

August 1, 2005

Dive club or shop address

Re: Ohio Lake Erie Shipwreck Moorings

Dear (club or shop name)

GREAT NEWS! We have established permanent moorings on six shipwrecks in the Ohio waters of Lake Erie. The moored Wrecks are the tug *Admiral*, the schooner barge *Dundee*, the barge and crane *The Craftsman*, the steamer *Queen of the West*, the sidewheel steamer *Morning Star*, and the sand sucker *Sand Merchant*.

Dive moorings provide greater safety and ease of access to these dive sites. Shops should benefit by having shipwreck easily accessible and clubs will benefit for safe moorings and easy charter access. Enclosed is a brochure outlining the locations and how to use the moorings. Please remember, the moorings are not designed to be attached directly to your vessel. Run a line from your vessel through the mooring yoke and back to your vessel. This provides additional scope and makes releasing from the mooring easy.

As you use the moorings, we ask that you let us know about your experience. Send an email to Moorings@ohiomast.org and let us know about your dive.

1. condition of the mooring
2. visibility
3. were there other dive vessels on the site
4. was the mooring easy to use
5. what suggestions do you have

We anticipate taking the moorings down on or shortly after October 1 and putting them back up on or before June 1 each year.

All of this is made possible by funding from The Ohio Lake Erie Commission and Ohio Coastal Management Program of ODNR. Continued operations will require ongoing funding. Should your club, charter, or dive shop wish to contribute to the ongoing maintenance of the buoy program, please send your check to **Maritime Archaeological Survey Team, Inc., P.O. Box 93352 Cleveland, OH 44101-5352.**

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
Maritime Archeological Survey Team