

Lake Champlain Underwater Historic Preserves System

Vermont Division for Historic Preservation and Lake Champlain Maritime Museum



General Butler, sonar imagery

- 400 divers annually
 - 2990 divers registered in database
 - 200 new divers each year
 - 50% Vermonters; 39% out of state; 11% international
- 3700 people experience Preserves through education and ROV programs
- 1,500 website views

Annual Management Funding: For 9 preserves sites, LCMM manages

Mooring Systems: Installation, removal, inspection, and maintenance/replacement of hardware and signage of the 9 mooring/buoy systems. Maintenance needs assessed during spring mooring installation. Each new system is \$1,000; last about 10 years.

Site Oversight and Inspections: Dive inspections by LCMM's archaeology 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 LCMM's educational programming, archaeological research, and Shipwreck! Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) boat tours.

Dive Community Liaison: Consultation and partnership with the regional and local avocational dive community.



Schooner *Lois McClure* & Tugboat *C.L. Churchill*

Appropriation Recommendations and Requests

| | 2020 Governor's Recommendation | 2021 Governor's Recommendation | 2020 Request Alteration | 2021 |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Underwater Preserves | \$25,000 | \$25,000 | \$30,000 | \$25,000 |
| <i>Lois McClure</i> | \$50,000 | \$0 | \$45,000 | \$0 |

| Underwater Preserves | 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 |

| Previous Appropriations | Lois McClure | Churchill |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| FY2018 | \$50,000 | -- |
| FY2019 | -- | \$25,000 |