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## ***Lake Champlain Recreational Forecast: To Be Available Year Round Effective January 1, 2014***

Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, the National Weather Service in Burlington will transition the Lake Champlain Recreational Forecast into a service that will be available the entire year.

The forecasts will continue to be issued at roughly 4am and 4pm each day, with updates as necessary during the morning and evening hours. These forecasts will contain information about expected winds, weather, visibility, and wave heights. There will be special wording added regarding wave heights forecasts when ice coverage increases on the lake.

In addition, the full suite of text and graphical based lake forecast information will continue to be readily available on the Lake Champlain portion of the National Weather Service Burlington web page (<http://www.weather.gov/btv/recreation>).

However, during the winter period of January 1 to April 30, there will be no specific headlines included in the forecast for “Lake Wind Advisory” (*winds 25 knots or greater*) or “Lake Thunderstorm Advisory” (*imminent occurrence of thunderstorms*) conditions.

The changes being implemented in the Lake Champlain forecast services were based upon repeated input by a number of groups that are participating in winter-time activities on the lake, especially those areas that have become iced over. It is hoped that the availability of the Lake Champlain forecasts during the winter will enhance the safety of those taking part in such activities.

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