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### Lake Champlain Sea Grant Achieves Institutional Status



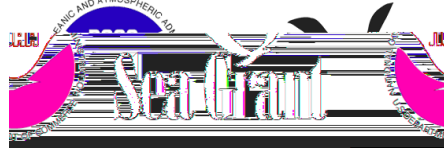
Silver Spring, MD -- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Sea Grant College Program announce the designation of the Lake Champlain Sea Grant program as a Sea Grant Institute.

Lake Champlain Sea Grant earned the honor as an Institutional Program for demonstrating excellence in research, education and public service dedicated to the environmentally responsible management and development of the Nation's marine, coastal and Great Lakes resources.

"I am pleased Lake Champlain Sea Grant has reached this important milestone and have full confidence that the elevation to institutional status will bring positive impacts to the communities served by Lake Champlain Sea Grant well beyond the federal investment in the program," said Jonathan Pennock, Director of the National Sea Grant College Program.

The designation as an Institute makes Lake Champlain Sea Grant eligible for increases in federal research funds up to \$1 million to support its strategic goals. The program first began as a Sea Grant outreach project in 1998 and was elevated to a Sea Grant Coherent Area Program after positive performance review in 2012.

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