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### The Upper Midwest Scuba and Adventure Travel Show

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#### The Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society

Jimmy's Event Center • 3565 Labore Road • Vadnais Heights, Minnesota Saturday • April 2, 2022 • 9 am – 5:30 pm

9:00	Doors Open, Admission to all exhibitors
9:00 - 9:10	<b>Welcome!</b> presented by Mary Lillemo, UMSAT Show Chair
9:15 - 9:45	<b>GLSPS Year in Review</b> presented by Phill Kerber GLSPS President
10:00 - 10:45	<i>Warm Diving</i> presented by Jeff Ginther
11:00 - 11:45	<b>Preserving our Shipwreck Discoveries Using Photogrammetry</b> presented by Ken Merryman
12:00 - 1:20	<i>Lunch - Delicious Chicken Lunch</i> Please purchase tickets for \$20 at the registration booth Proceeds go to GLSPS
12:20 - 12:40	<ul> <li>Awards Luncheon, honoring:</li> <li>Myron Haynes, GLSPS Appreciation Award</li> <li>Ric Mixter, C Patrick Labadie Special Acknowledgement Award</li> </ul>
12:40 - 1:20	<b>A Summer of Shipwreck Discoveries</b> Ric Mixter, Lunch Speaker
1:30 - 2:15	Traveling During a Pandemic: Should I Stay or Should I Go? Tips and Tales presented by Katrina Colby
2:30 - 3:15	The Cave Where I Live: Perspectives of a Midwest Cave Diver presented by Tamara Thomsen
3:30	Auction Closes
3:30 - 4:30	Bottled Goodbyes presented by Ric Mixter, Keynote Speaker
5:00	Door Prize Raffle Drawing - Winners can pick up their prizes
5:00 on	Auction Prize Pick-up (with payment) at the GLSPS Booth



First, I want to say thank you for joining us at the 2022 Upper Midwest Scuba and Adventure Travel (UMSAT) Show. We appreciate you joining us this year, and hopefully, it will be another great show. We are happy to get back to an in-person show this year.

We canceled the entire show in 2020 because of the pandemic and presented a virtual show in 2021 because the state still wasn't allowing large-group gatherings. We tried to keep things going like everyone else. We believe our virtual show turned out very well, considering the circumstances. We hope that the pandemic is at a point where we can continue with in-person conferences and shows.

This show is the only annual scuba show in the Twin Cities. It's our 22nd year and is still going strong. We want to thank the staff at Jimmy's Event Center and the Holiday Inn Express in Vadnais Heights, Minnesota, for carrying the venue deposit for two years and ultimately helping us present the 2022 show.

The UMSAT show is a major fundraiser for the Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society (GLSPS). We use funds from this show to help pay expenses associated with preserving maritime history. We will still have a Silent Auction, but we moved the Raffle to eBay for online bidding. We will provide a way to access online bidding at the show for the larger donation items. Please make sure to bid often on the Silent auction and online eBay items to win that special deal on dive gear. Don't forget about the speakers since they prepared their presentations with fantastic topics for the show, and we hope to have a speaker who interests all participants. Please visit the exhibitors. They have information about scuba diving and travel for show attendees and may have a few good deals on equipment at their booth tables as well.

Please don't leave the show for lunch since we have a great chicken buffet this year. In addition, we are featuring two 2022 award recipients who will be honored at the luncheon.

The Awards Luncheon speaker will be Ric Mixter. He is not only our featured speaker for the day, but he is also receiving our top award at the luncheon. His presentation will be "A Summer of Shipwreck Discoveries" and due to Ric's amazing storytelling and history research, he will certainly enlighten you.

The GLSPS is in full swing again in 2022. Of course, that requires a need for VOLUN-TEERS! Please feel free to contact any of the Board of Directors, Committee Chairpersons, or Project Leaders to see how you can help. Divers, former divers, or non-divers are welcome to join us.

If you are attending the 2022 UMSAT Show and are not a GLSPS Member, we invite you to become a member. It is easy to become a member at the show by visiting the GLSPS booth table to have one of our representatives sign you up. You can also sign up from the website at https://glsps.org and click on the "Become a Member" button or, "Donate" towards one of our many categories.

After becoming a member, you can join us on all our projects. Register online and participate as a volunteer, a diver, or just a spectator.

As a volunteer, you will experience the opportunity and enjoyment of helping preserve our maritime history as most active members have throughout the years. The GLSPS is a unique organization since no one in the world does what we do as volunteers. Becoming a GLSPS member will be a step in the right direction for you and the organization.

Please take a moment to check out the GLSPS website and the volunteer opportunities.



You can do so by logging onto the website at https://glsps.org. Please check out previous projects by clicking on the "Project or Program Archive" buttons.

If you like what you see and want to see more you can become a member of the GLSPS website by clicking on "Become a Member". Membership levels are listed on a separate page in this program book and the website. You can also participate in the Board of Directors meetings. We now present/broadcast all our meetings through the "Zoom" online meetings system. As a member, you can participate during any Board or Committee Meeting, or if you are good at planning events, you may want to be part of the UMSAT Show Planning Committee. Find the "Calendar of Events", click on the date of the meeting and when you get to the event page, scroll down to the description of the event. There will be a link to click on to bring you live into the meetings. See the website or a GLSPS representative for more details.

Please don't hesitate to volunteer as an active member. We would love to share the learning opportunities and fun that we have experienced in the programs and projects the GLSPS offers.

In 2022 we have a few new programs and projects that you can register to participate. Check out the "2022 Project Schedule" and "Calendar of Events" on the GLSPS website at https://glsps.org, and you will be sure to find something of interest this year.

The GLSPS website was due for a facelift, and the changes have already started. Please check out the new look of the website. We are also making it more intuitive and interactive for our members.

The hosting company has made many changes to have a better experience on the website. Please check back with us and see the changes being made from time to time.

I want to say thank you to my friends, family, colleagues, and fellow GLSPS Members for allowing me the opportunity and time to volunteer for the many positions I've held and especially the position as President. The goals we all achieved throughout the years would not have happened without the heart and soul of our fellow volunteers. Thank you again to the volunteers, exhibitors, speakers, and attendees at the show this year. We hope you will be back to join us for the 2023 UMSAT Show.

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Phil Kerber GLSPS President

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2022 GLSPS Commit	tees & Chairpersons	
Access and Shipwreck Mooring Buoys	Tim Pranke	651-395-9451
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Shipwreck Monitoring	Corey Daniel	218-343-4970
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Date	Project	Contacts	Phone
Mar 6 - Dec 31 Level 1	Essex Mast Restoration Project "Ongoing" Currently on hold because of the timing	Ken Merryman Project Leader	763-226-9620
March 16 Level 1	First Response - First Aid - CPR - AED - O2 Advanced Re- Certification	Phil Kerber Program Leader	612-720-2825
April 1 - 2 Level 1	Upper Midwest Scuba & Adventure Travel Show 2022	UMSAT Phone Mary Lillemo	612-570-3305 612-590-7810
April 9 Level 1	S.S. Meteor Scouting & Survey Trip	Phil Kerber Project Leader	612-720-2825
April 23 -24 Level 1	S.S. Meteor Preservation Project Seventeen Annual	Phil Kerber Project Leader Megan Meyer, SPM Co- Project Leader	612-720-2825 715-394-5712
May 07 –08 Level 1	RV Preservation Work Weekend # 1	Jim Christenson Project Leader	612-578-1551
May 14 -15 Level 1	RV Preservation Work Weekend # 2	Ken Knutson Project Leader	612-578-1551
May 21 - 22 Level 1	RV Preservation Work Weekend # 3	Phil Kerber Project Leader	612-720-2825
May 28 - 30 Level 1	RV Preservation Work Weekend # 4 Memorial Day Weekend	Phil Kerber Project Leader	612-578-1551
May 28 Level 2	Lake Phalen Beach Clean up Dive (Collaboration with BSA Venture Crew 820 & the GLSPS)	Dean Soderbeck Project Leader Ken Lillemo Co-Project Leader	651-216-8596 612-590-5590
May 28 -Jun 12 2 Week Project Level 5 & 6	Hamilton - Scourge 2022 Monitoring Program	Carrie Sowden Project Leader	763-226-9620
June 04 Level 1	R/V Preservation Launch And Captains Training Please Note: This Event depends upon completion of the work performed on the RV Preservation	Phil Kerber Project Leader Phil Kerber Captains Trainer	612-720-2825 612-720-2825



June 5 Level 1	R/V Preservation Shake Down Cruise Please Note: This Event depends upon completion of the work performed on the RV Preservation.	All Captains Phil Kerber Trainer/Observer	612-720-2825
June 11 -12 Level 1 & 3	RV Preservation Cruise to Silver Bay and Set Mooring Buoys	Corey Daniel Boat Captain Corey Daniel Project Leader	218-343-4970 218-343-4970
June 18 - 19 Level 3	Grand Marais Harbor Survey	Steve Daniel Project Leader	218-349-8028
July 09 - 10 Level 3	Madeira and Hesper Monitoring Project	Corey Daniel Project Leader Corey Daniel Boat Captain	218-349-8028 218-349-8028
July 30 - 31 Level 2/3 & TUD	Intro to Shipwreck Diving (Collaboration with BSA Venture Crew 820 & the GLSPS) Dive from North Shore Only!	Dean Soderbeck Project Leader Corey Daniel Boat Captain Jeff LeMoine	651-483-8596 218-349-8028 612-803-6476
August 11 - 14 (August 15 = Weather contingency) Level 3, 4, & ARC	Pretoria Monitoring and Survey Project	Jack Decker Project Leader Tim Pranke Co-Leader Phil Kerber Boat Captain	641-512-1046 651-395-9451 612-720-2825
August 20 - 21 Level 2 & 3	Scuba Palooza 2022 This is a Shore Dive Weekend Event at Lake Ore-Be- Gone. GLSPS will be represented with a booth.	Dean Soderbeck Project Leader	651-216-8596
August 27 - 28 Level 2 & 3	Fun Dives On The R/V Preservation Research Vessel	Jack Decker Project Leader Phil Kerber Boat Captain	641-512-1046 612-720-2825
Sept 11, Level 2 & 3	Underwater Basket Weaving Fun Dive (Collaboration with BSA Venture Crew 820 & the GLSPS)	Dean Soderbeck - Project Leader	651-216-8596

Sept 17 - 18 Level 1 & 3	Cruise RV Preservation Back to Spirit Lake Marina in Duluth Removing / Collecting Mooring Buoys - (Work and Fun Dives)	Corey Daniel Boat Captain & Project Leader	218-349-8028
September 24 – 25 Level 3 & 4	Thomas Wilson & Mayflower Monitoring and 3D Imaging Project #1	Andrew Goodman Project Leader Phil Kerber Boat Captain	612-703-0384 612-720-2825
Sept 17 Level 1	Mc Dougall's Dream Fundraiser - Superior, Wisconsin	Megan Meyer Program Leader	715-394-5712
October 01 - 02 Level 3 & 4	Thomas Wilson & Mayflower Monitoring and 3D Imaging Project #2	Andrew Goodman Project Leader Phil Kerber Boat Captain	612-703-0384 612-720-2825
October 02 Level 2	Underwater Pumpkin Carving Dive (Collaboration with BSA Venture Crew 820 & the GLSPS)	Dean Soderbeck Project Leader Jeff LeMoine Co-Project Leader	651-216-8596 612-803-6476

#### Please Note:

- Group size is limited on most projects so feel free to call the Project Leader to
  discuss opportunities. They can provide a detailed description of the project, what
  your time commitment will be as well as any requirements for participation. A
  detailed description and registration for each project is available by clicking on the
  name of the project in the above schedule or via the Events Calendar.
- Registration is required for each project to secure your spot!
- Any youth between the ages of 10 and 17 years old that has their Official Dive Certifications, will need to have a Parent or Guardian sign the Liability Releases, Waiver and Medical Forms 24 hours before the event. A Parent or Guardian must be present with the youth on-board the RV Preservation. A Dive Master, Instructor, Parent or Guardian must be able to supervise the youth while diving. (In the water supervision).
- All divers will need to provide all their own cold-water diving gear including scuba tank and redundant air supply.
- The Tools and Techniques Class completion is required whenever stabilization work is necessary.



- Since these are work projects, supplies and fuel are provided by the GLSPS. Food expenses will be shared by the participating members.
- Each project has a Project Level associated with it. Please check the index below to see if you qualify.
- It is required to have your own health insurance to participate in projects.
- DAN diving insurance (or equivalent) is highly recommended and may be required to . participate in certain projects.
- Liability Releases are required for each participant. .
- Please Note: If you ask for forms at the boat, we will not have any extras since the . process is online now. You will not be able to attend or dive that day. A 24 hours grace period is required. DON'T FORGET YOUR FORMS!

#### **Project Levels:**

- Level 1 Non Diving Project or Program •
- Level 2 Basic Open Water Scuba Certification 20 Logged Dives Minimum Max 60 • feet
- Level 3 Advanced Open Water Certification 30 Logged Dives Minimum Max 120 Feet
- Level 4 Technical Diver / Advanced Nitrox and Deco Procedures 60 Logged Dives Minimum - Max 150 Feet
- Level 5 Advanced Trimix / Open Circuit and Rebreather Deep Diving
- Level 6 Special Project Restricted to invitation only because of special requirements •
- TUD Tune Up Dives •
- ARC Archaeology and Drawing Class Recommended •
- TT Tools and Techniques Training Required .
- **OE** Overhead Environment •
- ID Ice Diving Certification Required to dive but not limited to Surface Crewing .

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Join the GLSPS for as little as \$25 (individual) or \$35 (family). Or consider one of these tax-deductable donation levels:

- Crew Member \$25-\$49
- Watchman \$50-\$99
- Boatswain \$100-\$199
- Plank Owner \$1,000+

- Helmsman \$200-\$499
- Mate \$500-\$999

All members are welcome on our projects, but must be gualified for the level of diving for diving projects. All membership levels include two newsletters per year, our annual membership card and a GLSPS scuba tank decal. Donations at Boatswain level and above include a Certificate of Appreciation, a Donation Letter (for the IRS) and a listing in our newsletter. As a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization, membership dues are tax-deductible!



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S.S. Meteor / Above Water Preservation	Phil Kerber	612-720-2825
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RV Preservation Season Preparation Projects	Ken Knutson Phil Kerber	612-578-1551 612-720-2825
Apostle Islands Projects - Pretoria and Others	Jack Decker	641-512-1046
Fun Dives	Jack Decker	641-512-1046
Youth Fun and Project Dives	Dean Soderbeck	651-483-8596
3D Photogrammetry Projects	Ken Merryman	763-226-9620
Hamilton – Scourge Monitoring Project	Ken Merryman	763-226-9620

## **GLSPS Thanks Our 2022 Sustaining Members**

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John Berg	Bill Wallace	Kent Myhrman
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#### **GLSPS** Appreciation Award

- Awarded to any non-board member individual, organization, or business for longstanding support of the mission, goals, and projects of GLSPS.
- Nomination can be made by any current GLSPS member.

#### **Dive Community Contribution Award**

- Awarded to any individual, organization, or business for exceptional service to the dive community or for going beyond the call of duty to do something that benefits the upper Midwest scuba diving community.
- Nomination can be made by any member of the community.

#### C. Patrick Labadie Special Acknowledgment Award

- Awarded to any individual, organization, or business that has made exceptional contributions to the upper Midwest preservation, history, or dive community.
- Nomination can be made by any GLSPS Board Member, but suggestions can be made through the GLSPS Board of Directors.



WITH A SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY **RIC MIXTER** 



Your \$20 ticket includes hot chicken lunch, your chance to meet this year's GLSPS Annual Award Honorees and hear Ric Mixter's presentation *"A Summer of Shipwreck Discoveries"* 

Purchase tickets at the GLSPS booth. All proceeds directly benefit the preservation efforts of the Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society



#### Myron Haynes 2022 GLSPS Appreciation Award Recipient

As people get older, they often desire to give back to the community that gave them so much. Such a feeling might come as a change of life revelation to some, but not Myron Haynes. The "give back" mindset is no revelation for Myron because it has always been a way of life for him.

Both GLSPS and the Boy Scouts of America have been grateful

receivers of Myron's generosity for years, and both organizations have passed on his generosity to benefit our diving community.

Myron became a certified diver in 1977 and in 1978 landed a dream job with Sam Wampler, the founder of Sea Base, a Scouting high adventure program in the Florida Keys. Myron, an Eagle Scout with three palms, was hired as the "Assistant Director" of BSA's Florida National High Adventure Sea Base program. They used Sam's station wagon and operated out of a warehouse in Miami.

Today, Sea Base has 19 high adventure programs in five locations, starting from those simple origins, and has had over 14,000 attendees. Since then, Myron has worked at Tomahawk Scout Reservation in northern Wisconsin as a Scout Camp Director and from 1979 to 1981 Myron was a BSA District Executive with St. Paul's "Indianhead Council."

Myron became a Dive Instructor in 1979 and now holds the highest level instructor certifier rating that SSI provides. In 1981 Myron started Northland Divers, training 250 new divers a year. Myron can't remember how many divers he has certified over the years but knows it is more than 2,000. He has been diving all around the world, including exotic places like Australia, Yap, Philippines, Chuuk, Palau, and many others. Myron has also been a frequent guest speaker at our Dive Shows and his alma mater Minnesota State University, Mankato.

In 1998 Northland Scuba signed on as the Charter Partner to BSA Scuba Venture Crew 820 and supported the crew's activities including filling all their air tanks at no cost. The crew estimates that Northland filled over 1.3 million pounds of air and graciously gave the crew the use of its pool at no cost for their activities. For GLSPS, Myron has been a firm supporter and donor since our inception in 1996. Besides speaking at shows when requested, he donated a communication system for our underwater projects and raffle prizes for every show we have organized, even when times were tough and giving was not easy. After almost forty years in the business, a time that included a name change to Northland Scuba, and expansion to two dive shops, Myron finally closed the doors and retired from the dive shop business. We all sincerely miss the prominent position of Myron and Northland Scuba in our dive community but recognize as times change, we also must change. Knowing Myron will unlikely take his retirement sitting down, we wish him well in his retirement or career change whatever he undertakes. We know a community will benefit from his energy, experience, kindness, and friendly demeanor.

Myron Haynes has given so much to GLSPS and the local diving community and is truly deserving of this recognition. For his support and dedication to the goals and activities of GLSPS and for fostering the next generation of divers, the Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society and all of those Myron has helped along the way, with all due respect and gratitude, honor Myron Haynes with the 2022 GLSPS Appreciation Award.





#### Ric Mixter 2022 C. Patrick Labadie Special Acknowledgement Award Recipient

Shipwrecks-some might find it odd that people gather in shows and festivals around the Great Lakes to celebrate and remember these maritime disasters. But we all know it is more than the skeletons of these timeworn ships that we remember. It is about the lives and stories of the people that designed, built, operated, lived on, and some-

times died on these gallant machines. It is the stories of the heroes that risked their lives to save the sailors caught in the jaws of an unyielding lake cataclysm that we celebrate. These stories are not passed down the generations by tribal storytellers, but dug out of musty old newspapers and ship logs or reconstructed from the evidence in the crime scene then told by the best storytellers of our generation.

And few storytellers can top the energetic narrations of Ric Mixter.

Since he was a kid, Ric Mixter has been a storyteller, first broadcasting professionally when he was sixteen. Now millions of television viewers recognize Ric as a shipwreck researcher and storyteller, diving over 100 shipwrecks in the Great Lakes, including the Edmund Fitzgerald. A few highlights of his lengthy list of awards and accomplishments would include the following:

He has worked for affiliates of CBS, NBC, and ABC and as multimedia producer for "Great Lakes Now" on Detroit Public TV. He has produced over 30 programs for PBS and the Outdoor Channel, and appeared as a shipwreck expert on the History and Discovery Channels. Ric served as SCUBA cameraman on underwater expeditions to the Great Lakes' largest shipwrecks, the Edmund Fitzgerald and Carl D. Bradley.

He has interviewed dozens of shipwreck survivors over the past 15 years, including two from the 1913 Storm, two from the 1940 Armistice Day Storm and survivors from the largest shipwrecks in lakes Michigan, Huron and Erie. He's been Emmy nominated and has taken several awards including the Addy, Aurora, Michigan Association of Broadcasters Best Use of Medium, AP, and UPI. He was the 2007 Vescio award winner for a video on mental health advocacy.

With over 20 years of stories on historical preservation, Ric was awarded the 2009 Award for Historic Interpretation by the Association for Great Lakes Maritime History. Today he runs his own production company, Airworthy Productions. Ric's podcasts on www.ship-wreckpodcast.com are the first dedicated to sharing maritime history of our inland seas.

People with great passion for their work achieve great feats, and we as the audience have been privileged to be the benefactors of Ric's success. Thanks to Ric's work, millions of people have enjoyed and learned appreciation for our maritime history. For his enthusiastic passion and innovative mastery of telling stories of Great Lakes maritime history, the Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society is honored to present Ric Mixter with its 2022 C. Patrick Labadie Special Acknowledgement Award.



#### Jeff Ginther - Cayman Island Diving Midwest Sales Representative *Warm Diving*

The Cayman Islands is one of the premier diving destinations in the Caribbean. Explore the Cayman Islands above and below the water, then and now. Who better to guide you than an expert from the Cayman Islands Department of Tourism? Jeff Ginther will enlighten and entertain you with his highlights of the Cayman Islands.



Katrina Colby Nurse by Trade, Traveler at Heart Traveling During a Pandemic: Should I Stay or Should I Go? Tips & Tales

For many people, including myself, traveling is our livelihood. It keeps us excited to connect to different cultures, experience new things, dip in the ocean, and it helps renew us.

However, this pandemic put a major damper on travel. It is often dif-

ficult to know what is allowed or what is expected of us with all of the travel restrictions.

I don't have all the answers but have continued to travel during these past two years and can share some knowledge, online resources, and considerations with you. I'll also share stories and photos from our most recent trips to Cozumel, Playa Del Carmen, Roatan, and Belize, as well as some tips from friends who continue to travel around the world as things slowly open up.



#### Tamara Thomsen Maritime Archaeologist, Dive Shop Owner & Instructor The Cave Where I Live: Perspectives of a Midwest Cave Diver

With more than 2,500 cave dives logged over the last thirty years, Tamara Thomsen will share stories of cave diving, training, exploration, and science from caves around the world to those right in our own backyards.



#### Ken Merryman Diver, Underwater Videographer Preserving our Shipwreck Discoveries Using Photogrammetry

Ken has just completed his sixth year on what was going to be a five-year adventure to circumnavigate the Great Lakes. Livin' the dream, Ken spends all summer cruising from dive site to dive site and lake to lake, photographing and making photogrammetry models of the wrecks that are known and searching for those that are still missing. Since he started his journey in 2016, he and his



partners have found ten new shipwrecks on three of the Great Lakes – some amazingly intact. They have also created photogrammetry models of over sixty wrecks and now use photogrammetry to document the state of each newly found shipwreck at the time of discovery.

It has been a long and rewarding journey. Join Ken as he shares video and the digital models of both unique and new shipwrecks and narrates the highlights of his most extraordinary expedition.



Ric Mixter TV producer, Underwater Photographer, Shipwreck Researcher & Storyteller *Bottled Goodbyes* 

Bottled messages have been discovered onshore nearly as long as glass containers have existed. They bring tidings from ocean voyagers, invitations for pen-pals, tragic attempts for rescue, and floating farewells from long-lost souls.

Ric Mixter's new book, Bottled Goodbyes, chronicles the most famous messages ever recovered, including three bottles found after the Titanic disaster. One of those messages was allegedly from a White House aide who served two U.S. presidents!

Ric also investigates five messages that floated ashore from the Great Storm of 1913 and shares in-depth information on the barge Plymouth and Lightship 82 notes. Both ships were lost with their crews, so the recovered messages made national headlines.

Each of the Great Lakes are highlighted, making this a lecture that can be shared anywhere on the inland seas. Of particular interest are the near crashes of Balloonist Washington Donaldson in lakes Ontario and Michigan and the final flight that took his life off the Michigan coast in 1875.

Ric also investigates the development of radio on the Great Lakes and how that led to a decrease in bottles recovered. The rescue of the Pere Marquette 18 Carferry is specifically highlighted as an example. That ship was discovered in the summer of 2020 in 500 feet of water off the coast of Wisconsin.

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- Dale Koziol for providing a Grant from his former employer to be able to repair the transmission for the GLSPS RV Preservation Research Vessel



#### Tug Hercules (44°56.283′ 93°33.150′)

The 50 foot steam tugboat Hercules was constructed in 1917 by the Twin City Rapid Transit Company in Excelsior. The tug was used for TCRT dock and boat maintenance. Hercules was scuttled in 1926 along with the other TCRT boats Como, Minnehaha, and White Bear. Today lying in less than 50 ft. of water, the Hercules is probably the most popular wreck dive in Minnetonka. Although the cabins and machinery are gone the hull, deck and bitts are still in good condition. You can see the name on the hull near the bow.

#### Hopkins (44°56.455' 93°32.905')

The Hopkins was one of six steam propeller streetcar boats, built by the Twin City Rapid Transit Company in 1906 in Minneapolis to service Lake Minnetonka tourist traffic. All were 70 ft. long and 15 ft. in beam. Their hulls were of cypress planking and white oak frames. They were painted canary yellow to match the TCRT street cars. Before the White Bear, Minnehaha, and Como were dismantled and scuttled in 1926 the other four streetcar boats were offered for sale, but only the Hopkins was purchased. The Hopkins was purchased by Captain George Hopkins, repainted white, and entered the excursion trade on the lake as the Minnetonka until she was intentionally sunk in 1949. Today the Hopkins lies in 60 ft. of water and is the most intact of the streetcar boat wrecks with part of her fragile cabins still intact.

#### Como (44°56.408' 93°33.178')

The Como was one of six steam propeller streetcar boats built by the Twin City Rapid Transit Company in 1906 in Minneapolis to service Lake Minnetonka tourist traffic. One more streetcar boat the Excelsior was added in 1915. All were 70 ft. long and 15 ft. in beam. They were painted canary yellow to match the TCRT street cars. By 1924 as new roads and increased use of automobiles cut into the transportation business, TCRT began limiting service and in 1925 decommissioned the Como, Minnehaha and White Bear. In 1926 all three and later the Hercules were scuttled north of Big Island. Today the Como is probably the second most intact of the streetcar boats but only the deeply embedded hull, some deck hardware like bitts, cleats, and ventilator scoops still remains in 50 to 60 ft. of water.

#### White Bear (44°56.480' 93°33.070')

The White Bear was one of six steam propeller streetcar boats built by the Twin City Rapid Transit Company in 1906 in Minneapolis to service Lake Minnetonka tourist and commuter traffic. All were 70 ft. long and 15 ft. in beam. The primary function of the streetcar boats, was to provide fast and reliable transportation for the residents of Lake Minnetonka who commuted to work in the Twin Cities. In 1926 the Como, Minnehaha, White Bear and Hercules were scuttled north of Big Island. Today the White Bear, much like the Como, is probably the least intact of the streetcar boats with only the deeply embedded hull, some deck hardware like bitts, cleats, ventilator scoops, and railing still remaining in 70 ft. of water.

#### Sternwheeler Excelsior (44°56.396′ 93°33.475′)

The Excelsior was originally built and named the sternwheeler George in 1901. She was 125 feet in length and had a beam of 22 ft. It was re-named in 1904 as the Excelsior. The stern-wheeler was sold to the Twin City Rapid Transit Company in 1906. When her business was no longer financially viable it was decided to burn the old boat as a Lake Minnetonka entertainment event in 1909. Tickets were sold on the other boats to witness the spectacle and over 5,000 people paid to watch. Today she lies in 55 ft. of water. he hull, deck, bow bitt, flag pole, and stern wheel supports can still be seen.

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The double-ender sidewheel steamer Minneapolis was constructed in 1906 for the Twin City Rapid Transit Company to ferry for their visitors from Excelsior to the Big Island Amusement Park. The ferries were originally built 109 feet long with a 35 foot beam, but were lengthened to 142 ft. after the first season. After the Big Island Amusement Park closed in 1911 owners tried in 1912 to repeat the successful performance and profit they

had burning the Excelsior by selling tickets and burning the Minneapolis. Unfortunately it rained August 8, 1912, when she was burned and the crowd was only a fraction of what they had hoped.

Today the Minneapolis lies in 70 ft. of water charred broken in half. It is typically a dark low visibility dive that gets worse the deeper you go and definitely only recom-



mended for advanced divers. Away from the high peak of the wreck there are remnants of the side-wheel but very difficult to navigate.

#### 1959 Owens Cabin Cruiser (44°56.396' 93°33.475')

The wreck of a 22 ft. 1959 Owens Cabin Cruiser was a victim of a fatal collision with a runabout. The collision occurred in 1970 at night when the runabout rammed the Owens Cruiser near the bow. Three of the four passengers in the runabout were killed in the accident. The Owens is a plywood cruiser which is missing the bow due to the collision but still has the wheel, gauges, running lights, cabin and stern. It rests in 45 ft. of water south of Big Island.

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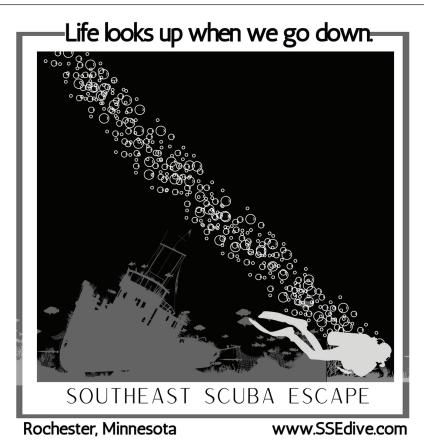
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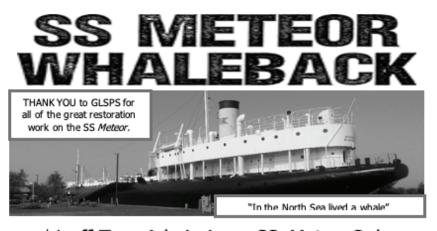


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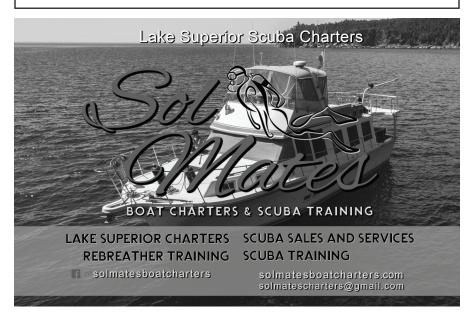


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