**Expeditions**

**Ground Rules and Safety Protocol**

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is very excited to have you join a teen expedition this summer. It is our belief that common sense and respect for yourself, other participants, and Museum staff are the most important factors in creating a safe and healthy environment for all. To ensure a safe and positive experience, we ask that you thoroughly read and agree to these safety protocols.

* Swim only when supervised by an expedition staff member
* Always kayak, row, or sail with expedition staff supervision
* Expedition staff make decisions for the safety of the entire crew, please be respectful of safety regulations while on expeditions
* Always let an expedition staff member know where you are
* Always wear a personal floatation device (PFD) when in a boat or deep water
* Always wear appropriate footwear
	+ Closed-toe shoes for outdoor cooking and kayak building participants
	+ Closed-toe water shoes for in-water activities
	+ No bare feet allowed
* Be respectful of natural and historical sites, leave what you find (except for garbage)
* Leave electronics at home
	+ Staff will have cell phones for emergency communication purposes
* Use of or possession of drugs and alcohol (including tobacco) are not permitted
* Exclusive or sexual relationships are not permitted
* Be respectful of yourself and others

Expedition staff will remove any participant from the program if they engage in bullying or harassing behavior. These ground rules are designed for the safety of the expedition and its participants. We reserve the right to remove a student from the program for non-compliance with these rules.