

Press Release

The Île-aux-Noix / Lake Champlain Nautical Station at the Montreal Boat and Water Sports Show 2010

(Montreal, January 28 2010) – The Quebec Maritime Association (QMA) will be presenting the Nautical Stations of Quebec at the Montreal Boat and Water Sports Show from January 28 to February 1st at Place Bonaventure. This will be a unique opportunity to discover what the Île-aux-Noix / Lake Champlain Nautical Station has to offer to boaters and the public.

The Île-aux-Noix / Lake Champlain Nautical Station is many things: a lake, a river, a canal, beaches, and a vast assortment of boating resources. Its territory is set along the Richelieu River from the town of Chambly at the entrance of the Chambly Canal to the Canada-US border at the northern end of Lake Champlain. It also encompasses the towns of Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Saint-Blaise-sur-Richelieu, Sainte-Anne-de-Sabrevois, Saint-Paul-de-l'Île-aux-Noix, Henryville, Noyan and Lacolle. As for the Lake Champlain part, it includes the whole of Missisquoi bay as well as the towns of Saint-Georges de Clarenceville, Venise-en-Québec, Saint-Pierre de Véronne at Pike River and Saint-Armand (Philipsburg).

This **Nautical Station** is the coordinating body of all things nautical in its region from activities, services and facilities to nautical events. It also sees to the promotion of nautical tourism in the region.

The Île-aux-Noix / Lake Champlain Nautical Station is home to a very dynamic marine business sector offering a vast array of services for boaters. You'll find marinas participating in the Marinas Rating Program, marine service yards, and a whole range of activities such as skin diving, personal watercraft, waterskiing, sailboarding and fishing, including ice fishing. This Nautical Station is well known to boaters going to Lake Champlain from all points east. History plays a big part too with attractions like Fort Lennox and the historical locks of the Chambly Canal. Charming Île-aux-Noix is not only where you'll find Fort Lennox, it is also a great place for boaters to enjoy nature at its best. As for Lake Champlain, it is a favourite for boaters and sailors who enjoy its deep, clean waters. Sailboarders, kite surfers and other water sports enthusiasts gather in beautiful Missisquoi bay and Venise-en-Québec in the summer. Come visit the Île-aux-Noix / Lake Champlain Nautical Station at the Montreal Boat Show to join in the fun. To know more or if you're interested in being part of this Nautical Station, go to www.nautismequebec.com/ileauxnoix.com

Five other Nautical Station with a QMA accreditation are working in the same way to offer what's best in boating in Quebec and more are to come shortly. Come feel the fresh air at the Marinas and Nautical Stations Pavilion at the 200 Level of the Montreal Boat and Water Sports Show (www.salondubateau.com).

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All parties involved in nautical activities are invited to join the Nautical Station of their region