



Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership



2015 CVNHP Water Trail Grant

Champlain Rowing Program

Project Summary

The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum (LCMM) utilized a 2015 CVNHP Water Trail Grant to implement a longboat program in Champlain, New York. On June 17th 2015, LCMM delivered and launched 32' rowing gig "Triton" in with associated safety equipment and a trailer. Within nine days, despite a week of inclement and unseasonable weather, eleven people attended an initial event. After learning basic boating and safety skills, the group formed a team and successfully maneuvered the boat. The new team expressed interest in meeting again in the following weeks. A positive and exciting story was shared in their community leading to increased participation and interest in the program.

Over 20 adults rowed consistently over the course of the rowing season and we are confident that we will be able to build on this solid foundation of enthusiasm in the coming season. A core group of five youth rowers joined in once school was back in session in the fall. A decision was made that given this was the first year of rowing, participants were not quite ready to compete in regional rowing races sponsored by LCMM. In their second season next year we anticipate that both the youth and adult rowers will have enough water under their keels to join the more experienced regional rowing community.

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More than 20 adults rowed consistently over the course of the rowing season and a core group of five student rowers joined in once the fall semester started.

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