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## **International Paper Grant Helps Fund Atlantic Salmon Education on Lake Champlain Maritime Museum Schooner *Lois McClure***

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Lake Champlain Maritime Museum's replica 1862 canal schooner *Lois McClure*, an 88' full-scale working boat based on shipwrecks discovered in the lake, has been designated the flagship for the International Year of the Salmon on Lake Champlain. Participating in this global initiative to bring awareness to the importance of wild salmon and build resilience for salmon and communities, *Lois McClure* is distributing educational material to visitors at ports of call around the lake. "The grant from International Paper Foundation provides very important support to help us fulfill the educational mission of the schooner tour," says Susan Evans McClure, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum Executive Director. "Now thousands of visitors will have the opportunity to learn the stories of environmental change, human impacts, and the feats of ingenuity and cooperation underway to restore the "King of Fish" to these inland waters."

The Schooner will be visiting ports in both New York and Vermont in July and August:

- Plattsburgh, NY at Wilcox Dock: July 20-21
- Willsboro, NY at Indian Bay Marina: July 27-28
- At Lake Champlain Maritime Museum in Vergennes: August 2019

"The canal schooner *Lois McClure* has been a great emissary for Lake Champlain, reaching far flung ports like New York City and Quebec City," commented Senator Patrick Leahy. "I'm pleased that the *Lois* will spend most of this season cruising Lake Champlain, and I'm proud that the Lake Champlain Basin Program and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have joined in supporting the Year of the Salmon tour, promoting the restoration of this iconic species to our Lake." Wild Atlantic salmon disappeared from the waters of Lake Champlain nearly two centuries ago. Only with great effort in recent decades has the salmon population begun to recover.

Boarding the schooner is free at all locations, thanks to the generosity of sponsors and the efforts of local hosts. The 2019 Year of the Salmon Tour is supported by Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership, New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, Reinhart Foodservice, International Paper, Co-operative Insurance Companies, Hickok & Boardman, Lake Champlain Chocolates, Jackman Fuels, Inc., Stone Environmental, Community Bank, N.A., Price Chopper's Golub Foundation, and Cabot Creamery Co-operative.

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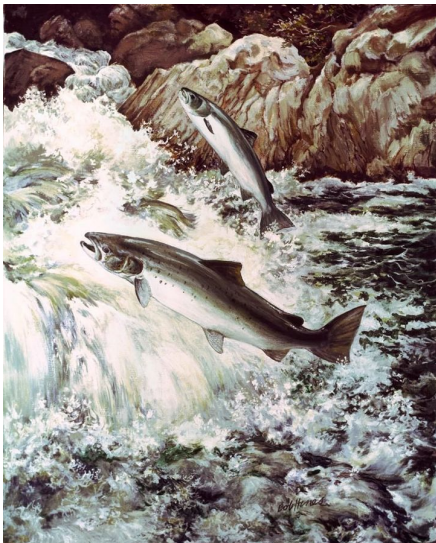
Perkins Pier in Burlington is homeport for Lake Champlain Maritime Museum's canal schooner *Lois McClure*. The Museum's 4-acre lakeside campus at 4472 Basin Harbor Road, Vergennes, is open daily from late May through mid-October. Founded in 1985 to preserve and share the maritime heritage of the Champlain Valley, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum explores the unique history, archaeology, and ecology of the Lake Champlain region. By understanding the relationship between people, land, and water, we work to build a stronger Lake Champlain community for the future. Find out more at [www.lcmm.org](http://www.lcmm.org), Facebook, or call 802 475-2022.



Caption: Lake Champlain Maritime Museum's canal schooner *Lois McClure* visits lake ports this summer as flagship of the International Year of the Salmon.

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Caption: Salmon swim upstream, returning to breed in the waters where they hatched. Efforts to restore Lake Champlain's breeding population of wild salmon are beginning to succeed.

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### **About Lake Champlain Maritime Museum**

Founded in 1985 to preserve and share the maritime heritage of the Champlain Valley, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum shares underwater discoveries and lake history with the public through engaging exhibits, dynamic hands-on learning opportunities, full-scale working replica vessels, and innovative on-water experiences. As a year-round educational service provider, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum connects with more than 2,500 Elementary and Middle School Students each year through valuable place-based learning, ecology and nautical archaeology experiences and other programming with museum educators. Lake Champlain Maritime Museum's 4-acre lakeside campus at Basin Harbor is open daily from late May through mid-October. Perkins Pier in Burlington is homeport for LCMM's canal schooner *Lois McClure*.

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