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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Lake Hopatcong Foundation's new Floating Classroom open for public cruises

LAKE HOPATCONG, N.J. June 15, 2018 - The Lake Hopatcong Foundation this spring christened its new Floating Classroom, dubbed "Study Hull," and has since educated nearly 800 local students aboard the vessel, a 40-foot pontoon boat. As the school year comes to an end, the lessons will continue: the Lake Hopatcong Foundation Floating Classroom will run 90-minute trips from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Monday from July 9 to August 27, with the public invited to take a ride, conduct experiments, and learn about the Lake Hopatcong watershed.

"We at the Lake Hopatcong Foundation spend a lot of our time working to protect the lake environment," said LHF president Jessica K. Murphy. "But the best thing we can do for the future of Lake Hopatcong is educate the next generation and the public about how to take care of it. And what better way to conduct those lessons than on the lake itself?"

The Monday excursions will depart from Hopatcong State Park (260 Lakeside Boulevard, Landing, NJ) and include experiments such as water clarity testing with secchi disks and collecting and studying phytoplankton from lake water samples. The trip fees are \$18 for adults, \$12 for children up to 17 years old, and \$16 for seniors ages 65 and up. Activities will be geared toward guests who are at least 10 years old, but younger guests are welcome to come aboard and join the cruise.

Guests are reminded that the fee is in addition to the cost of entering Hopatcong State Park, which is \$6 for New Jersey residents and \$10 for out-of-state residents per carload on weekdays in the summer. After disembarking from the floating classroom, visitors are welcome to enjoy the other amenities at Hopatcong State Park.

Reservations can be made at the Lake Hopatcong Foundation website, [lakehopatcongfoundation.org/floatingclassroom](http://lakehopatcongfoundation.org/floatingclassroom), or by calling the office at 973-663-2500.

*The Lake Hopatcong Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the mission of which is to "improve Lake Hopatcong for all, now and in the years to come." Find out more at [www.lakehopatcongfoundation.org](http://www.lakehopatcongfoundation.org).*