Lake Champlain Boat Launch Stewards
Part-time Summer Employment

BACKGROUND: The Lake Champlain Basin Program and New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC) are seeking part-time boat launch stewards to deliver interpretive aquatic invasive species spread prevention messages to boaters on Lake Champlain during the summer of 2017 and to inspect and decontaminate vessels as appropriate.

JOB SUMMARY: Boat Launch Stewards will be trained to interact with the public, record and electronically enter lake-user information on a tablet, greet visitors to Lake Champlain and familiarize the public with invasive species information, and handle contentious situations. Successful candidates with experience and comfort will be trained to conduct vessel inspections and conduct hot water high pressure decontaminations, as needed. Stewards will be requested to work eight-hour days for approximately thirty-two hours per week at select boat launches around Lake Champlain from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekend; weekend work is required. Time off by prior arrangement can be accommodated.

QUALIFICATIONS: Successful steward candidates will be well organized and have excellent communication skills, experience speaking with the public, demonstrated data collection and recording skills using a mobile tablet, familiarity with invasive species, and field work experience. Applicants must be physically capable of inspecting boats and trailers. Experience operating watercraft and/or mechanical equipment and basic familiarity with boaters, anglers, and recreational equipment will be useful. Highly motivated individuals with knowledge about invasive species and/or water recreation experience are encouraged to apply. Valid driver's license required.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Boat Launch Stewards are required to attend paid training sessions beginning the week of May 15th, 2017 which will include a combined training with the Paul Smith's College Adirondack Watershed Institute the week of May 22nd.