

Deep Six: Titanics of the Great Lakes

A Ric Mixer Lecture

Based on Ric's 1998 documentary, this lecture shares the largest ships ever lost on the Great Lakes, which includes:

The Cedarville: lost in a collision in the Straits of Mackinac near the famous Mackinac Bridge, 10 men lost their lives due to a captain's desire to run full steam in pea-soup fog. Ric shares rare television interviews with survivors and a German sailor who helped rescue the men from the freezing water.

The Daniel J Morrell: Ripped into two parts in a 1966 storm, the Morrell's stern sailed for five miles after the bow sank. Only one man survived a two night ordeal in November of 1966.

The Carl Bradley: The largest ship lost on Lake Michigan was empty when it broke in a storm in 1958. Two men survived, and Ric shares insight to the disaster and how the story has been perpetually incorrect over the years. Featuring exclusive comments from US Steel president Chris Buekema, this lecture is unmatched in its scope of the largest ships lost.

The James Reed: Lake Erie's largest wreck, lost in a collision in the fog in the middle of the lake. The water is so shallow that one man climbed up the mast and never even got wet. Eyewitness interviews make this an exclusive look at a wreck few have talked about.

The James Carruthers: Canada's largest freighter during the 1913 Storm was lost during a killer storm that took 250 lives and a dozen ships. It has yet to be discovered, one of three of the ships still missing.

William C Moreland: This massive steel freighter barely made five trips after launching when it was blinded by smoke along Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula and ran aground on the notorious Sawtooth Reef. A long salvage project finally saved half the wreck, which was rebuilt into another freighter.

Edmund Fitzgerald: The largest of Great Lakes shipwrecks, this ship reached legendary status after a Top 40 song was written about its lost on Lake Superior in 1975

Total time is about an hour with time for questions and answers. Ric needs a projection screen but will provide his own projector and amplification for the video. Larger audiences (over 75 patrons) may require use of amplification such as a microphone, amp and speakers of which your facility would be responsible for. In this case, Ric would like to plug into your system using a MAC computer with earphone output for your amplification.

Lecture cost is \$300 plus travel costs from Wixom, MI. Virtual options exist and hotel room and meals are required if more than three hours drive from Oakland County, MI.

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