# **PUBLIC NOTICE**



US Army Corps of Engineers & New England District 11 Lincoln Street, Room 210 Essex Junction, Vermont 05452 Comment Period Begins: 7 August 2018 Comment Period Ends: 6 September 2018

**File Number: NAE-2008-2790** 

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The District Engineer has received a permit application to conduct work in waters of the United States as described below.

**APPLICANT:** Lake Champlain Transportation Company, ATTN: Russell Fox, King Street Dock, Burlington, Vermont 05401

**ACTIVITY:** Expand and maintain an existing commercial marina and reconfigure existing ferry slips in Burlington Bay of Lake Champlain off King Street in Burlington, Vermont. A detailed description and plans of the activity are attached.

#### WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK

This work is proposed in Burlington Bay of Lake Champlain at King Street Dock in Burlington, Vermont. The site coordinates are: Latitude 44.474093 N, Longitude 73.222197 W.

#### **AUTHORITY**

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- \_X\_\_ Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899
- X Section 404 of the Clean Water Act
- \_\_\_\_\_ Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act).

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which may reasonably accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are: conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the

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preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Where the activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States or the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposing it in ocean waters, the evaluation of the impact of the activity in the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 as amended.

### NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that little likelihood exists for the proposed work to impinge upon properties with cultural or Native American significance, or listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, no further consideration of the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, is necessary. This determination is based upon one or more of the following:

- a. The permit area has been extensively modified by previous work.
- b. The permit area has been recently created.
- c. The proposed activity is of limited nature and scope.
- d. Review of the latest published version of the National Register shows that no presence of registered properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein are in the permit area or general vicinity.
- e. Coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer(s)

#### **ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSULTATION**

The Corps has reviewed the application for the potential impact on Federally-listed threatened or endangered species and their designated critical habitat pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. It is our preliminary determination that the proposed activity for which authorization is being sought is designed, situated or will be operated/used in such a manner that it is not likely to adversely affect a listed species or their critical habitat. We are coordinating with the NMFS and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on listed species under their jurisdiction and the ESA consultation will be concluded prior to the final decision.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

- (X) Permit, License or Assent from State.
- ( ) Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.
- (X) Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

In order to properly evaluate the proposal, we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. **Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date.** If you have any questions, please contact Michael S. Adams at (802) 872-2893 or (978) 318-8485.

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Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for a public hearing shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The Corps holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public.

The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice. All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

# THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.

Frank J. DelGiudice
Chief, Permits and Enforcement Branch
Regulatory Division

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#### PROPOSED WORK AND PURPOSE

Place fill and perform work within navigable waters for the expansion of an existing docking facility, the reconfiguration of existing ferry slips, maintenance dredging and reconstruction of an existing retaining wall at an existing commercial facility in Burlington Bay of Lake Champlain. The proposed work involves the following:

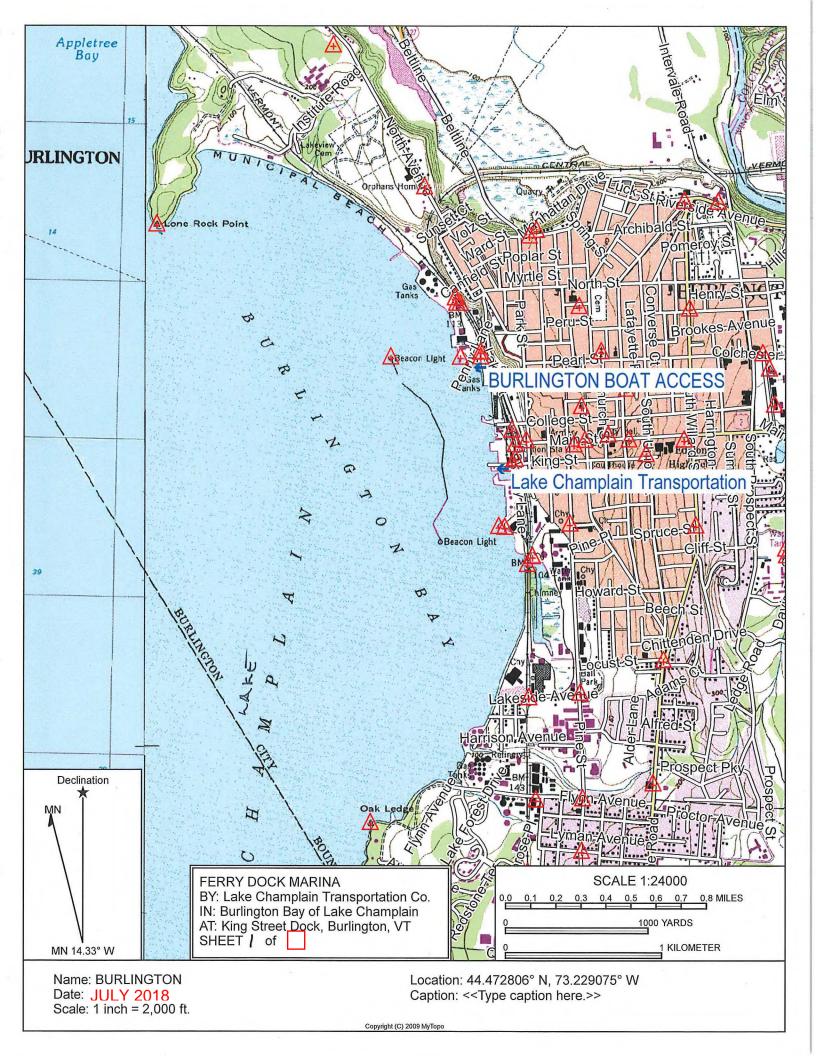
- a. Expand and maintain the existing docking facility. This will consist of replacing the existing floating main dock parallel to the west side of the bulkhead with a 12' wide, 138' long dock. Place and maintain a 6'-8' wide, 424' long floating main dock parallel to the bulkhead with three 5' wide, 40' long float and pile-supported fingers within the basin area. Place and maintain four floating docks with float and pile-supported fingers off the main docks. Dock "Alpha" will be 8' wide, 175' long with ten 4' wide, 20' long fingers. Dock "Bravo" will be 6' wide, 175' long with ten 4' wide, 24'-30' long fingers. Dock "Charlie" will be 6' wide, 261' long with twelve 4' wide, 26' long fingers. Dock "Delta" will be 6' wide, 380' long with seven 4' wide, 26' long and three 5' wide, 40' long fingers. Retain and maintain a 6' wide, 114' long floating dock with four 4' wide, 20' long float and pile-supported fingers and a 12' wide, 103' long floating service dock off the south side of the bulkhead. The docks will extend a maximum of 388' beyond the ordinary high water mark (OHW).
- b. **Reconfigure the existing ferry slips.** This will consist of removing 27 white oak piling dolphins (totaling 239 pilings). Place and maintain 6 white oak piling dolphins (totaling 30 pilings) and 15 steel pile dolphins (totaling 84 pilings) at the relocated ferry ramps.
- c. **Reconstruct the existing retaining wall.** This will consist of the repair of about 130 linear feet of wall in the southeast corner of the basin. About 198 cy of fill will be placed below OHW, and about 342 sq. ft. of lake bottom will be filled. About 107 sq. ft. of lake bottom will be restored by the work.
- d. **Maintenance dredging.** Perform maintenance dredging in an approximately 9,350 sq. ft. area within the basin to a depth of approximately 8 feet below the horizontal plane of mean low water. An estimated quantity of approximately 886 cubic yards of sand and silt will be removed by mechanical means. The dredged material will be disposed of at an upland, non-wetland location offsite.

The docks will be removed from the lake and stored on the upland during the non-boating season. The purpose of the project is to provide additional dockage for restaurant customers and transient boaters, and relocate ferry slips for easier and safer ferry dockage.

The work is described on the enclosed plans, in seven sheets, entitled "FERRY DOCK MARINA"", "BOUNDARY PLAT", "EXISTING SITE PLAN", and "FERRY BERTH PLAN", dated "JULY 2018".

#### MITIGATION/ALTERNTIVES

The work involves the expansion and reconfiguration of an existing commercial marina and ferry slips in Burlington Bay of Lake Champlain. The project is water dependant. There are no practicable offsite alternatives. The only alternatives to the reconstruction of the bulkhead would be the "no-action "alternative. The "no-action" alternative does not allow the applicant to achieve the project purpose of providing improved shoreline protection of the site. Impacts of the project have been minimized to the maximum extent practicable. The Corps has determined that compensatory mitigation is not necessary.

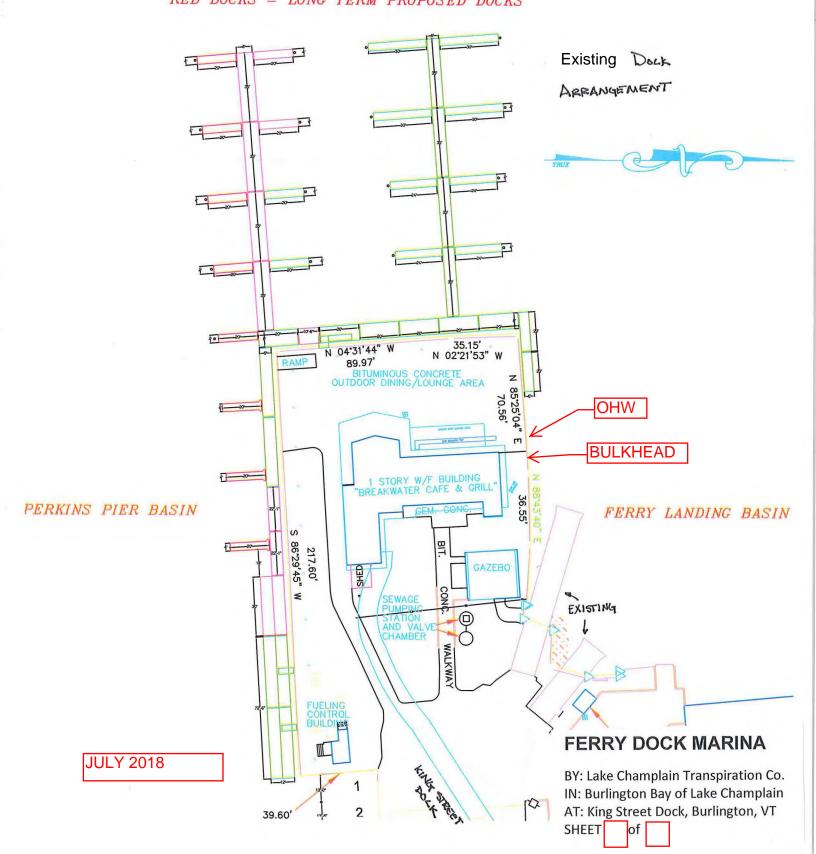


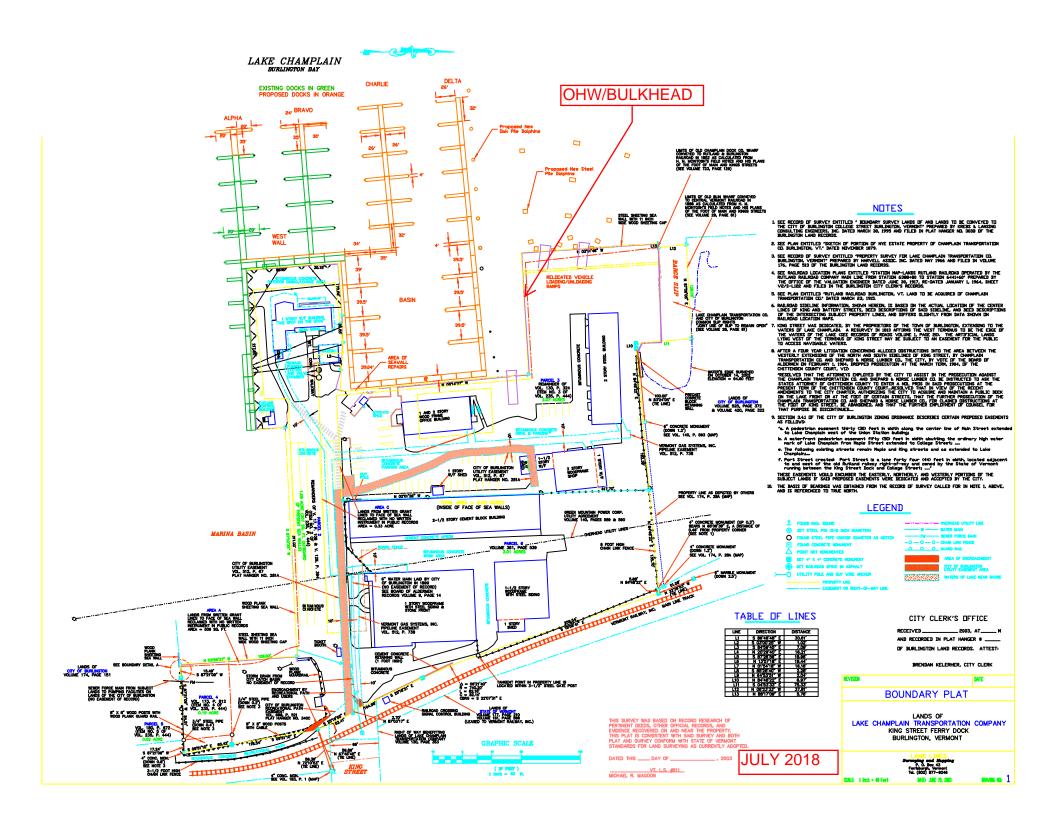
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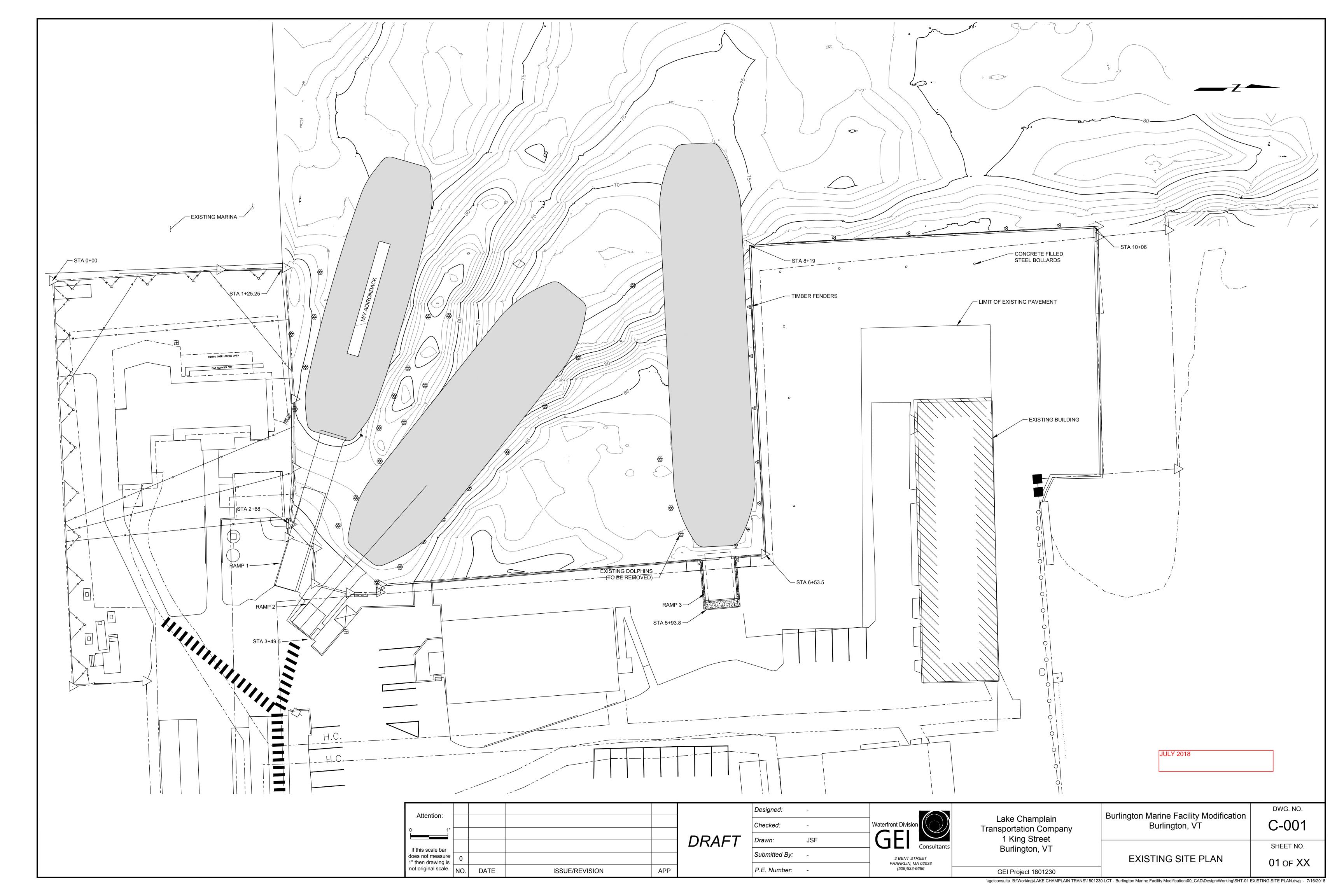
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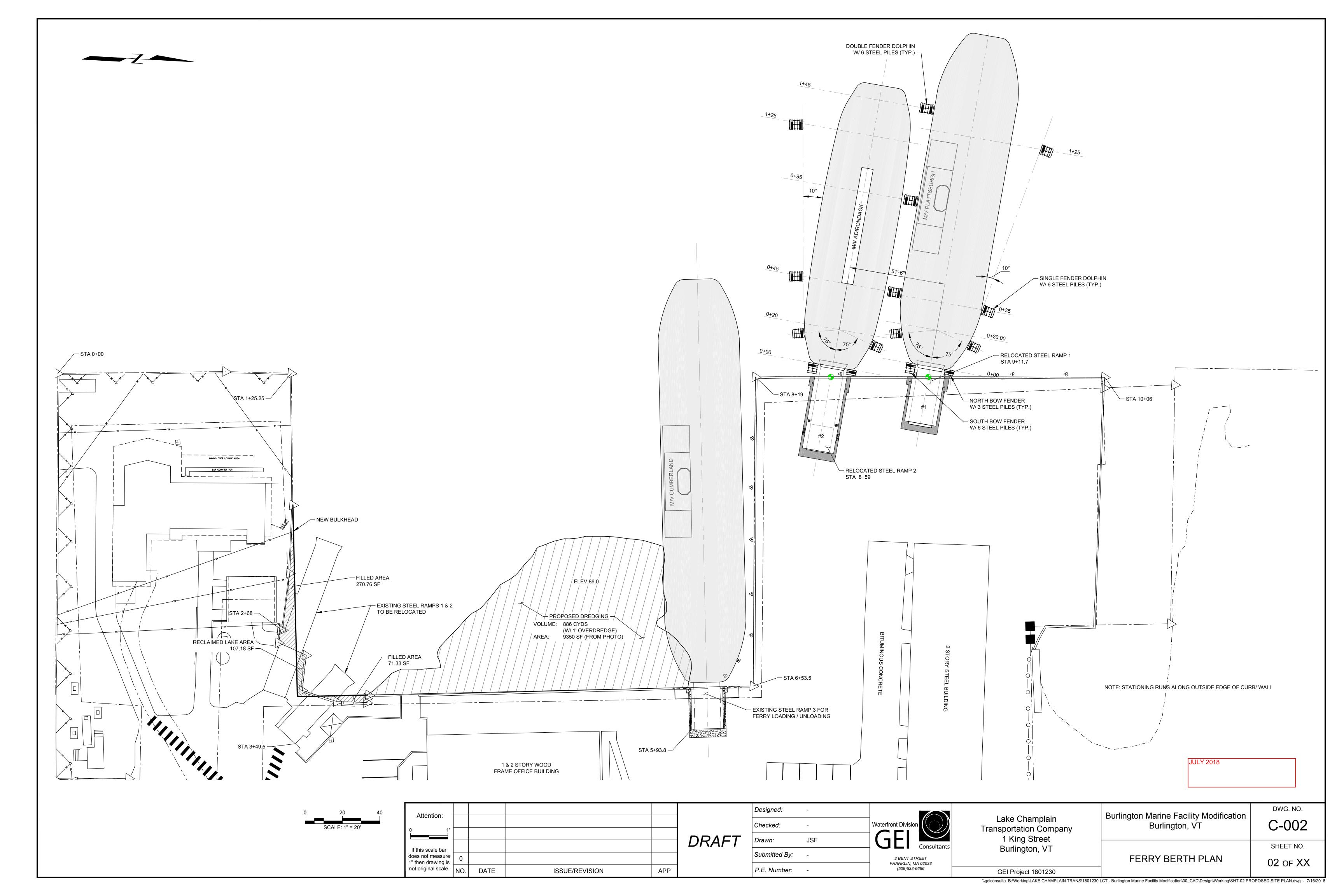
MAGENTA DOCKS = PROPOSED 2017 INSTALL

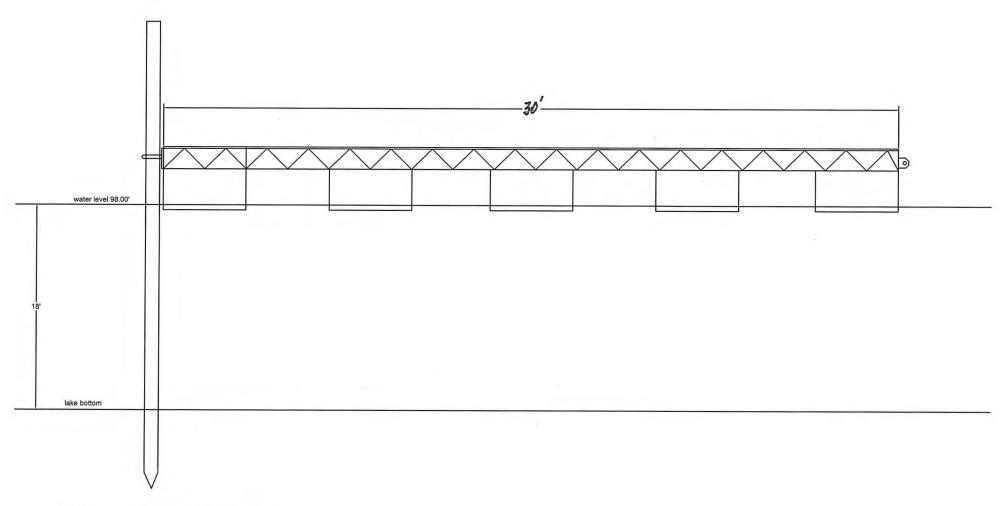
RED DOCKS = LONG TERM PROPOSED DOCKS











# **FERRY DOCK MARINA**

BY: Lake Champlain Transpiration Co. IN: Burlington Bay of Lake Champlain AT: King Street Dock, Burlington, VT SHEET of

JULY 2018