



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 30, 2021

MEDIA CONTACT:

Meg Salocks, meg@lcmmm.org, 781-572-1658

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum to Open Indoor Exhibits
Exhibits on the American Revolution, Abenaki culture, and small watercraft
open in time for 4th of July weekend

VERGENNES, VT – Lake Champlain Maritime Museum announced today that they are re-opening select indoor exhibit buildings starting this Friday, July 2. Just in time for the 4th of July, included among the indoor exhibits re-opening is the museum's signature exhibit *Key to Liberty: The American Revolution on Lake Champlain* which explores the important local connections and regional history from the Revolutionary War. The museum's free admission will include these indoor experiences, which will be open with the rest of the museum's outdoor exhibits every day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Starting on Friday, visitors will be able to step inside and explore the following indoor exhibits:

- *Key to Liberty: The American Revolution on Lake Champlain*, explores local connections to our nation's fight for independence and how a naval battle on Lake Champlain changed the outcome of the Revolutionary War.
- *Nebizun: Water is Life*, located in the museum's historic schoolhouse building, is an exhibit by the Vermont Abenaki Artists Association which brings together works by Abenaki artists and artisans of the Champlain Valley to illustrate the Abenaki relationship to water and its importance to the health of the world.
- *Hazelett Small Watercraft Center*, a two-story exhibit space, presents the history of small human-powered watercraft on Lake Champlain, including the towering *Storm King* ice yacht.

In addition, the museum will be holding a book sale over the holiday weekend in the museum store featuring a unique assortment of collector and history books for those interested in our maritime and regional history. The museum's replica canal schooner *Lois McClure* will be open to visitors on Friday and Saturday, weather permitting. Visitors can plan their trip to the museum and check out which exhibits are open at www.lcmmm.org/Visit.

The 2021 season and free admission are made possible with support from the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership, Lake Champlain Basin Program, and the museum's members, donors, and corporate sponsors.

About Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

Founded in 1985 with the mission to preserve and share the cultural and natural heritage of the Lake Champlain region, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is building a healthy future and community for Lake Champlain. Through education, exhibits and historic boats, research, and collections, the museum connects people to the region's history, ecology, and archaeology and creates opportunities for hands-on learning that will last a lifetime. 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.

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum • 4472 Basin Harbor Road, Vergennes, VT 05491 • 802-475-2022
www.lcmmm.org • @LakeChamplainMaritime (Facebook and Instagram) • @LCMaritime (Twitter)