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CANAL SCHOONER LOIS McCLURE TO DOCK IN CLAYTON

CLAYTON, New York (August 8, 2013) – The Antique Boat Museum (ABM), North America’s premier freshwater nautical museum based in Clayton, New York, announced today that the replica 1862-class canal schooner, *Lois McClure*, will dock at the Museum and be open for tours on August 27 and 28.

The schooner *Lois McClure* is a full-scale replica of an 1862-class sailing canal boat, constructed in Burlington, VT and launched in 2004. The 88-foot vessel is operated by the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum and is currently on a War of 1812 bicentennial tour across upstate New York, as well as Ontario, Quebec, and northern Vermont.

The 33-foot, tugboat *C.L. Churchill* will escort the *Lois McClure* to the ABM, as it does anytime the schooner is navigating waterways.

Earlier this summer, the *Lois McClure* made news as it was stranded along the Erie Canal system due to high water levels and flood damage. The schooner resumed its scheduled appearances in mid-July, nearly a month later than planned, which has slightly altered its originally scheduled appearance dates at the ABM.

The *Lois McClure* and *C.L. Churchill* are expected to be docked at the ABM on Tuesday, August 27 and Wednesday, August 28. Tours of the vessel are included in admission rates to the Museum on those days during Museum hours.

Located on the St. Lawrence River in the 1000 Islands, the Antique Boat Museum features a collection of over 300 antique and classic boats, among thousands of recreational boating artifacts. In August 2014, the Museum will host the 50th annual Antique Boat Show and Auction, the longest running show in North America. For more information please visit the Museum’s website at ABM.org.

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