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Executive Director Transition at Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

Susan Evans McClure departs, Lauren Ross and Christopher Sabick named as interim directors

VERGENNES, VT - Lake Champlain Maritime Museum announced today that director Susan Evans McClure will be leaving the museum at the end of April to become the new executive director of the Vermont Arts Council. McClure will lead the council's work expanding arts opportunities and energizing the creative economy across the state.

In her five-year tenure at Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, McClure created a rising tide, lifting the museum's reach, programs, and initiatives. She not only guided the organization through the pandemic, she also implemented free admission and a pay-what-you-can tuition model for youth programs, spearheaded a new strategic plan and mission, and grew the museum's staff and exhibits. McClure demonstrated a fierce commitment to access, audiences, and inclusion in museums and the museum will continue this important work.

"It has been an honor to lead the incredible team at Lake Champlain Maritime Museum," said Susan Evans McClure. "They are dedicated to making the lake's cultural heritage, history, and environment accessible to everyone. I know that the future of the museum and of Lake Champlain are in great hands."

The museum also announced that two members of the senior leadership team, Lauren Ross and Christopher Sabick, have been named as interim co-directors. Ross, the museum's director of development, guides fundraising strategy, membership, and strategic communications. Sabick, the museum's director of research and archaeology, leads the research, collections, and maritime focus of the organization. Together they bring over 30 years of leadership experience to the office and will balance the directorial role while a national search for a new director is conducted.

A search committee comprising members of the museum's board and staff will share more later this spring about filling the executive director role.

About Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

Founded in 1985, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum connects all people to Lake Champlain, inspiring them to learn from the past, build together in the present, and create a sustainable future. Committed to increasing access to the lake and its history, archaeology, and ecology, the museum is open from late May to mid-October for free admission. 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.lcmmm.org.