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## **Lake Champlain Maritime Museum Receives CVNHP, LCBP Grants** Grants support 2022 season, exhibits, and educational programs

**VERGENNES, VT** - Lake Champlain Maritime Museum has received grant support totaling over \$132,000 from the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership (CVNHP) and the Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP) to support special exhibits and programs exploring the Clean Water Act and the Revolutionary War on Lake Champlain, and to increase access to our educational programs.

“Lake Champlain Maritime Museum creates opportunities where everyone can explore our lake and its history, ecology, and archaeology,” explains Susan Evans McClure, the Museum’s Executive Director. “This generous support from CVNHP and LCBP makes it possible for our work to continue for all our communities and ultimately, to help build a healthy future for Lake Champlain.”

### **The Clean Water Act at 50**

As the country marks 50 years since the passing of the Clean Water Act, the Museum will explore the Act’s wide-ranging impacts on Lake Champlain through events, exhibits, and interpretive programming thanks to a grant from CVNHP. Visitors will be able to visit a new outdoor exhibit at the Museum this season and attend events about the importance of clean water in the Champlain Valley.

### **Revolutionary War Collections Inventory and Content**

The Museum’s varied collections are central to its mission to share and preserve the cultural and natural heritage of the lake by providing a tangible connection to our past. As part of 2022 funding thanks to CVNHP, the Museum will inventory its Revolutionary War collections with the goal of providing greater access to these materials for researchers and the public. The Museum’s collections web hub will be updated with more information about these materials and the work will inform future exhibits as we continue to prepare to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Revolutionary War in 2026.

### ***Spitfire* Preservation and Access**

With support from CVNHP, in 2022 Lake Champlain Maritime Museum will move forward on the multi-year project to document, preserve, and share the shipwreck of the Revolutionary War gunboat *Spitfire* in Lake Champlain. This year’s focus will be on generating three-dimensional photogrammetry models of parts of the site, and the work will be conducted in partnership with world-renowned photogrammetry expert Dr. Kotaro Yamafune.

### **The Giant Lake Champlain Map**

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum will build on the success of its Giant Lake Champlain Map project to get more students and educators making personal connections to the lake through hands-on

experiences on a 27' by 35' map of the Lake Champlain Basin. Funding from LCBP supports summer teacher training in 2022, increasing collaboration between participating schools. The Giant Map increases students' understanding of spatial and ecological relationships between the watershed and Lake Champlain and helps students learn how they can positively affect the future of the lake.

### **Increasing Access to Field Trips in 2022**

Thanks to a generous grant from LCBP, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is offering free school visits and access to local educators and students from 12 local schools in 2022. In addition, the Museum is developing new and updated history and ecology curricula, creating free additional materials for teachers, and hosting a Teacher Open House. This refreshed approach to school engagement at the Museum will help students and educators become lake stewards; making connections between learning, personal experiences, and actions, and the health of the lake.

### **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. Committed to reducing barriers to access to the lake and its history, archaeology, and ecology, the Museum is open to all 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.lcmm.org](http://www.lcmm.org).



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