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## **Lake Champlain Maritime Museum Opens on May 21 With Free Admission and New Exhibit**

**VERGENNES, VT** – Lake Champlain Maritime Museum opens for the 2022 season this Saturday, May 21 with free admission for all visitors. Indoor and outdoor exhibits will be open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Some highlights for the museum’s 2022 season include:

- *The Clean Water Act*, a new exhibit marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the Clean Water Act, exploring its impact on the Champlain Valley, and highlighting some of the people of our past and present working to keep all our waterways clean.
- Abenaki Heritage Weekend, June 18–19, a free weekend event in partnership with the Vermont Abenaki Artists Association and a chance for the public to explore and learn about the Abenaki perspective on life in the Champlain Valley.
- Replica boats open for tours (conditions permitting) including the replica canal schooner *Lois McClure* docked in the museum’s harbor and the replica Revolutionary War gunboat *Philadelphia II* on display on the museum’s green.
- Museum After Hours Summer Party, July 8, a special evening party featuring live music, pizza, ice cream, cocktails, and exhibits in support of the museum.

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum tells the stories of the Champlain Valley for all visitors to look to the past and see what is possible for the future. Eliminating admission fees ensures that this history, the lake, and the museum are accessible to all residents and visitors to the region. Visitors can plan their trip to the museum and check out which exhibits are open at [www.lcmmm.org/Visit](http://www.lcmmm.org/Visit).

The 2022 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. The museum will share regular updates and events on their website and social media.

### **Media**

[Download Lake Champlain Maritime Museum campus photos](#), courtesy of Lake Champlain Maritime Museum.

### **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](http://www.lcmmm.org).

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