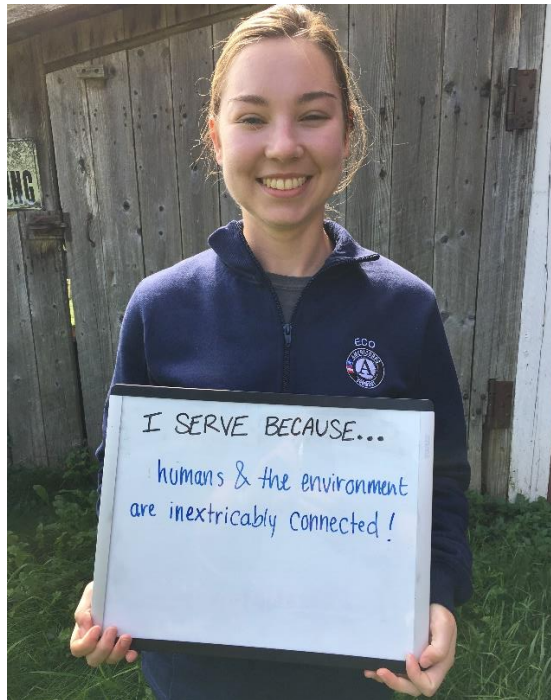


## Meaghan Hickey Member Spotlight



Meaghan Hickey (she/her) is serving at the [Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center \(CSC\)](#) in Burlington, VT as the Education and Outreach Coordinator. She graduated from Middlebury College in May 2019 and served an AmeriCorps term the following summer with the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. Her service at CSC consists of educational programming, planning, and facilitating. Her main programming is in the Floating Classrooms lake education program. Through the fall and winter, students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade would visit the CSC to participate in environmental science lessons and on how to sail. She would also travel to the schools to teach lessons surrounding water quality, the engineering and design process behind building wind vanes, and tried their hand at making their own weather measuring devices. This was the first year CSC offered Floating Classroom lessons to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, and Meaghan designed and planned these plans which included learning about invasive species in the Lake such as zebra mussels, as well as learning about weather by building their own thermometers. In response to COVID-19, Meaghan and CSC has adapted their youth programming to provide a childcare resource for front line workers and families affected by school closures. Their new Spring Adventure Summer Camp is a full day care program that combines science, sailing, and summer camp adventures. Campers will learn about environmental science topics, the physics behind boats and sailing, lake ecology, and will get the opportunity to go out on boats to explore the Lake firsthand.

“I serve because humans and the environment are inextricably connected in an interdependent ecosystem, and it is important to recognize our impact on the environment as well as all the ways we need nature to survive and thrive. Through my service, I hope to help educate local students and provide access to Lake Champlain, so the future generation can appreciate and respect their connection with the environment.”