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Greetings!

### Rule 4: Historic Sites and Act 250

The Division for Historic Preservation has posted the proposed changes to Rule 4 of Act 250 on their Web site. The site includes the original revision, the current version and the steps that led from one to the other. The process leading to the final adoption of the rule changes is discussed and explained. To keep yourself informed on this important rule change please go to:

[www.historicvermont.org/programs/archo\\_act250\\_publicmeetings.htm](http://www.historicvermont.org/programs/archo_act250_publicmeetings.htm)



### **VAS Spring Meeting**

Black River Academy Museum - Ludlow

Saturday April 10

8:30 Registration and Coffee

9:00 Welcome and Announcements

9:30 Come Dig in the Forest with Dave!

Homer Stone Quarry Site Update

*David Lacy - Green Mountain National Forest*

10:00 Recent Discoveries at Chimney Point for the Lake Champlain  
Bridge Project

*John Crock/Jess Robinson - UVM Consulting Archaeology Program*

10:30 Break

11:00 The Flat Site: An 18th Century Skirmish Line?

*Bruce Sterling - Hartgen Archeological Associates, Inc.*

12:00 Lunch

Catered by Ludlow Country Store

1:00 Discovery on the Lamoille: Being an Advocate for Cultural Heritage

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1:30 Vermont's Brigadoon: Calvin Coolidge's Plymouth Notch  
*William Jenney - President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site*

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2:00 History of the Black River Academy Museum  
*Linda Tucker - Black River Academy Museum*

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After the program attendees are welcome to tour the museum

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A short visit to the early paleoindian Jackson Gore site at Okemo Mountain is under consideration for those who are interested.

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Cost: \$15.00 for members  
\$18.00 for non-members.

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## **Burlington: A Good Place to Sink Your Boat 100 Years Ago**

Want to kill some time in front of a computer? Here's a fun thing to do. Go to Bing Maps and tool around the satellite imagery of Shooter's Island, New Jersey near Jersey City. The waters are littered with boats discarded there over the last 100+ years. Lake Champlain doesn't have any images quite so startling, however in the last year a new set of aerial images around Burlington were made available through Bing. The images have great resolution and were taken when the lake was clear and calm. Sure enough, a close look at these images shows several boat-shaped objects just south of the Pine Street Barge Canal. We know that the canal itself and the area just to the north is littered with wrecks (at last count: 5 canal boats, a schooner, three barges and a steam yacht), but nothing just to the south. It seemed hard to believe that there would be wrecks in ten feet of water 200 yards off the Burlington bike path that were undiscovered.

The chance to investigate the suspect images came during Waterfront Dive Center's annual Nautical Archaeology Course, where LCMM Nautical Archaeologist Pierre LaRocque gives recreational divers a weekend long diving and archaeology tutorial. The eight divers (Peter Furtado, John Sabatella, Anthony Soto, Neil Bellamy, Aggie Broszkiewicz, and Renee and Wendell Jones) were given the task of figuring out what was on the bottom. They found a 60 foot long wooden barge, a broken-up sailing



canal boat and bits and pieces of other boats. The sailing canal boat looks to be of the type built between 1858 and 1870. It still has its centerboard, and is built in the same style as the nearby wreck of the canal schooner General Butler. Needless to say, the students left pretty happy having discovered two "new" Lake Champlain wrecks.

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