

Lake Champlain

MARITIME MUSEUM *Preserving and sharing the history of Lake Champlain*

Vermont Underwater Historic Preserves:

Vermont is home to a significant number of submerged cultural resources (shipwrecks) in Lake Champlain. Nine of those shipwrecks are designated as Vermont Underwater Historic Preserves. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum manages the 9 sites on behalf of the Division of Historic Preservation. The sites are integral to the Museum’s mission and a cornerstone of the regional dive economy, engaging approximately 4,900 members of the public each year.

Annual Management: For 9 preserves sites, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum manages:

- **Mooring Systems:** Installation, removal, inspection, and maintenance/replacement of hardware and signage as needed of the 9 mooring/buoy systems. Maintenance needs will be assessed during spring mooring installation. Each new system is \$1,000.
- **Site Oversight and Inspections:** Dive inspections by the Museum’s archeology team to maintain and assess condition of 9 shipwrecks each year.
- **Public Website:** Preserves website where divers register and research their dives, including updated information, site plans, and video clips.
- **Underwater Historic Preservation Database:** Maintenance and reporting for the diver database.
- **Public Engagement and Education:** Presentations and research on the Preserves as part of the Museum’s educational programming, archeological research, and Shipwreck! Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) boat tours.
- **Dive Community Liaison:** Consultation and partnership with the regional and local avocational dive community.

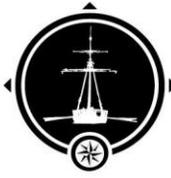
Direct Annual Impact:

- **Approximately 400 total divers** safely visit the preserves each year:
 - o 2990 total divers are registered in the database
 - o 200 new divers register each year
 - o 50% of registered divers are Vermonters, 39% out of state, 11% international
- **3,700 students, adults, and teachers** experience the Preserves through programing:
 - o 400 students and 400 adults/families attend Shipwrecks! ROV boat tours
 - o 2400 students explored the Preserves in a Museum education program
 - o 500 attendees at Museum presentations to teachers, academics, and the public
- **1,500 website views** on the Museum’s [Vermont Underwater Historic Preserves](#) site
- **500 Preserves brochures** distributed at local dive shops and the Maritime Museum

Annual Budget: Approximate budget based on assessed needs of each site:

	Cost Per Site	Total
Mooring Maintenance, Installation/Removal	\$1,000	\$9,000
Site Oversight and Dive Inspections	\$2,000	\$18,000
Public Website (incl. video production)		\$500
Underwater Preservation Database		\$500
Public Engagement		\$2,000
TOTAL		\$30,000

In addition to the resources provided by the Division of Historic Preservation, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum commits our own resources to promote and preserve the sites in a true public/private partnership. This multiplier effect allows the museum to engage far wider audiences in education and archeological research.



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Schooner Lois McClure

Launched in 2004, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum’s Canal Schooner *Lois McClure* is an 88’ full-scale replica based on two 1862 shipwrecks found at the bottom of Lake Champlain. The *Lois* travels regional waterways and engages the public in the fascinating story of our shared maritime heritage. As an authentic replica, *Lois McClure* has no means of propulsion other than sail, so the 1964 tugboat *C. L. Churchill* serves as power.

Regional Impact

During 12 years of active tours, the *Lois* has:

- Travelled more than **7,000 miles**
- Visited over **280 communities**
- Welcomed aboard more than **280,000 visitors**

2019: International Year of the Salmon

In 2019, Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership has designated the schooner *Lois McClure* as the flagship for Lake Champlain celebration of the International Year of the Salmon, a global effort to foster understanding of Atlantic salmon and their importance to cultures across the globe.

After disappearing from Lake Champlain over two centuries ago, recent efforts have helped the salmon population recover. This summer, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum will be exploring the relationship between the people, the land, the water, and the salmon throughout history, and the impact that human actions will have on the future of the Lake Champlain Basin. The boat and her crew of educators will be touring Lake Champlain, making stops in Vermont and New York and sharing the history, ecology, and conservation stories of Atlantic salmon in the Champlain Basin.

2019 Budget:

Expenses	
Maintenance (Haul Out and Refit)	\$70,000
Boat Crew Salaries	\$25,000
Program Development and Evaluation	\$18,000
Tour Hard Costs (Non-Salary)	\$15,000
Insurance	\$12,000
Outreach/Marketing	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$150,000
Income	
State of VT Office of Historic Preservation	\$45,000
Champlain Valley Nat’l Heritage Partnership	\$17,000
Lake Champlain Basin Program (Fish & Wildlife)	\$18,000
Individual and Corporate Donors	\$45,000
Endowment Funds	\$25,000
TOTAL	\$150,000