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

VT 52%
NY 27%
CT 9%
MA 3%
NH 1%
PA 1%
RI 1%
TN 1%
WY 1%
Canada 1%
Where do you live? (n=67)
35% are Master Diver Certified or higher*

- Technical Diver 22%
- Open water 9%
- Advanced Scuba 34%
- Master Diver 6%
- Dive Master 19%
- Instructor 10%

* (n=68); Levels in order of difficulty = Open water, Advanced Scuba, Master Diver, Dive Master, and Instructor. Technical Diver is a separate category.
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)

*Mean=7.7, Median=5, Mode=6  
Dive season is May-October
How are divers accessing sites?

- **49%** Via Personal Vessel only
- **35%** Via Charter only
- **16%** Via BOTH Personal Vessel and Charter

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

- Sailing Canal Boat O.J. Walker: 85%
- Sailing Canal Boat General Butler: 85%
- Horse Ferry: 82%
- Coal Barge: 65%
- Steamboat Phoenix: 58%
- Sloop Island Canal Boat: 53%
- Lake Schooner Water Witch: 52%
- Tugboat U.S. La Vallee: 48%
- Diamond Island “Stone Boat”: 47%
- Steamboat Champlain II: 37%
- None of the above: 3%
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%
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.
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

TOP FAVORITE
Sailing Canal Boat O.J. Walker
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."

*10 comments were N/A or None
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)

- <50 feet: 11%
- <75 feet: 32%
- <100 feet: 35%
- 100 feet+: 22%