



# Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership



## 2017 CVNHP Corridor of Commerce Grant

### Establishment of Infrastructure for the *US LaVallee* Historic Dive Preserve

#### Project Summary

The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum received a \$5,000 Corridor of Commerce grant to establish the infrastructure required for divers to safely visit the wreck site of the tugboat *US LaVallee*. This well-preserved shipwreck is located in 100 feet of cold, dark water at the bottom of Lake Champlain, near the mouth of Shelburne Bay on Lake Champlain. Installation of this infrastructure enabled the *US LaVallee* site to be included in the Vermont State Underwater Preserve System.

During the spring and early summer of 2017, the various components of the required infrastructure were identified and ordered. The items gathered for this operation included: 3,000lb cement mooring block, Hazlett Elastic Rode System, 100 feet of mooring line, 36 inch yellow mooring buoy, various shackles and hardware, and underwater sign-

**Output:** A new Vermont State Underwater Preserve System was established.



Launched in Brooklyn in 1880, the *US LaVallee* worked the waters of New York City, Georgetown, SC, and the upper the Hudson River before coming to Lake Champlain. The vessel was scuttled in 1931.

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#### **Outcome:** Tasks addressed in the 2011 *CVNHP Management Plan*:

**Task 9.1.3:** Utilize new and existing research and documentation to support the evaluation, conservation, and interpretation of natural and cultural heritage resources.

**Task 9.6.2:** Continue to support regional, multi-jurisdictional programs that promote accessible and sustainable use of resources.

**Task 9.6.3:** Continue to develop and maintain the Lake Champlain Underwater Historic Preserve System.

#### Tasks addressed in 2017 *Opportunities for Action*:

**III.C.1.a:** Provide support for needed historical and archeological research, and accelerate the identification, evaluation, protection, and interpretation of heritage resources, including ethnographies of the cultures within the CVNHP.

**IV.A.5.a:** Connect, promote, and improve cultural and natural heritage sites through interpretation.

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