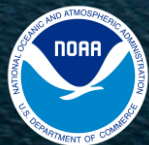


LAKE CHAMPLAIN SEA GRANT UPDATE



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Healthy Coastal Ecosystems

Resilient Communities and Economies

Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture

Environmental Literacy and Workforce Development

Lake Champlain Basin Marine Debris Coalition

Increase community awareness of marine debris and mitigate this type of debris in Lake Champlain Basin.





“Marine debris” includes human-made solids that end up in our oceans, streams, and lakes. Anything directly or indirectly, intentionally or unintentionally, disposed of or abandoned into the water is marine debris.



Foam debris in Lake Champlain Basin



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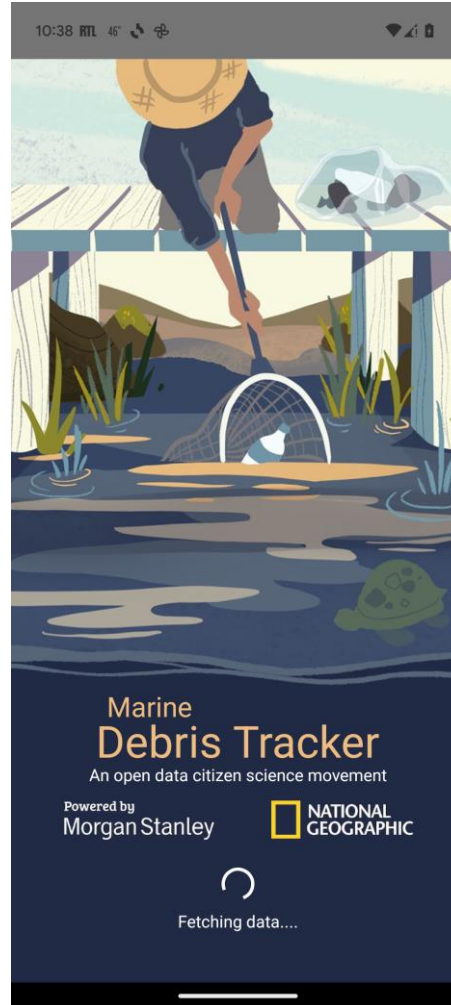
Marine debris type and amount collected during clean ups along Lake Champlain in Vermont between 2012 and 2023 (source: Rozalia project).

Goal 1. Develop the Coalition

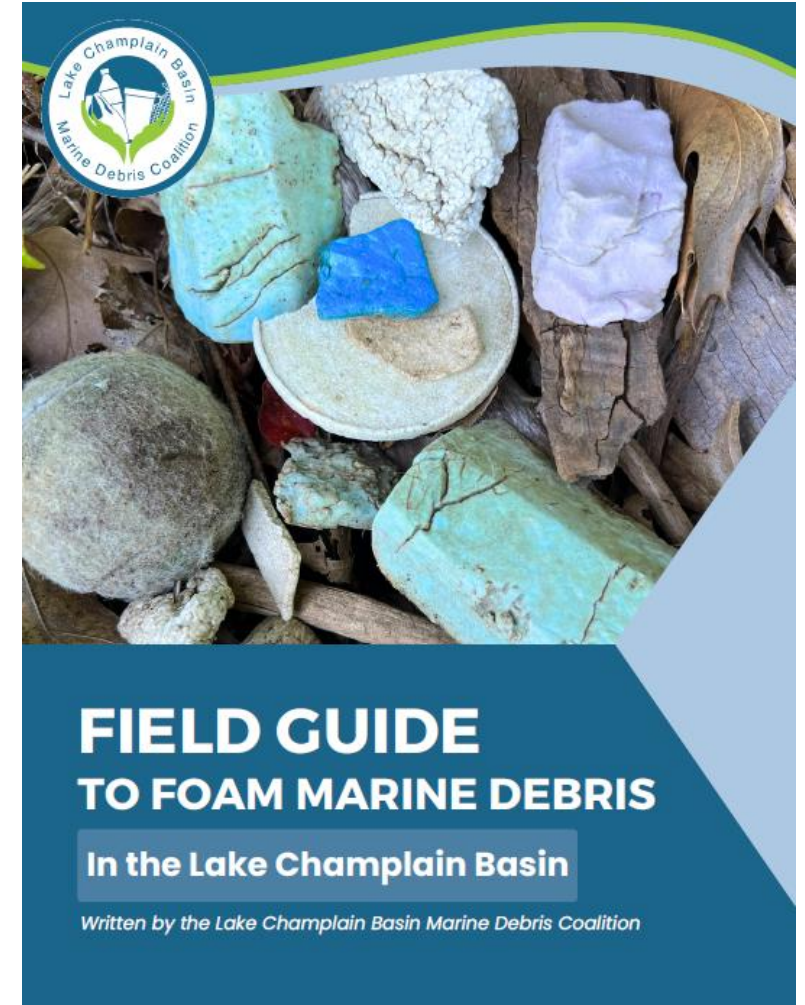
Clean ups



Data collection



Creation of educational material



Goal 2. Educate youth on marine debris in Lake Champlain Basin

- Hiring of a marine debris educator (Rozalia Project)
- Free education programming



Goal 3. Provide technical support to targeted audiences

- For marina owners, bait and tackle shops, private dock owners, recreational boaters
- Conduct surveys to understand foam product use
- Conduct market research to identify alternative products
- Develop outreach to promote more sustainable practices



Research Vessel Public boat trips



2025 Schedule

From Plattsburgh marina:

- For municipal officials - May 16
- For the public - July 9

From Burlington:

- For journalists - July 10
- For municipal officials - July 15
- For the public - TBD



Public comments sought for Lake Champlain Sea Grant Review

By Lake Champlain Sea Grant

May 15, 2025

Deadline for comments is June 13.

Lake Champlain Sea Grant will be reviewed on June 23–27 by a team convened by the National Sea Grant College Program. The review will be conducted remotely and will consider all aspects of LCSG’s program, including management and organization, performance, engagement, and collaborative activities, including those with various offices of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

This notice invites you to participate in our review by emailing your comments about LCSG to oar.sg-feedback@noaa.gov.

Kindly send your comments at your earliest convenience--the comment period will end on June 13. Please put “Lake Champlain Sea Grant site review” in the email subject line.

Thank you for assisting us by letting the review team hear from you!