

Exploring Lake Superior's Shipwreck Coast
from the Edmund Fitzgerald to recently discovered shallow coastal ships

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Whitefish Point anchors the eastern end of Lake Superior's Shipwreck Coast. The Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum, Whitefish Point Light Station, and Whitefish Point Underwater Preserve offer many opportunities to explore history and the beauty of our natural environment both above and below the surface of Lake Superior. Join a team of experienced researchers as they demonstrate the breadth of experiences that are available.

From the deep side - the team will share a glimpse of some well known wrecks such as the Edmund Fitzgerald and the Vienna. You will get to see some preliminary results from a project to thoroughly film, measure, sketch, and interpret some of these Michigan Maritime Treasures. View some of the resulting artwork rendered by world-renowned artists. Learn about the complex orchestration of divers, remote-controlled-submersible-technology, and historians needed to supply the artists with accurate site details.

From the shallow side – the team will show you some exciting new wrecks discovered in 2006. Some of these are within a short swim or kayak from shore and are in readily visible to snorkelers (wind and weather allowing). One of these new finds is the Saturn which sank approximately 400 feet from shore on November 27, 1872. Researchers believe many shallow wrecks along the shipwreck coast may be exposed from time to time due to changing weather and water-levels. Thus, offering many opportunities for new discoveries in the Whitefish Point Underwater Preserve. While exploring shipwrecks is exciting, remember to take only pictures and tread lightly so we can preserve the opportunity for future generations of explorers.

Discover how history comes alive when we dive into these rich stories of our Great Lakes Heritage! For additional information on the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society and the **Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum** at Whitefish Point call 1-800-635-1742 or visit www.shipwreckmuseum.com

For additional information on the **Whitefish Point Underwater Preserve** - please visit www.whitefishpoint.net .

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GLSHS Team Bios:

Terry Begnoche has worked as a volunteer with the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society for over 20 years serving as board president, researcher, diver, and underwater still photographer. GLSHS helped establish the Whitefish Point Underwater Preserve.

Darryl Ertel – A representative of the Whitefish Point Underwater Preserve for over 15 years. Darryl volunteers with the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society as a Technical Diver, underwater video and photographer. He is a Technical and Rebreather Diving Instructor with twenty years of experience.

Steve Ouellette – is a highly experienced technical diver and Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society researcher and volunteer board member. Steve has led GLSHS' Technical Dive Team on many highly technical shipwreck documentation projects.

Sarah Wilde – A representative of the Whitefish Point Underwater Preserve for nine years. Sarah volunteers with the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society. Sarah is an avid scuba diver for 25 years, enjoys underwater video and photography, researching shipwrecks and is a graphic artist by profession. She paddles a whitewater kayak and flat water canoe between dive trips.