

Join us as we celebrate Coastal Awareness Month with our partners from Wisconsin Coastal Management and the Wisconsin Historical Society!

Thursday, September 3rd
7:00-8:00 p.m.

Port Exploreum in downtown Port Washington

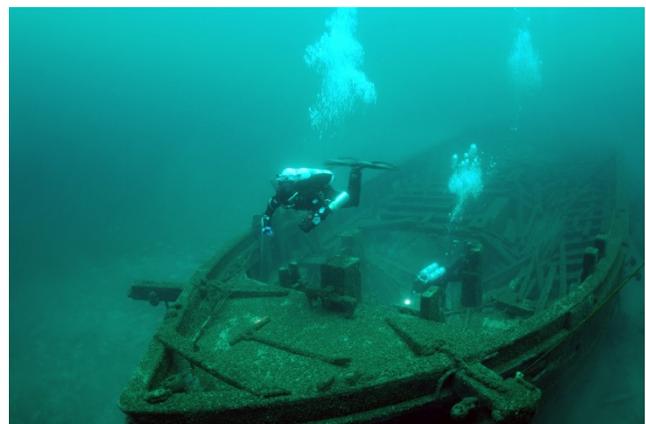
Thanks to the generosity of our partners at the Port Exploreum, this event is free to the public. Seating is limited.

Dive into the history hidden beneath the waves of Lake Michigan with renowned underwater archaeologist Tamara Thomsen. Join her on a tour of shipwrecks of Wisconsin's Proposed National Marine Sanctuary. Learn how Wisconsin Historical Society documents them and their artifacts – including shipwrecks in the Port Washington area, such as the 1856 sinking of the side-wheel steamer Niagara, which caught fire south of Belgium and led to 60 passengers being tragically lost.

Additionally, learn more about:

- Coastal Awareness Month, recognizing the economic, environmental, recreational and cultural importance of our Great Lakes and their impact upon our own quality of life
- Wisconsin Historical Society and Wisconsin Coastal Management collaborative efforts with our state's maritime archaeological resources, including leadership of our National Marine Sanctuary nomination
- The magnificent tall ship *Denis Sullivan*, the flagship of our state and the world's only recreation of a 19th century three-masted Great Lakes schooner that offers sails to the general public

Tamara Thomsen is a Maritime Archaeologist with Wisconsin Historical Society's Maritime Preservation and Archaeology program. Her research has resulted in the addition of 41 Great Lakes shipwrecks to the National Register of Historic Places. In 2013, she was awarded the Association for Great Lakes Maritime History's Joyce S. Hayward Award for Historic Interpretation, and has received the C.P. Labadie Special Recognition Award from the Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society. Outside of Wisconsin Historical Society work, she has participated as a photographer, researcher, and research diver on projects ranging from the USS Monitor with NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries to RMS Titanic with Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. She was a 2014 inductee into the Women Diver's Hall of Fame.



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