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## **The New Face of Underwater Archaeology in Ontario**

(Toronto ON, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010) Save Ontario Shipwrecks selected its 2010 Board of Directors at its Annual General Meeting in London on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Held in conjunction with the Museum of Ontario Archaeology's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Underwater Heritage Preservation event, the meeting brought together dedicated amateur marine archaeologists from across southern Ontario. The new Board of Directors will continue Save Ontario Shipwrecks' 29 years of service for preserving the cultural heritage of this province's waterways.

As the new President of SOS, Michael Hill brings considerable experience as the leader of Preserve Our Wrecks, our Kingston-area sister organization. He will be assisted in this position by Brian Prince, who has agreed to remain on the Board as Past President after many years of service. Krissy Nickle will bring land-based archaeological experience in Ontario as Vice-President, while Prof. David Taylor of McMaster University will act as Treasurer. Jonathan Ferguson, a doctoral candidate in Near Eastern archaeology at the University of Toronto, has assumed the role of Secretary. The Board wished to welcome and introduce our newly-elected Directors, Christopher Phinney and Bryan Thomas, who bring practical underwater archaeology experience as members of the avocational group Liquid Archaeology. Chris acts as our Lead Tutor for courses accredited by the Nautical Archaeology Society, while Bryan is a Tutor-in-training.

The Board also wishes to thank two outgoing Directors for their service to Save Ontario Shipwrecks: Marg Barker and Brian Nickle. Marg has served on the Board for many years as Secretary and Treasurer, and will continue her commitment as Quartermaster of our online store.

Save Ontario Shipwrecks, a provincial heritage organization founded in 1981, is run strictly by volunteers. It has 10 chapters, is funded through membership, fundraising, private donations and in part by a grant from Ontario Ministry of Culture and Tourism. Our key initiatives include: a mooring buoy program; above and below water informative plaques; public information displays; archaeological workshops and seminars; as well as shipwreck surveys and monitoring.

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