

The Niagara Divers' Association
Presents



A Full Day Symposium On Shipwrecks

**Saturday, March 13, 2010
9:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M.**

Centennial Secondary School
240 Thorold Road, Welland, Ontario

COST

(Lunch & Refreshments Included)

\$38 CDN / \$38.00 U.S. (Up to February 14, 2010)
\$43 CDN / \$43.00 U.S. (After February 14, 2010)

For General Information

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For Registration Information Contact:

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Kevin Magee The Schooner Riverside

During the great October storm of 1893, many vessels and lives were lost on Lake Erie. Among them was the three-masted schooner "Riverside," which was carrying a load of stone from Kelleys Island to Tonawanda, NY. It was lost with all hands. In 2007 the Cleveland Underwater Explorers (CLUE) located this wreck in about 75 feet of water 25-30 miles from Cleveland. A preliminary archaeological survey was performed, and the wreck was photographed to document its current condition on the bottom. The "Riverside" is a pristine example of a 19th-century schooner and is an outstanding central basin Lake Erie shipwreck. It also serves as a reminder of the power and horror of the great storm of 1893 that sank so many vessels on the Great Lakes.

Kevin works as a mechanical engineer for ZIN Technologies, Inc., an engineering services contractor that mainly serves NASA Glenn Research Center. His work involves the development of space experiments, and he has worked on projects that have flown on the Space Shuttle, International Space Station, sounding rockets, drop towers, and parabolic aircraft.

In 2001 David VanZandt and Kevin founded Cleveland Underwater Explorers Inc. (CLUE), a non-profit corporation whose members include divers and historians dedicated to researching, locating, exploring, and documenting the shipwrecks and submerged history of the Great Lakes. CLUE has discovered and documented over 20 shipwrecks.

Tom Wilson Master of Ceremonies

Tom Wilson's photographs have been published in magazines such as Diver, Advanced Diver, Scuba Press, Immersed, Ottawa Outdoors, and the Toronto Star, all concentrating on the amazing wrecks of the Great Lakes. Tom is a PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer, and holds various certifications from IANTD, TDI, and GUE all the way up to full trimix and full cave. He enjoys teaching underwater photography, along with ice diving and nitrox courses. Tom has presented both short and primary presentations at previous "Shipwrecks Symposiums" and was Master of Ceremonies for the last two years. We are very pleased to have him back again this year.

Tony Gramer Thirty-Six Hours Adrift on Lake Huron Loss of the Schooner Corsair

The 133-foot schooner Corsair met a heavy gale on Saturday, September 28, 1872 off Thunder Bay lighthouse. Heavily laden with iron ore below deck and another fifty tons on deck, the Corsair foundered off Sturgeon Point on Sunday, September 29, 1872. Two survivors of the crew of seven were left to tell the story.

Located by Capt. Ed Ellison, Tony Gramer and crew joined in the filming and documentation of the remains of the Corsair.

Tony has been diving since 1977 and is a certified PADI Divemaster. He is the president of Silent World Information Masters, Inc. (SWIM). His images have taken best in show and first place in photo contests throughout the United States, Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac, and Mexico. His images have been included in numerous magazines, pamphlets, catalogs, calendars and CD covers. He adds about 90 dives per year to his log book of over 1,700 shipwreck dives. His main interest is photography, researching and diving shipwreck schooners and brigs.

Georgann & Mike Wachter The Steamer Sun and Seven New Lake Erie Discoveries

This new program will focus on the discovery of the steamer Sun south of Rondeau Bay, Ontario. In addition, the Wachters will highlight seven other new shipwreck dive locations, including the sandsucker Gerkin and schooner Albion located by Jim Herbert and Gary Kozak, a rum runner sunk near Colchester, barge US 240, a schooner off Long Point, the schooner Groton and a net hang site they believe they were the first to dive.

Authors of the recently released Erie Wrecks and Lights, Georgann and Mike Wachter are well known for their other two books, Erie Wrecks East and Erie Wrecks West. They have been diving around the world since the early 1970's, and what was once a part-time hobby became a full-time investigation into the myths and realities behind the thousands of shipwrecks in the Great Lakes. Georgann is an accomplished researcher and speaker and her marine artwork has been exhibited around the Great Lakes. Mike makes his living as a management consultant and public speaker.

Shipwrecks/2010 Information

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: <http://www.vaxxine.com/nda> FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION

Or call: Barb Marshall: (905) 382-2389 (Fort Erie)
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Shipwrecks/2010 Registration

AS WE WILL BE ISSUING NAME TAGS, PLEASE REMIT 1 REGISTRATION FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING.
YOU MAY COMBINE PAYMENT ONTO ONE CHEQUE/CHECK.

Please Forward Registrations and Payment to:

Niagara Divers' Association
P.O. Box 28060, 600 Ontario Street
St. Catharines, ON L2N 7P8 CANADA

Jill Heinerth
Rebreather Technology & Cave Diving

Jill Heinerth will divide her presentation into two parts: outlining today's rebreather technology; and opportunities afforded through cave diving around the world. In this lively presentation, you'll learn about how these endeavours can enhance your capabilities as a diver and open up new realms of exploration.

Jill Heinerth holds various SCUBA, Cave Diving, and Closed Circuit Rebreather instructor credentials. An ADOBE PHOTOSHOP expert, she also teaches Underwater Digital Photography workshops and classes. Bringing technology to extreme underwater environments, Jill contributes writing and photography to international magazines and websites, including National Geographic, Smithsonian, and dozens of diving publications. An award-winning filmmaker, Jill wrote, produced, and appeared in WATER'S JOURNEY, the PBS documentary project that takes viewers on visceral travels through the world's greatest water systems.

Jill's many diving accomplishments are highlighted by an Antarctic cave diving expedition inside the largest iceberg known to man and significant contributions to the Wakulla 2 project, using paradigm-changing technology to map an underwater cave system in three dimensions. At Wakulla, secondary to a scientific mission, Jill established a women's diving world record. Jill holds numerous professional diving, photographic and filmmaking awards.

Ric Mixter
The Wheelmen

"The Wheelmen" is derived from Ric's new book that chronicles the lives of four men involved in famous shipwrecks. This first-person account is based on television interviews with the men, along with historical footage and underwater images.

Ed Kanaby, survivor of the Great Storm of 1913.

Ray O'Malley, survivor of the USS Escanaba, which sank mysteriously during World War II near Greenland.

Lloyd Belcher, survivor of the 1940 Armistice Day Storm.

Leonard Gabrysiak, survivor of the Cedarville.

Ric Mixter has created over 30 documentaries for PBS and has been featured as a shipwreck expert on the History and Discovery Channels. He was the underwater cameraman on expeditions to the Edmund Fitzgerald in 1994 and Carl D. Bradley in 1995. His underwater library of images includes over 100 shipwrecks. He has been featured in several books and his life story was profiled in a feature-length documentary in 2009. Ric was awarded the 2009 Award for Historic Interpretation by the Association for Great Lakes Historians.

David Mekker
In Memory of Joyce Hayward
For the Love a Ship - The Sad Saga of the Alvin Clark

Joyce Hayward, one of our most loved presenters, died on August 25, 2009 after a multi-year battle with cancer. Over the years, she continued to research the Alvin Clark and discovered additional photos and film footage. She asked David Mekker to help her update the presentation she sadly was never able to give. He is honoured to have been able to assist Joyce and to present her favourite and final presentation.

Launched in 1846 and lost in 1864, the Clark was discovered in 1967 on the dark and murky bottom of Lake Michigan. The ship was virtually a submerged time capsule, and was in perfect condition. Could the ship be raised and what would be the outcome? The Alvin Clark became one of the most exciting and yet controversial shipwrecks in the Great Lakes. A haunting story from beginning to end, the odyssey of "The Mystery Ship from 19 Fathoms" will long be remembered.

David, a long-standing member of the Niagara Divers' Association, is Chair of Shipwrecks/2010, a position he has held for the past thirteen years. Since 1992, Dave's photography has centred around Great Lakes shipwrecks, resulting in awards at events such as the Ford Seahorses Great Lakes Film Festival. In 2000, Dave discovered a new passion for underwater videography - this will be his sixth presentation at Shipwrecks.

Jim & Pat Stayer
A Deadly Mistake -
The Sinking of the U-352

During WWII the U-352 was one of the German Submarines that patrolled the East Coast waiting to ambush any merchant vessel that dared cross their path.

On May 9, 1942 the U-352 mistook the Coast Guard Cutter USS Icarus for a merchant ship and fired upon her. A deadly mistake. This program includes: the story of the sinking, complete with historical photographs; an interview from one of the divers that discovered the wreck in the Graveyard of the Atlantic; and footage of the sub on the bottom and deep within her hull.

For 35 years Jim & Pat Stayer have been diving in the Great Lakes and around the world. Pat is a member of the Women's Diving Hall of Fame and Jim has been a U.S.C.G Licensed Captain for 24 years. They have co-authored three books and produced 20 DVDs. The Stayers have discovered eight shipwrecks and documented numerous others. They have worked as cameramen for the History Channel and their footage has appeared on several major commercial networks. Jim and Pat have been popular presenters at dive shows across the country.

David Trotter
The Mighty Hercules
and Other Great Stories

Although the Great Lakes hold many shipwrecks in remarkable condition, one of their most unique has never before been seen by divers or historians. It is the giant working dredge, Hercules, one of the largest working dredges to have ever been lost. While these vessels normally live out their lives working in protected harbors and close to shore, at times fate does intervene. After eighty years, her loss now provides shipwreck divers and historians the opportunity to explore a working vessel, upright on the floor of Lake Huron. The views of the vessel are magnificent, with her upper works beginning relatively shallow, and extending 200' to the floor of Lake Huron. Swimming in and around the huge "I" beams, cables and pulleys attached to the giant upright dredge is an unprecedented dive and exploration experience.

David Trotter is a renowned shipwreck discoverer, deep diver, author, lecturer and photographer. In over 30 years of diving, he has been the first to locate, identify and document 70+ Great Lakes shipwrecks. His shipwreck discoveries and programs have been featured on television and in newspapers throughout the U.S. and Canada and in Gerry Volgenau's book, "Shipwreck Hunter". He has written several articles on Great Lakes shipwrecks that have been published in historical journals and national scuba diving publications.

Welland Scuba Park / Mooring Project
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NAME: _____ Phone: (____) _____
ADDRESS: Street: _____ Fax: (____) _____
City: _____ E-Mail: _____
Prov/State: _____ Postal/Zip: _____

Previous Attendee: Yes No Dive Club Affiliation (If Any) _____

Postmarked: Up to February 14, 2010: \$38 CDN x _____ = \$ _____
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Please Note: As this is an all-day event and a long day, we ask that no registrations be sent for children under the age of 12
Your order will be verified by e-mail or phone and tickets held at the door for pickup - see website for directions or call 905-382-2389.