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## ***Discover boating in your region by embarking on your journey with our Nautical Station Program!***

The « Quebec Nautical Stations » program has been initiated by the Quebec Marine Association (QMA). A Nautical Station regroups on a given territory all the stakeholders in water sports or boating recreation with local public administrations, uniting them as a whole, permitting them to coordinate their offer of such services and encourage their promotion and to stimulate nautical tourism. We are proud to announce the presentation of four new Nautical Stations that will be joining Rimouski-Mitis, the first station to join this innovative program.

***The Nautical Station Rimouski-Mitis*** presided by Madame H el ene Th eberge will be celebrating its' first anniversary. It extends from Saint-Fabien to M etis-sur-Mer and regroups a well established infrastructure for a wide range of activities, from sailing, regattas, canoeing, and etc. The events are numerous (Les D efis Georges Leblanc for example) and benefit from an excellent notoriety in the region. It unites important institutions, noticeably from the marine science domain (Quebec Maritime Institution, Maurice Lamontagne Institution) but also specialty clubs for sailing, marinas, kayaking, including the eastern version of Route Bleu and finally a historical site dedicated to the maritime life of Pointe-au-P ere. Many other attractions included to meet everyone's center of interest.

Visit the space attributed to the first ever Nautical Stations accredited to find out more about this rapid growing success story. For all other information please contact Madame H el ene Th eberge, president: [developpement@saint-flavie.net](mailto:developpement@saint-flavie.net) or at 418-775-7050 #138.

***The Nautical Station  le-aux-Noix / Lac Champlain***, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nautical Station accredited by the Quebec Marine Association is characterized by its strong involvement in the nautical industry and its incredible complimentary services offered to boaters and others alike such as ; classified marina, beautiful beaches, well maintained exterior pools, underwater diving, fishing (ice included), wind surfing, motor-marine craft, water skiing, etc. It is a strategic area for boaters to drop anchor while navigating towards Champlain Lake. The historic maritime heritage of Fort Lenox located at the charming  le-aux-Noix Island or even the Chambly Channels with the Richelieu Locks render this a unique cove for all navigators to experience. It encompasses the territory bordering the Richelieu between the municipalities of Chambly (water canal point of entry) spreading to the canadian-american border (Champlain Lake entrance) reaching to other municipalities such as Saint-Jean-sur-le-Richelieu, Saint-Blaise-sur-le-Richelieu, Sainte-Anne-de-Sabrevois, Saint-Paul-de-l' le-aux-Noix, Henryville, Noyan, and Lacolle. It also encloses the Missisquoi Bay (Saint-Georges de Clarenceville) and the Bay of Venise (Venise-en-Qu ebec).

The Nautical Station of  le-aux-Noix / Lac Champlain is presided by Mister Pierre Larue that can be reached for any missing information at 514-718-3233 / [yachtingcanada@axion.ca](mailto:yachtingcanada@axion.ca)

***The Nautical Station South Shore*** is associated to rich recreational diversity founded by the Longueuil body participating in water bound activities. The main water bodies that are located in the South Shore can be found along the Saint Lawrence River either from the Saint-Lambert Locks to the city of Boucherville to the Islands of Boucherville and the region situated west of the Saint-Lambert Locks up to the city limit of Brossard. The assembly of resources offered by this portion of the river

and the river banks converge to offer a large and diverse form of nautical recreation for everyone to enjoy. Come try some sailing, fishing, kayaking, motor-marine sports, any form of sailing activity imaginable, or enjoy one of many cruise packages offered, etc. Many of the key entities providing nautical security courses and nautical formation can be found within this region. The access to the River can be done by means of the marinas, most of which have a private membership or by any of the gorgeous riverside parks (Léon-Gravel Park, Cycling park of Brossard, Marie-Victorin Park et l'Îlot de la Baronnie Park of the Old-Longueuil and the Rivière-aux-Pins Park of Boucherville) and lastly by the incredibly vast Îles-de-Boucherville Park recognized member of the SEPAQ. The discovery of our famous river and the Îles Boucherville by means of either kayak or canoe with the Route Bleue program or even by cruise ship is an unavoidable activity for all whom wish to experience the most panoramic and breathtaking views of the city of Montreal and of the Old-Boucherville water front.

There is yet much to mention about all of the activities and sites offered to boaters on this territory. However, to undertake its exploration to its fullest is to enrich oneself by tasting this diverse and unique splendors offered to you by this territory. It is a quality of life of exceptional class!

The Nautical Station South Shore is presently supervised by Mister Monsieur Yvon Brisebois: 450-677-1517 / [ybrisebois@sympatico.ca](mailto:ybrisebois@sympatico.ca) / [station.nautique.rive.sud@live.ca](mailto:station.nautique.rive.sud@live.ca).

While being in close proximity and sharing common ornithological (bird watching) zones of unlimited beauty, the Nautical Stations that inherit the name of their lake distinguish themselves immensely once you evaluate their nautical factors.

***The Nautical Station of Lac des Deux-Montagnes*** offers you exceptional services and a grand list of activities you can profit from all year round, an escape from the mundane life is guaranteed! It spans from all the launching ramps accessible to the water from the Laurentians, Laval, Montreal to those that can be found in the Monteregie region. It represents the enlarged section of the Outaouais River between the locks of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue and Carillon all the way up to the river of Mille-Îles, the Prairie River and Lake Saint-Louis. For excursions that can simply last for a couple of hours or cruises you can enjoy for a half week or more, the Lac des Deux-Montagnes offers boaters all the recreational fun they can experience while practicing water sports as well as being surrounded by a splendid green decor less than thirty minutes away from the center of Montreal city. Marinas or nautical clubs profit from this major water layout because of its calm and serene waters, it makes for great kayaking, water skiing, wake boarding, wind surfing and other. The use of smaller craft such as; dinghies, rowboats, kayaks, canoes (all those taking the Route Bleue) is ideal for this region, you may also find an impressive amount of sail boats. There are many areas to stage a launch into the river (Oka and Deux-Montagnes beaches) which permits visitors an easy access to the water while granting them a day at the beach. Also, in harmony with nature, fishing (winter or summer) is an activity of choice within this region to lose oneself from the daily grind.

For all complimentary information on the Nautical Station of Lac des Deux-Montagnes, you may contact its' President Mister Mike Stamos at 514-713-5827/ [coach@skiwakesurf.com](mailto:coach@skiwakesurf.com).

***The Nautical Station Lac Saint-François*** is situated in a strategic area since its water layout is at the footsteps to the Ontario Border. As such it covers the region (between Vaudreuil-Soulanges, Beauharnois-Salaberry and Haut-Saint-Laurent) and offers a full company of activities and numerous nautical services (marinas, cruises, craft rentals, boat launching ramps, fishing centers, charter services, observation platforms, etc.) If you have heard of the Valleyfield Reggattas by reputation, the divers (Park site of underwater diving Lac saint-Francois) and the swimmers (Saint-Zotique, Saint-Anicet, Saint-Timothée Beaches) appreciate the quality of this body of water for its purity and brilliant clarity as with the majestic landscaping that overlook the enchanting Adirondacks Mountains.

It covers the shores and banks throughout the area of lake Saint-François within the Quebec territory as well as the channels, Saint-Charles River as part of the Saint-Lawrence River leading to the Saint-

Louis Lake. On the north shore, the station is enclosed by Point-des-Cascades and the Beaudette River. On the south shore it reaches from the Beauharnois locks all the way to Akwesasne.

This region has the particularity of being marked by its omnipresence of water in the maritime water way of the Saint Lawrence River, and by having consolidated its rich historic maritime heritage (Écluses de Beauharnois archeological site), the cycling network along the shore is exceptional and has many other attraction to offers!

The Nautical Station of Lac Saint-Francois is presided by Mister Albert Daoust that you may reach at 450-267-1999/[daoust@canalsoulanges.com](mailto:daoust@canalsoulanges.com) or you can come into contact with Mister Denis Brochu at 450-377-7676/1 800-378-7648 /[dbrochu@tourisme-suroit.qc.ca](mailto:dbrochu@tourisme-suroit.qc.ca).

Come visit our reserved space of QUEBEC NAUTICAL STATIONS and attain for yourself a brochure so that you may take into consideration all the resources at your disposal while profiting from the attraction of all our bodied of water. The network of Nautical Stations consolidates the entire Quebec Province. If you wish to have more information on the Nautical Stations Program and to find out more on other soon to be announced or to even activate one such station, you may reach Béatrice Launay at 514-884-5218/1877 560 1777/ [blaunay.amq@gmail.com](mailto:blaunay.amq@gmail.com).

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