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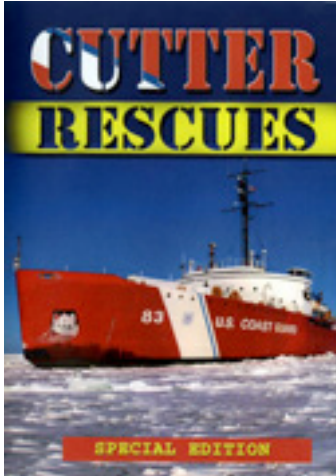


CEMENT BOAT

New documentary from Ric Mixter follows the history and route of the cement carrier S.S Alpena. Crew interviews offer a real insight into what life on the lakes is like. Extras include an inside tour of the 111-year-old steamer E.M. Ford.

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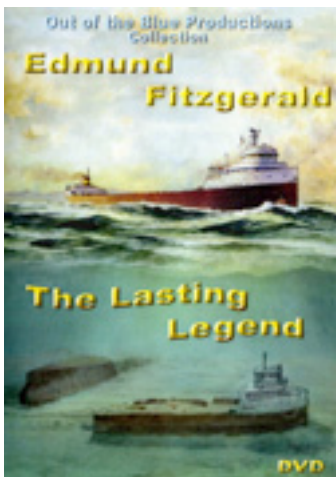


DEEP SIX: Titanics of the Great Lakes

From the producers of "The Edmund Fitzgerald Investigation" comes this new, 1-hour video exploring six major Great Lakes shipwrecks: Cedarville, Daniel J. Morrell, Carl D. Bradley, James Carruthers, William C. Moreland and Edmund Fitzgerald. Interviews with survivors of four of these shipwrecks reveal a gripping story of man against nature.

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EDMUND FITZGERALD: The Lasting Legacy

This new DVD includes an interview with Capt. Donald Erickson, who tells his story of sailing the William Clay Ford back out into the raging storm in an attempt to rescue the Fitzgerald's crew. With underwater video and the actual radiotelephone calls as other vessels and the Coast Guard discovered the Fitz was missing.

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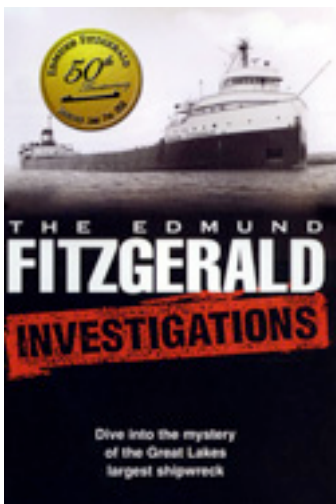


GREAT LAKES SHIPS IN ACTION, Vol. 1

Excellent footage of nearly 100 vessels (many of which are no longer in service), from tugs to 1,000-footers, set to music (no narration or annoying subtitles). Some of the vessels on the tape include the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Mackinaw, Kinsman Enterprise, Mesabi Miner, Willowglen, Edward L. Ryerson, Labrador and Arthur M. Anderson.

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Lost with all hands in 1975, the "Big Fitz" remains a mystery to this day. This 1997 video looks at the Fitzgerald tragedy and also documents various expeditions that have visited the shipwreck as it sits on Lake Superior's frigid bottom.

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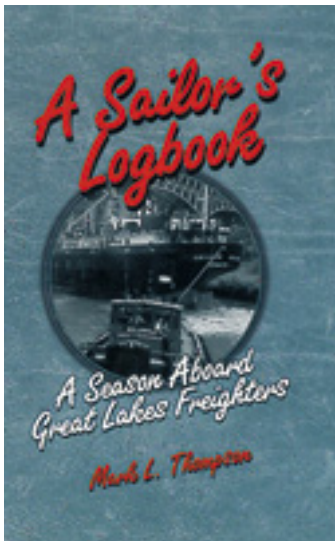
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GREAT LAKES TALES



CENTENNIAL: Steaming Through The American Century
Chris Winters' acclaimed book captures the essence of life aboard the 100-plus-year-old Great Lakes steamboat St. Marys Challenger. This 240-page coffee table book contains over 300 images, including archival and contemporary material. Hardcover; 240 pages

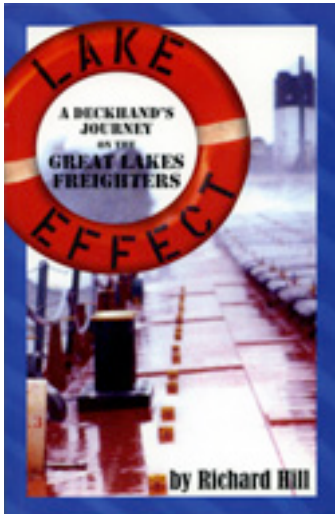
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A SAILOR'S LOGBOOK: A Season Aboard Great Lakes Freighters

Mark L. Thompson began this logbook after he reported for duty aboard the Calcite II for the 1996 shipping season. This volume is the first to chronicle a sailor's life at the end of the 20th century. Not just a detailing of weather, cargo and crew relations, "A Sailor's Logbook" is also an account of the daily lives of a diverse group of crewmembers as they share their sailing knowledge, "sea stories" and the many memories that accompany the pictures. If you want to know what life is really like aboard the lakers, this is a must-read. Paperbound; 328 pages

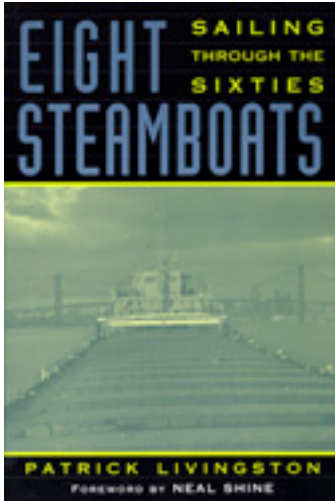
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LAKE EFFECT: A Deckhand's Journey on the Great Lakes Freighters

In the early 1970s, the author sailed on four different U.S. Steel freighters as a deckhand and deckwatch. Ten years later, he enrolled in the Great Lakes Maritime Academy as a deck cadet and sailed on the 1,000-footer Columbia Star. This often funny, insightful memoir follows his voyage of self-discovery. "Lake Effect" is a great read, hard to put down and a unique view into the life of a Great Lakes sailor. If you want to know what life was like on the boats in the 1970s, this book lets you know. Paperbound; 224 pages, black and white photos

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EIGHT STEAMBOATS

Patrick Livingston chronicles his adventures on eight Great Lakes vessels during the 1960s. Told from the perspective of a writer who sails rather than a sailor who writes, the tales are spiced with connections between shore and sea. While the city of Detroit burned in 1967, Livingston served milkshakes to passengers on the South American of the Georgian Bay Lines. Later, Livingston sailed with the notorious George "Bughouse" Schultz on the tanker Mercury. With lively dialogue, Livingston details his experiences up to his signing off the Champlain in 1972 and then setting sail for landlocked Nepal to work with the Peace Corps. Paperbound; 306 pages

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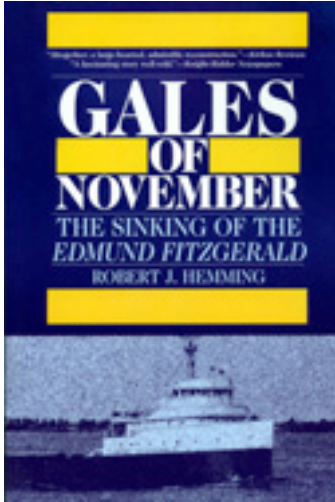


THE WHEELSMAN

Author Ric Mixer invites readers to experience four Great Lakes shipwrecks through the eyes of the men who were at the helm. Revisit the loss of the Cedarville, Novadoc and Escanaba and take a harrowing ride through the Great Storm of 1913. Paperbound; 194 pages

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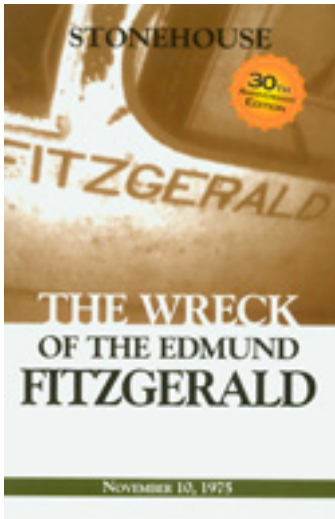


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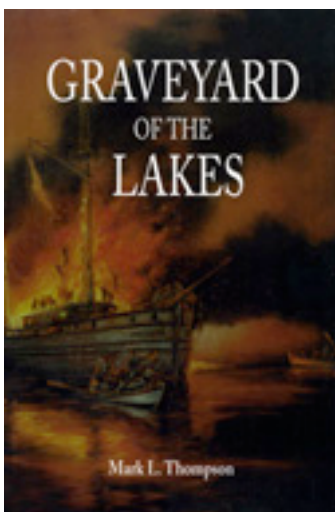


WRECK OF THE EDMUND FITZGERALD

Frederick Stonehouse employs many black and white photos (including underwater views) as well as portions of the official U.S. Coast Guard Marine Casualty Report, to tell the story of the ill-fated ore carrier, lost with all hands on Lake Superior in 1975. This 30th edition is expanded and updated.
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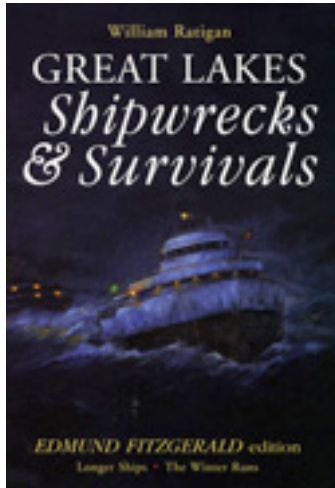


GRAVEYARD OF THE LAKES

The latest volume by Mark L. Thompson, author of "A Sailor's Logbook" and "Queen of the Lakes." "Graveyards" examines specific Great Lakes shipwrecks, from the 1679 loss of the Griffon to the explosion of the tanker Jupiter in 1990, with an eye to the economic, political and psychological factors involved. He includes factual accounts of more than 100 wrecks, and suggests that most of the accidents and deaths on the lakes have been the result of human error, ranging from simple mistakes to gross incompetence. Further, Thompson, a seasoned Great Lakes sailor, concludes that rather than learn from those errors, ship-owners, captains and crews throughout Great Lakes history have been slow to accept change that would result in greater safety.
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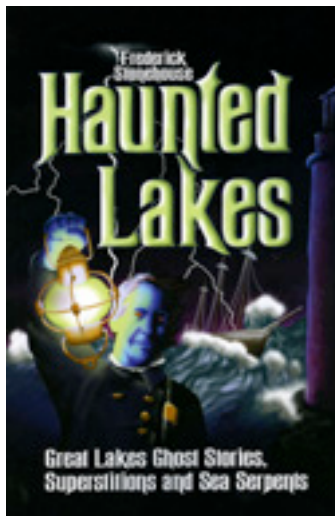


GREAT LAKES SHIPWRECKS & SURVIVALS

William Ratigan's classic details modern-day disasters such as the Edmund Fitzgerald and Carl D. Bradley with gripping narrative, the same style he employs when telling the tales of many shipwrecks of the past. First published in 1960 and revised in 1977, Ratigan's book remains a perennial best-seller and is a must-have for every marine enthusiast.

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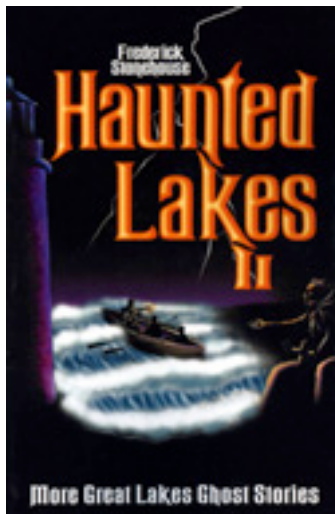


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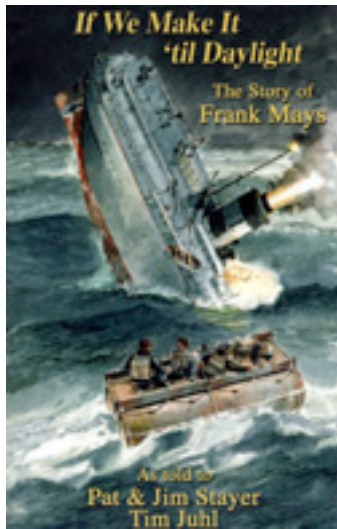


HAUNTED LAKES II

Spirits, sea serpents and superstitions: The inland seas of the Great Lakes offer just as many spellbinding ghostly tales as the saltwater seas. One book simply couldn't carry all the stories, hence this sequel to the popular "Haunted Lakes." Once again, maritime author Frederick Stonehouse compiles the mystifying tales of ghosts on boats, underwater and in lighthouses, of underwater creatures and shipboard superstitions.

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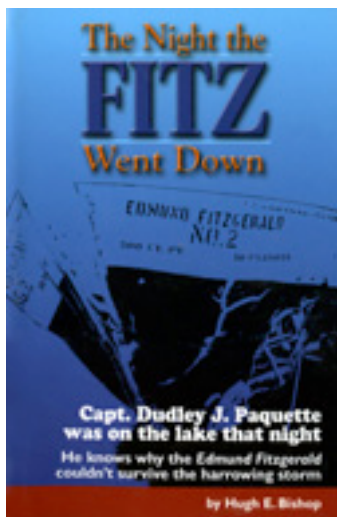
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IF WE MAKE IT TO DAYLIGHT

Author Frank Mays is one of two survivors of the Carl D. Bradley wreck on Lake Michigan, Nov. 18, 1958. He tells his story to shipwreck divers/documentarians Pat and Jim Stayer and Tim Juhl. In addition to Mays' story, the book contains firsthand accounts from the crew of the USCG Sundew, which braved the terrible storm to rescue Mays. It recounts Mays' life after the sinking (including his 1995 dive to the wreck in a submersible) and also includes the results of the U.S. Coast Guard inquiry into the wreck. Photos of all the men lost on the Bradley are also included, as are many photos showing the survivors being brought aboard at Charlevoix and of the many memorial services held in Rogers City, Mich., home for most of those lost on the Bradley. Paperbound; 224 pages

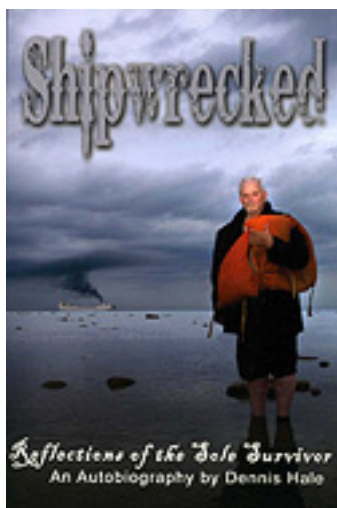
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Hugh E. Bishop's book examines the main theories about what caused the loss of the Edmund Fitzgerald and brings out, for the first time, the voice of Capt. Dudley Paquette, who was master of the S.S. Wilfred Sykes, also sailing Lake Superior that night. Blending history with human tragedy, the book gives an interesting analysis of the facts and offers another perspective on the disaster. Paperbound; 192 pages

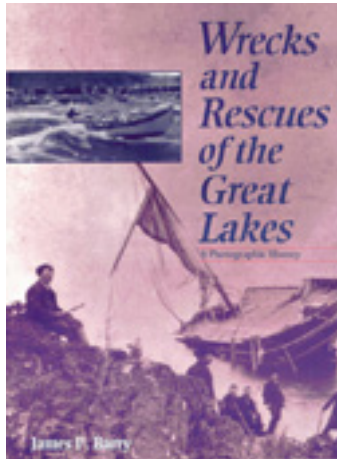
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By now, many folks who follow the Great Lakes know that Dennis Hale was the only survivor of the steamer Daniel J. Morrell, which sank on Lake Huron in late November 1966. This book serves as his autobiography, not only relating the sad story of the shipwreck and its aftermath, but also delving into Hale's troubled childhood and his life as reckless young man in search of a sense of family. Although he's written about the shipwreck before, this self-published volume delves deeper into the emotional side of the story. Paperbound; 312 pages

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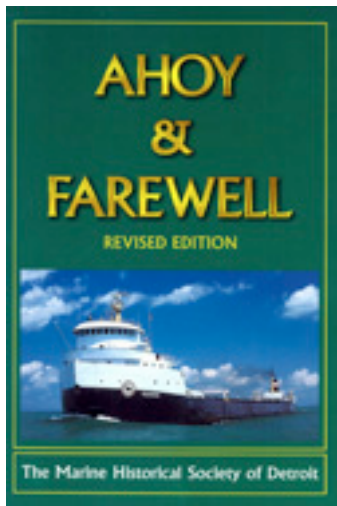
WRECKS and RESCUES of the GREAT LAKES

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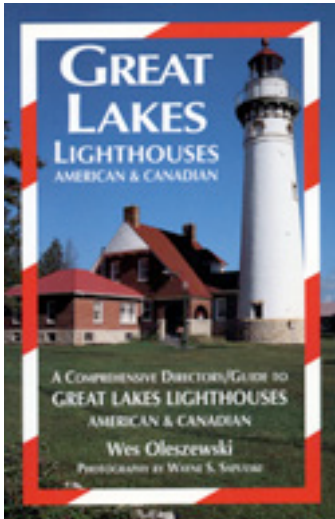


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This outstanding, hardcover publication of the Marine Historical Society of Detroit chronicles vessels that entered service on the Lakes (Ahoy) or that left the Lakes (Farewell) between 1944 and 1969. More than 700 vessels of 1000 gross registered tons or more that comprised the US and Canadian Great Lakes fleet are included in this book, which also includes a photo gallery of vessels. Hardcover; 236 pages

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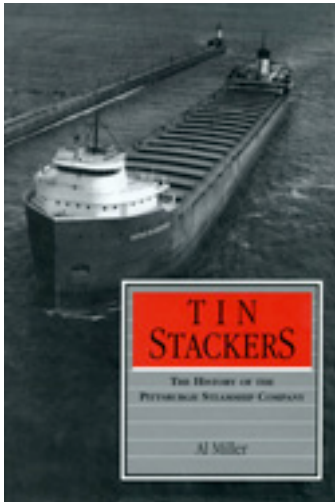
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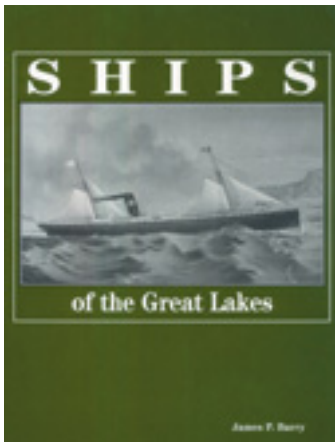
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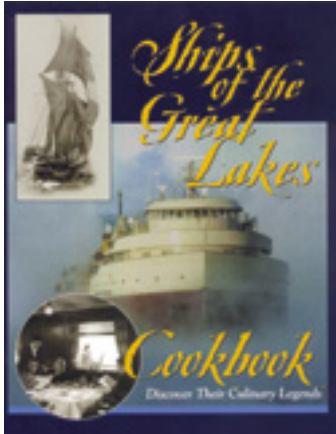
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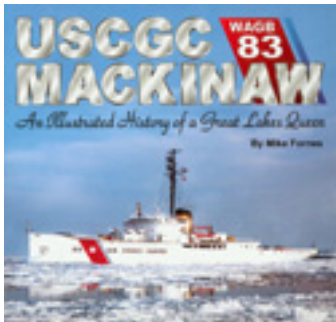
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SHIPS OF THE GREAT LAKES COOKBOOK

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