



THE NIAGARA DIVERS' ASSOCIATION PRESENTS THE 27TH ANNUAL

Shipwrecks 2021

CANADA'S LARGEST SHIPWRECK SHOW

This year Online April 9-10, 2021

This year the event will be presented online over 2 Days.
The Friday Night Film Festival. The Saturday Afternoon Seminars, and the Main Event on Saturday Night.
The show will be presented live, and like in past years we will make it as interactive as possible.

The show is free, but you must register to attend

More information, including Program Descriptions & Speaker Biographies, at

www.shipwrecks.niagaradivers.com

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Friday April 9th at 7:00 pm EST

Tom Wilson – Master of Ceremonies

Tom has presented both short and primary presentations at previous "Shipwrecks Symposiums" and has been our Master of Ceremonies for eight years. We are very pleased to have him back again this year.

Helen Cooper – The Manola – One Ship, Two Shipwrecks

Helen loves Shipwrecks with a good story and the Manola doesn't disappoint. She has an honourable history and is quite possibly the only wreck that can claim to be two separate Shipwrecks!

Ian Marshall – Lake Erie (Eastern basin) Mooring Project

Jill Heinerth – Rebreather Safety

Jill Heinerth has been diving rebreathers for over 25 years, taking them on remote filming and scientific expeditions. She shares her wisdom from lessons learned in the polar regions and underwater caves around the world.

NDA Club Promo – The Creature from beneath the Old Welland Canal

David Trotter – “Desperate Voyage” Discovery of the Keystone State

The 288' Sidewheel Steamer Keystone State has been discovered in Lake Huron. She was the second largest ship on the Great Lakes when launched in 1849. Following the outbreak of Civil War hostilities in April, 1861, her loss, more than 150 years ago with a crew of 33, was a significant tragedy.

Saturday April 10th at 1:00 pm EST

Tom Wilson – Master of Ceremonies

Matt Mandziuk – Wreck Diving Tips, Trips and Techniques

Matt will be discussing what attracts us to shipwrecks, the proper training, skills, equipment and experience needed to become a safe and efficient shipwreck diving explorer.

David Gilchrist – Hope Island/Christian Island Shipwrecks Revisited

Shipwrecks in Lower Georgian Bay became an attractive dive location in the mid 1970's. Many older divers here today may have enjoyed a dive weekend on board the 'Argonaut Diver' when we could visit several wrecks, the Western Island lighthouse and even a wreck over on the east side of Georgian Bay. Four of the wrecks that became quite popular were the Mapledawn, the Michigan, the Hope Island 'Mystery' Wreck and the Lottie Wolf. Fortunately, these wrecks are still there and relatively free from zebra mussel encrustations. For the new diver they offer a great first experience with shallow water wreck diving. At least two great charter services presently offer diving to these

wrecks.

Walter Lewis – Early Steam Wrecks on the Great Lakes

This presentation will feature a range of steam vessels that pioneered service on the Great Lakes, all of them built before the American Civil War. Some were lost early in their careers; some survived into the twentieth century. Some are among the most interesting dive sites on the lakes. A handful left the Lakes and met their ends in other waters. Some are still hiding in the depths of the Lakes.

15 Minute Break

Ian Kerr-Wilson – Accessibility is an Issue: Public Education and the Hamilton & Scourge National Historic Site

The Hamilton and the Scourge are two American War of 1812 schooners resting on the bottom of Lake Ontario. Together they form one of only two shipwreck sites given a level of protection by the provincial ministry which prevents sport diving (the other being the Edmund Fitzgerald). As such, they are perhaps the most inaccessible National Historic Site in the nation. The talk will highlight the punctuated waves of public interest which have attended the wrecks since their discovery in the 1970s. These waves of interest rise, fall and repeat as sporadic research projects take place, resulting in repetitive discussions about 'what to do about the wrecks.' The talk will provide an overview of research into the wrecks since their discovery, and examine how we might break free from the circularity of these discussions.

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Kayla Martin – Low Impact Diving – Save Ontario Shipwrecks

Over the course of almost two centuries, much of Ontario's marine heritage resource has been remarkably well preserved. The cold dark waters of the Great Lakes and their tributaries have provided archaeologists, sport divers and dive charter operators a unique opportunity – to discover our heritage. The increased popularity of sport diving has proportionally increased the pressure to which our fragile marine heritage is being subjected. Over time many shipwrecks have literally become worn out, most often inadvertently by divers. It is up to each of us to preserve these time capsules of history for others to enjoy and explore. The City of Brockville is in the centre of the "Thousand Islands" and its waters are home to many Shipwrecks. Kayla invites you to come and experience the history that waits beneath the waves as she shows you how to become a Low Impact Diver.

Tom Wilson – Scuba Secrets: Cracking the Instructor Code

In addition to being MC, Tom will also have a short presentation which is sure to leave you with a smile!

Jill Heinerth – Into The Planet – Journeys in Cave and Polar Diving

Jill shares a fast-paced program that highlights her new book Into The Planet and the making of the CBC documentary film Under Thin Ice where she swims with polar bears, walrus, and narwhals to tell the story of climate change.



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