

# Source to Sea Jump In Journey!



## Community Paddle & Celebration in Lyme, NH & Thetford, VT

On Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> the Journey will arrive at the Thetford/Lyme reach of the river, where CRC will be hosting a community paddle and informal celebration!

In order to have both sides of the Connecticut River well represented, special invited guests include Congressman Peter Welch and Congresswoman Annie Kuster. We hope they will paddle with us, and help us celebrate our successes as well as lay out thoughts on the work to be done in what is a very changed political and environmental climate.



This community paddle will be an easy distance, and provide casual on-river time. Beyond celebrating successes and building momentum for the urgent work still to be done, we will be listening to and collecting people's stories about their river and memorable experiences. We will be kicking off our series of Splash Mobs that will take place all along the Journey as it travels south to Long Island Sound! Jump in the river with us!

This will be a fun, inspiring, and informal event on a pleasant summer evening.

**Event Details:** Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

**Paddle Event:** 1:30pm to 3:30pm

- Boats to launch at Orford, NH town launch & paddle 4 miles to Laura & Terry Smith's home at 599 River Road in Lyme, NH
- Shuttle service provided

**Celebration & Splash Mob:** 3:30pm to 5:00pm

- Laura & Terry Smith's home, 599 River Road, Lyme, NH
- Learn about the river and share stories about what the river means to you and community members
- Join us for a Splash mob in the river!
- Enjoy light fare & refreshments



RSVP to Jen Bowman, Community Engagement Coordinator at 413-772-2020 x207 or [jbowman@ctriver.org](mailto:jbowman@ctriver.org)

To learn more about the Connecticut River Conservancy, visit us online at [www.ctriver.org](http://www.ctriver.org)!



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In 1959, Dr. Davidson and his wife travelled the Connecticut River to highlight the problem of river pollution. They collected water samples in glass jars along the way, comparing clean water found at the river's source to dirty water found farther downstream.

This year, CRC director Andrew Fisk and his wife Karen will travel the Connecticut River, retracing Dr. Davidson's journey. But this time the focus will be on how clean our rivers have become thanks to many years of hard work.



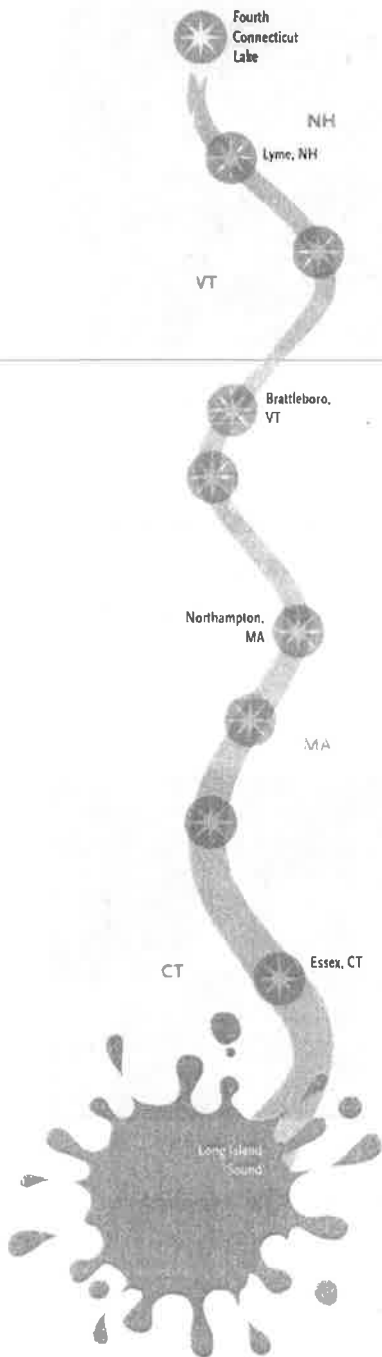
To really highlight the many ways people recreate in our rivers, Andy will navigate the river in a wide variety of ways. There will be the obvious ones like canoes, kayaks, and motor boats. But there will also be dragon boats, shells and sculls. There will even be handmade boats as part of the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Connecticut River Raft Race! But it's not all about boating. Andy will also be swimming, scuba diving, and water skiing!

To top it off, we're hosting Splash Mobs along the way! Join us to jump in the river together at "flash mob" style Splash Mobs in all four river states. This is a fun way to show your support, while taking a dip in the river. Help us remind people that our rivers have come a long way, and we need to continue working together to keep them clean and healthy! Sign the Splash Mob pledge to jump in and you'll receive updates on when and where the Splash Mobs are scheduled.



[www.ctriver.org/SplashMob](http://www.ctriver.org/SplashMob)

The Source to Sea Jump In Journey will take place this summer, starting at the source of the Connecticut River near the Canadian Border on July 16th and ending at the mouth of the river near Long Island Sound July 31st. For more details or to see stories from Andy during the journey, visit [www.ctriver.org/S2SJourney](http://www.ctriver.org/S2SJourney).



Questions? Want to join us? Get in touch!

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