

# Fairport Village Partnership



## MEDIA ALERT

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### Canal Schooner Lois McClure Visits Fairport Labor Day Weekend VIP Captain's Reception Planned Saturday, September 4 Tour Hours: 10am -6pm, Sunday September 5

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WHEN: September 4, 5, 6, 2010

WHERE: Fairport Harbor, North Bank Pavilion, Box Factory

WHAT: The majestic 88-foot canal schooner *Lois McClure*, arrives in Fairport on Saturday September 4 as it travels across New York on its 2010 "Our Shared Heritage: World Canals Tour". The 1862 replica canal boat visits Fairport for the Labor Day weekend and is open for tours, free of charge, from 10am to 6pm on Sunday, September 5 at North Bank Pavilion, Box Factory.

**A VIP Captain's Reception** is planned for Saturday, September 4 from 5-7pm. The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$10 per person, and include a wine and cheese tasting and raffle ticket. Guests can meet the captain and crew, take a guided top-deck tour of the boat and have a chance to win recently published books, *The Elements of Seamanship* by Captain Roger C. Taylor of the *Lois McClure* and *Lake Champlain's Sailing Canal Boats, an illustrated journey from Burlington Bay to the Hudson* by Arthur B. Cohn, Executive Director of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum and Captain of the tug boat *C.L. Churchill*.

WHY: The *Lois McClure*, has embarked on a 1,000 mile journey this summer; "Our Shared Heritage: World Canals Tour", as she sails from her home port on Lake Champlain to visit 20 historic ports-of-call along the Erie Canal and the New York State Canal System. "Our Shared Heritage: World Canals Tour" began in July and will culminate in September with a trip to the World Canals Conference in Rochester. The 2010 journey is a follow up to the successful 2007 "Grand Canal Journey", during which more than 30,000 people from around the State and world stepped aboard and back in time. The *McClure* is a full scale working replica of an 1862 canal schooner – a unique example of working vessels that carried goods throughout northeastern waterways during the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The expedition is made possible by a partnership between the New York State Canal Corporation, the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, and the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership.

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