November Gales

A Ric Mixter Lecture

The witch of November has terrorized the Great Lakes since the first Americans paddled the shorelines. Fed by moisture from the Gulf of Mexico and chilled by an Arctic jet stream, these storms wreak havoc on the lakes and bring notorious storms that have sunk the largest freighters lost on the inland seas.

In this very popular lecture, Ric Mixter shares not only insight and rare survivor interviews from autumn gales, but also first hand accounts of dives to freighters lost to the winds. From his dive to the *Edmund Fitzgerald* and help in rediscovery of the *Carl Bradley* to the unique destruction of the *Daniel J Morrell* and miraculous survival of Dennis Hale, Ric Mixter shares details and underwater footage that you've never seen in any other lecture on the topic.

Chronicling modern storms from 1905 to 1975, this lecture is very popular anywhere in the midwest, as it features many of the wrecks that have been chronicled in countless books. Ric shares what it's like to dive the shipwrecks from submarines and with SCUBA and he brings 30 years of award-winning research to the podium.

Included in this are his exclusive interviews with two sailors who took on 126 mile per hour winds during the 1940 Armistice Day Storm.

Energetic and knowledgable, Ric is one of the most requested speakers on the Great Lakes, not only based on his personality but also on his ability to dig for details that other lecturers have missed.

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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