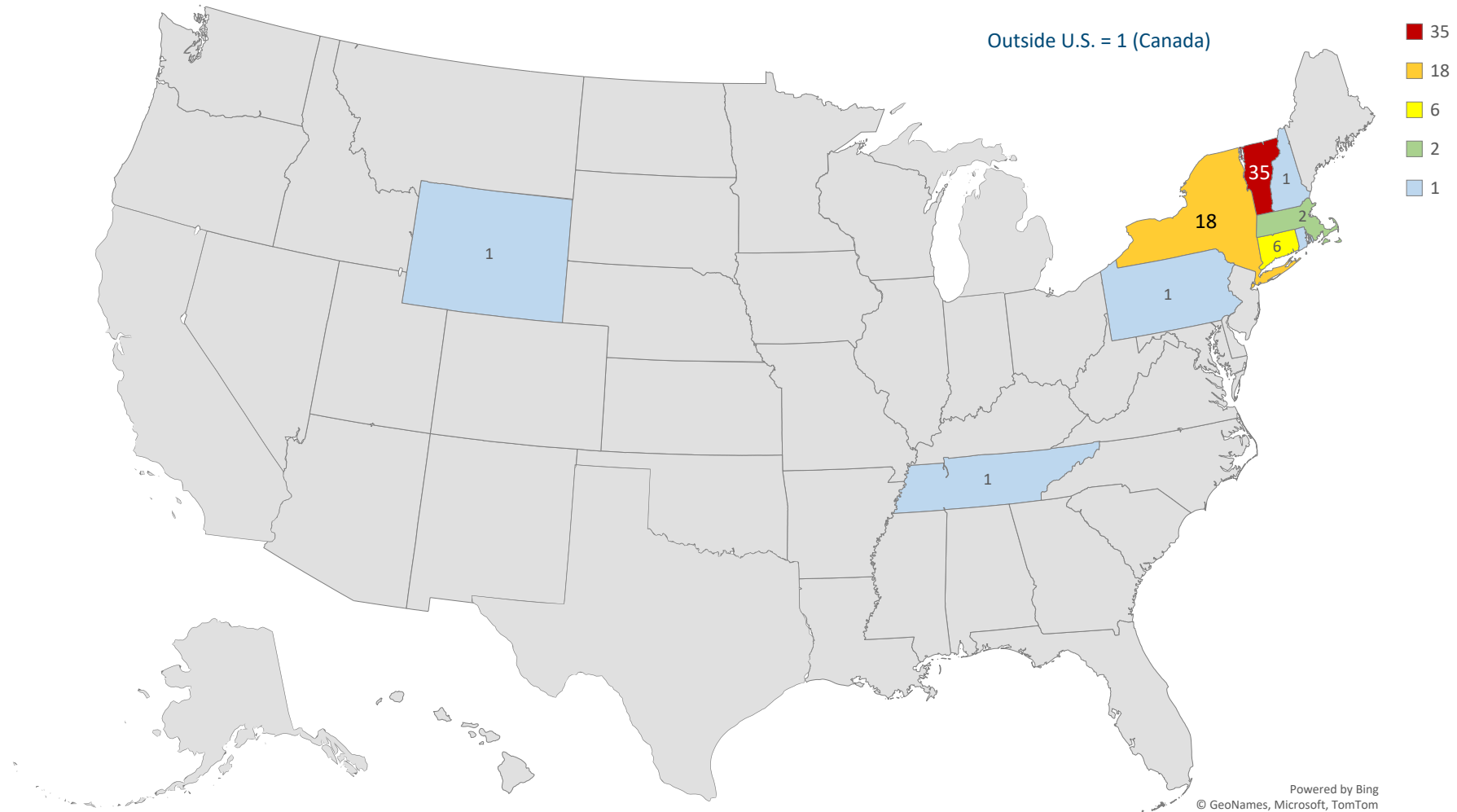
Vermont Underwater Historic Preserves Survey Data

Diver Survey
Summary Report of Findings
October 2022

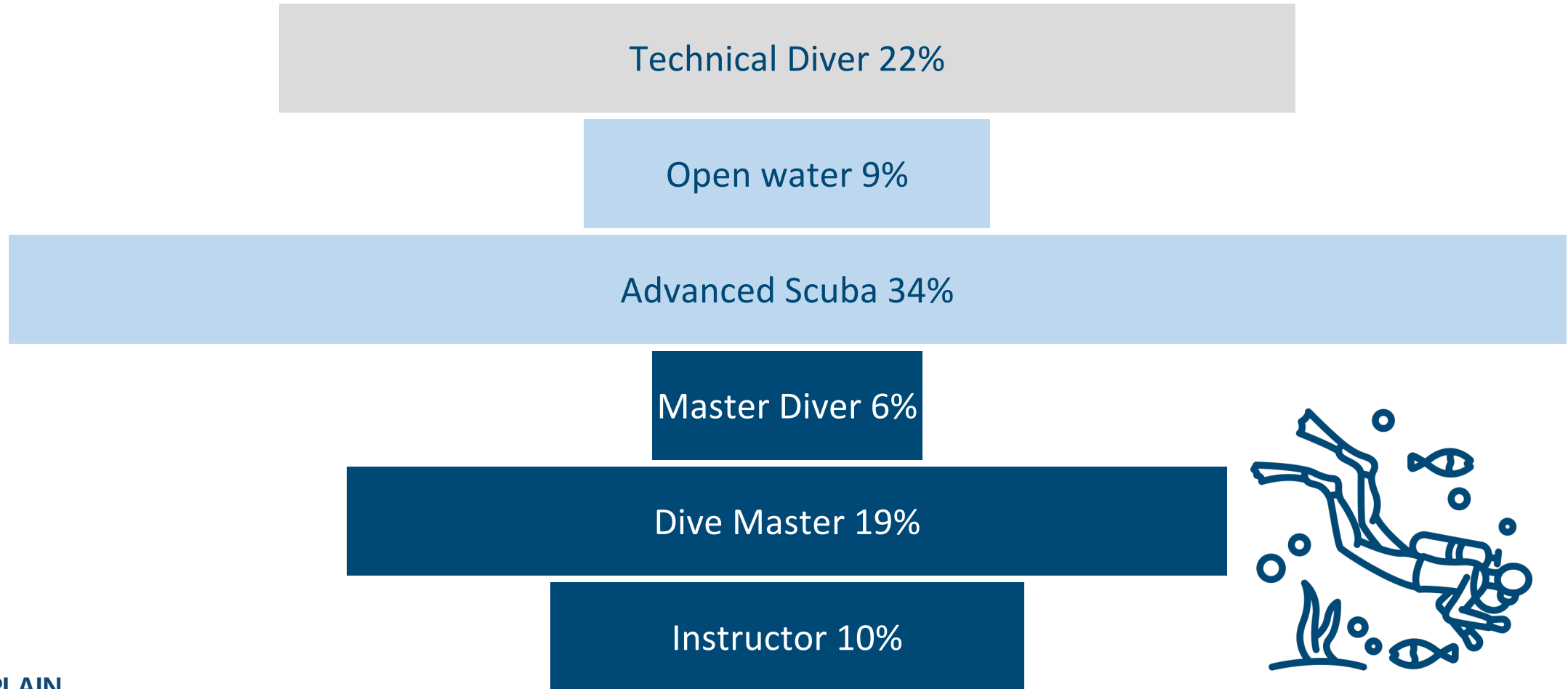
Over 50% of divers are from Vermont (n=67)



Where do you live? (n=67)

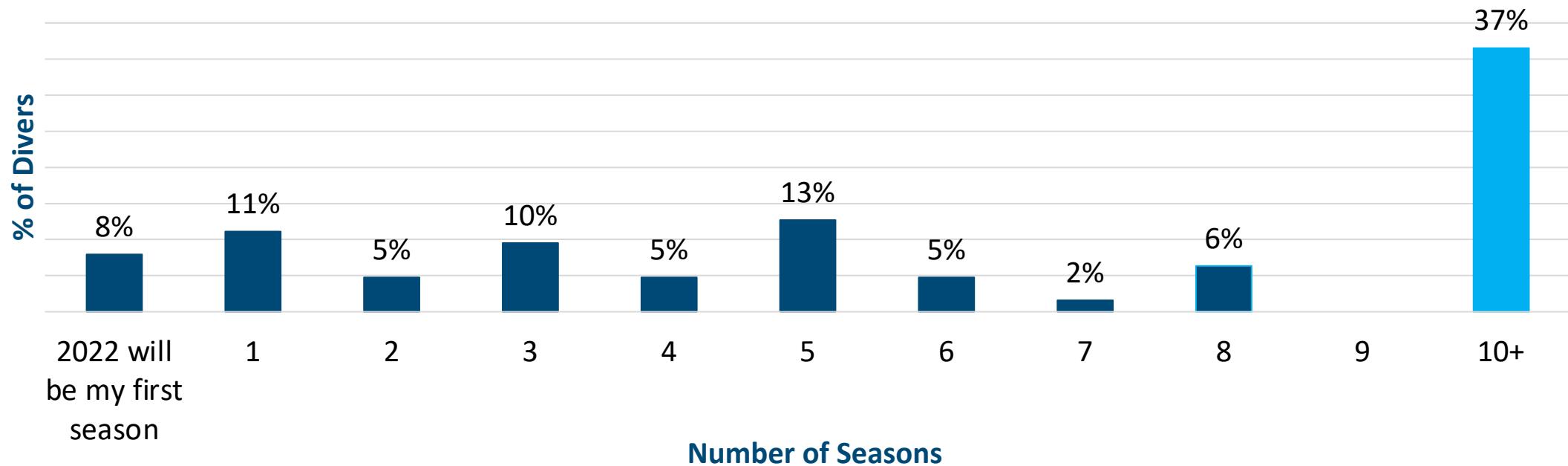


35% are Master Diver Certified or higher*



37% have visited for 10 or more seasons

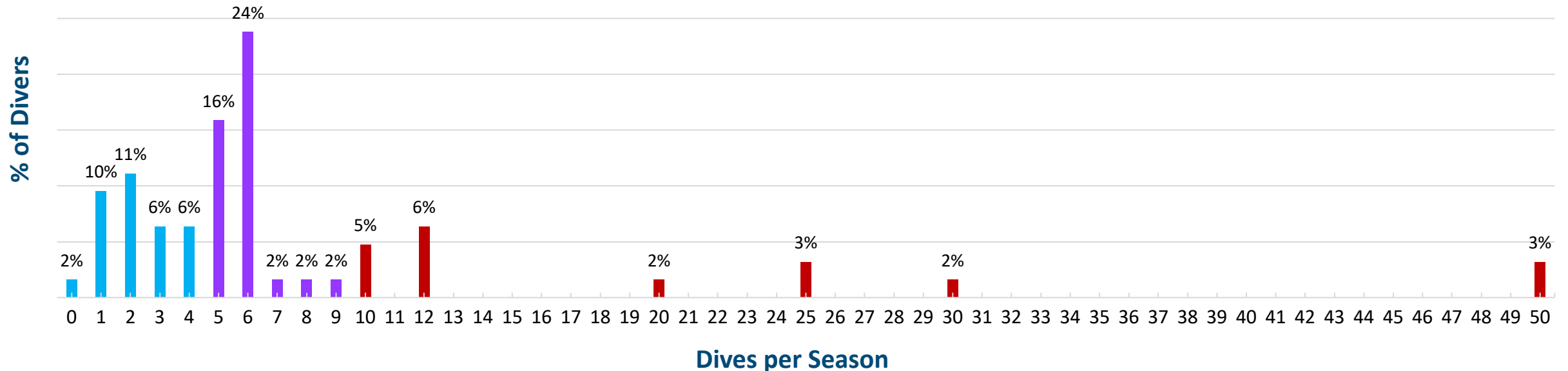
How many years/seasons have you visited
the Vermont Underwater Historic Preserves? (n=63)



On average, respondents dive 7 times a season*

0-4 dives (35%) | 5-9 dives (44%) | 10+ dives (21%)

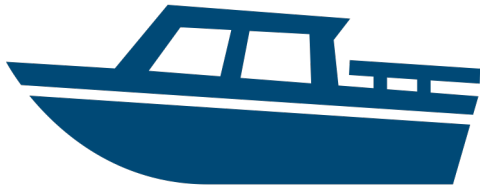
How many times do you access
Vermont Underwater Historic Preserves per Dive Season? (n=63)



How are divers accessing sites?

49%

Via Personal Vessel only



35%

Via Charter only



The majority (88%) named the Waterfront Diving Center as their charter company of choice.

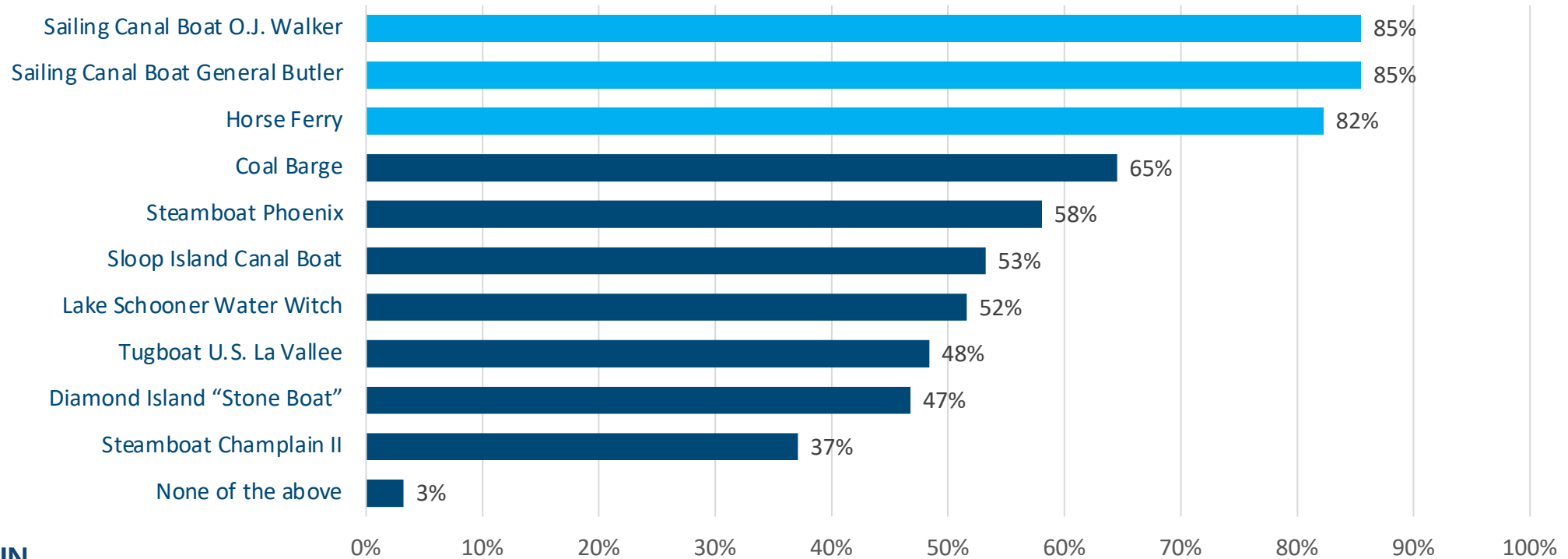
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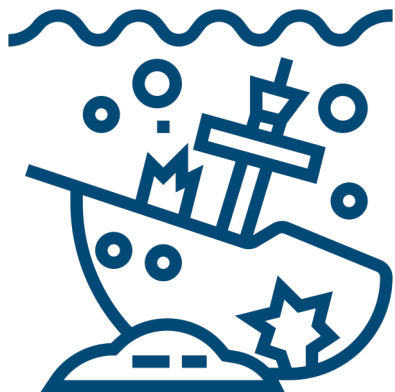
Via BOTH
Personal Vessel
and Charter

Divers are Visiting All 10 Sites

3 sites have been visited by 80%+ divers

Please select the Vermont Underwater Historic Preserves sites that you have visited before (n=62)





Top 3 Favorite Dive Sites



Which Vermont Underwater Historic Preserves site
is your favorite to dive? (n=56)

Sailing Canal Boat O.J. Walker, 27%

Tugboat U.S. La Vallee, 27%

Lake Schooner Water Witch, 16%

TOP FAVORITE

Tugboat U.S. La Vallee



love the depth, the dark,
the clarity and the cold.
It's also well preserved as
such.

The La Vallee is quite
complete, including
machinery and in
excellent condition

Just a well-preserved
vessel that is upright and
intact

Depth, location, condition
of vessel

Such a unique vessel

Quality and condition of
the wreck is good.

vessel is so well intact

The wreck is in excellent
condition, I enjoy the
challenges of deeper
dives, and it is the closest
of the sites to my marina.

It is in great shape

nice dive

Intact

Very accessible, good
depth, fascinating
structure

Photographic wheelhouse
and artifacts

TOP FAVORITE

Sailing Canal Boat O.J. Walker



Interesting wreck with plenty to see

There's a lot to see

It's got decent fish life and is a good size vessel with interesting things to look at

Intermediate dive, with interesting features to look at

Steering column looked great still

Most intact and interesting artifacts

Very intact for a wooden vessel.

well preserved but not too deep

relatively shallow depth, more complete

Moderate depth, large wreck to explore, good dive for most types of divers

Technical without being too intense, easy to access from Burlington

Enjoy the dive



3 Least Favorite Dive Sites



Which Vermont Underwater Historic Preserves site is your LEAST favorite to dive? (n=40)

Horse Ferry, 25%

Diamond Island "Stone Boat", 23%

Sailing Canal Boat General Butler, 15%

Most-Referenced Areas for Improvement

What aspects of the Vermont Underwater Historic Preserve System need improvement? (n=52)*

More Sites (17)

- Ex. "It would be great to get some more advanced or technical wrecks as part of the system"

Bouys (11)

- Ex. "Bouys are a bit large, replace with more modern with multiple diver handles."

Open Earlier (8)

- Ex. "The moorings need to be put out much earlier in the year."

Signage (8)

- Ex. "Signage is showing its age and needs cleaning or replacement."

Most Referenced Accolades (n=50)

What aspects of the Vermont Underwater Historic Preserve System are most successful?

Moorings/Buoys (27)

- Ex. "Mooring system. One boat at a time. No chance an anchor could hit wreck."
- Ex. "I really appreciate the network and buoy system that allows us to dive these historic wrecks."

Accessibility & Safety (10)

- Ex. "Getting these wrecks exposed to the public with minimal damage to the wrecks themselves"

Care of Wrecks (7)

- Ex. "I think the management plan in place has worked to preserve the wrecks admirably..."

Educational Materials (6)

- Ex. "Educational value of online content (background history, drawings, images, videos, etc.) make each preserve a more interesting dive. "

Accolades

“The quality of the dive sites, I've still never experienced anything like it. You all have done an amazing job of taking challenging dives and streamlining the heck out of them making them possible for the less lake experienced divers to accomplish safely. THANK YOU!”

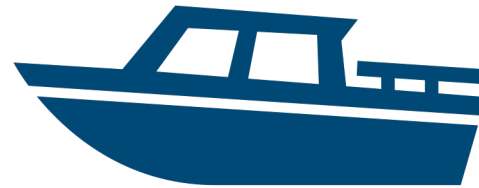
“An amazing concept - so cool to be able to bring the historic resources directly to the divers. I love this program and am grateful to you for managing it! An excellent use of state funds.”

“Keep it up LCMM! The work you are doing is valuable.”

Sites Outside of the Preserve System

56%

Currently visit sites NOT
already in the preserve
system (n=62)



The vast majority (97%)
are accessing other sites
by personal vessel.

Future Wishes for the Preserve System

90%

Would like to see more
dives in the preserve
system (n=61)

What depth ranges would you prefer for new dive sites? (n=63)

