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LAKE CHAMPLAIN BIGGER, BETTER THAN EVER

Burlington, Vt.—Despite heavy rains and record high-water levels, Lake Champlain, “America’s Sixth Great Lake,” is alive, well, and open for pleasure. On June 11th, Andy Nash, chief meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Burlington, told the *Burlington Free Press* that “The lake has dropped to a moderate flood stage, about 101 feet, a level we've seen many times before.”

Virtually all the lake activities that visitors and residents alike look forward to are available:

- Anglers are reporting excellent fishing
- The lake’s steady, predictable winds are delighting sailors and windsurfers.
- The Lake Champlain Historic Underwater Preserve is open for the season and welcoming divers.
- Lake cruise ships *Spirit of Ethan Allen III* and *Northern Lights* put out daily from the Burlington Waterfront.
- The Community Sailing Center at the Burlington Waterfront will open July 4th.
- Most boat launch ramps are open for power boating enthusiasts.
- Point Bay Marina, www.pointbaymarina.com, is 100% open.
- Malletts Bay Marina, www.mallettsbaymarina.com, is currently doing repair work on docks and not pumping gas. The boatyard is dry and the marina expects to be open before long.

The status of Burlington Waterfront facilities and Burlington’s lakeside parks is changing daily. Updates are available at www.enjoyvermont.com.

More information and updates are available from the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce, www.vermont.org; the Vermont Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, www.vermont.gov; Lake Champlain International at www.mychamplain.net, and the Lake Champlain Islands Chamber of Commerce at www.champlainislands.com.