

The MAST Surveyor

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Welcome Aboard!

The Maritime Archaeological Survey Team (MAST) is "*preserving Great Lakes history one shipwreck at a time.*"

Formed in March 2000, MAST is a nonprofit organization composed of volunteer individuals participating in education, underwater archaeology workshops, and surveys. Volunteers are comprised of divers, boaters, historians, archaeologists, teachers, authors, and other diversified backgrounds and skill sets.

MAST is headquartered at the Peachman Lake Erie Shipwreck Research Center (PLESRC) adjacent to the Great Lakes

Historical Society in Vermilion. Meeting locations vary, but are typically held at the Great Lakes Historical Society.

For additional MAST information, visit our web site at

<http://www.ohiomast.org>

MAST Mission Statement:

MAST, the Maritime Archaeological Survey Team, Inc., is a nonprofit avocational group dedicated to documentation, scientific study and education pertaining to underwater archaeological resources.

Welcome from our MAST Chair

I hate to sound like a bragger but...we did it again, twice. MAST has won another award and a grant. We were totally surprised at Shipwrecks and Scuba when MAST was announced as the 2006 Organization Award Winner. Our gracious thanks goes to the Bay Area Divers for this accolade and for their commitment to hosting such an incredible show for 23 years now.

In other MAST news, DAN has supported us with the grant award of an O2 kit. When we can get away from the paparazzi, we have a lot of other things happening. I hope you were able to join us at the Membership meeting in October. Carrie's talk on world wide archaeological projects was very enlightening. We've submitted our

grant requests to LEPF and OCM for 2007 funding. The field work committee has been designing a *Dundee* survey project T-shirt that's looking very cool.

If you are interested in a particular area of MAST, please contact the committee chair and see what you can do to help. Committee work is a great place to contribute and the first place we look for new board members.

As always, I appreciate everyone's support of MAST.

Ken Marshall
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MAST Wins Organizational Award

Maritime Archaeological Survey Team, MAST, has won the Bay area Divers Shipwreck and Scuba "Organizational Award" For, "synergy created when great enthusiasm and multiple talents join together, often results in something that divers, can all enjoy. The opportunity to explore or study shipwrecks is not something that "just happens". These opportunities come to those who dive because someone or a group of people put a lot of effort, hard work, dedication, and often personal resources' into creating these opportunities for all to enjoy.

MAST's ongoing commitment to education includes training new members in techniques used for shipwrecks research, measuring, mapping, and plotting. MAST shipwreck surveys have resulted in several technical reports including the Adventure, the Hanna, the F.H. Prince as well as the registration of these shipwrecks as archaeological sites with the State of Ohio. MAST has also worked to produce

underwater slates for the sites surveyed. More recent surveys have been done on the Craftsman Dundee and the work continues to progress. In addition, MAST works to educate the community in the history of underwater resources.

More recently, MAST has been highly successful in obtaining funding from the ODNR Department of Coastal Management, the Lake Erie Commission, and also individual donations, for buoying shipwrecks in the Cleveland area including the Dundee, Morning Star, Sand Merchant, Craftsman, Queen of the West, Admiral and others as the work continues. Divers have enjoyed the benefits of using the convenient and safe mooring buoy systems. The MAST motto is "Preserving Great Lakes History One Shipwreck at a Time".

This article was from the Bay Area Divers awards portion of the event.



MAST Chairs and Members accept an organizational award at "Shipwrecks & Scuba"

MAST Officers & Terms:

April 2004 thru April 2007

Joyce Hayward

Ken Marshall (Chair)

Linda Pansing

Scott Pansing (Vice-Chair)

Georgann Wachter

(Treasurer)

Mike Wachter

April 2005 thru April 2008

Judd Clover

John Koch

Jeff Malcolm

Jack Ott

April 2006 thru April 2009

Dick Colwell

Patix Heschel

Ann Stephenson

Non-voting members

(Advisors)

*Carrie Sowden (GLHS/
PLESRC Archaeological*

Director & MAST

Coordinator)

Capt. Wayne Bratton

(GLHS board member,

PLESRC sub-committee)

General Notes:

- 1. Terms for elected directors are three years.*
- 2. Directors may be elected to a maximum of three consecutive terms.*

MAST Individuals Awarded

During the same award weekend that MAST won as organization, Scott and Linda Pansing won an individual award. Scott and Linda are well-known in the dive community for their outstanding contributions to many shipwreck and scuba-related organizations, including MAST. Scott and Linda have proven to be dedicated chairpersons and members of MAST, and have spearheaded educational seminars for trilateration and shipwreck mapping, and have been instrumental in documenting technical shipwreck reports.

The award is given to those who go above and beyond normal participation and involvement in diving and shipwreck education. The Pansings are over-qualified in this regard as they have consistently given their personal

time to raise public awareness and understanding of shipwrecks.

In addition to their active involvement with MAST, Scott and Linda have also assumed many duties as past & present officers in the Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers and the Columbus Sea Nags dive club. Scott headed a committee to the successful passage of legislation that legalizes the use of oxygen to be used in dive medical emergencies, as Linda took on the arduous task of collecting and archiving all the old records of the OCSSDI and preserving it with the Ohio Historical Society.

Congratulations to you both and thank you for all your hard work!

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Scott and Linda Pansing accept an individual achievement award

Committee Reports

Governance Committee:

Approximately 20 MAST members attended the Fall General Meeting held this past November at the Inland Seas Museum. During the meeting MAST members were given survey and committee updates and informed of upcoming projects. The members had the opportunity to join the discussion and voice their opinions on topics such as the spring seminar set up, DAN O2 course, grants, and other continuing education possibilities. Of particular focus was MAST committees and how the membership could take an active role in the advancement of MAST by volunteering to join a committee. In addition, three members expressed an interest in joining the MAST board. There are two more board positions to be filled so if you are interested in taking an active role in the development of MAST please contact the Governance committee:

Committee@ohiomast.org or
Vice-Chair@ohiomast.org

Scott Pansing

spansing@verizon.net

Appropriations Committee:

The Appropriations Committee has submitted grant applications to the Ohio Lake Erie Commission - Lake Erie Protection Fund and the ODNR Office of Coastal Management - Coastal Management Access Grant. The LEPF application is for funding to deploy moorings on four additional wrecks (*City of Concord, Hickory Stick, North Carolina, and F.H. Prince*). If approved, this would give us a total of 10 moorings. The GMAG application is for funding to update our mooring brochure to include the above new wrecks, produce individual shipwreck brochures on all ten wrecks, update the MAST website, and establish a benchmarking project with the Underwater Archeology Society of Chicago (UASC) and the Wisconsin Underwater Archeology Association (WUAA). John Koch

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Thanks to John Koch and Sally Glass for many hours of work collecting information, composing, typing and compiling these grants.
Ken Marshall

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Miscellaneous MAST

OLEC Award Follow-up

In our last MAST newsletter, we announced an award received from the Ohio Lake Erie Commission (OLEC). Since that time, OLEC has posted the award announcement on its website, which is located at:

<http://www.epa.state.oh.us/oleo/lakeerieawards/O6leawin.htm>

The following excerpt is from their website:

"The Ohio Lake Erie Commission is pleased to present the 2006 Ohio Lake Erie Award to the Maritime Archaeological Survey Team, Inc. (MAST) in honor of its outstanding contributions to the protection of Lake Erie ~ Ohio's greatest natural resource.

MAST is a volunteer group with over 400 members that are mostly Ohioans dedicated to one mission ~ "Preserving Great Lakes History one shipwreck at a time." For the past five years, the group has worked with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Great Lakes Historical Society to promote and enhance public awareness of Ohio's Lake Erie shipwrecks.

This diverse group is comprised of scuba divers, shipwreck researchers, archaeologists, geologists, history instructors, professional engineers, Great Lakes authors as well as maritime enthusiasts working together for our cultural resource preservation by providing educational programs and training through publications and workshops.

MAST works completely from donations, grants and volunteer time devoted to preserving the submerged cultural history of Ohio and Lake Erie. This group is the work force behind five completed shipwreck surveys

accomplished in Ohio. Efforts of the team members have resulted in deployment of Ohio's first shipwreck mooring buoys which have contributed to diver safety, increased preservation of Ohio's shipwrecks while enhancing ecotourism to our Lake Erie region.

The Ohio Lake Erie Commission commends the Maritime Archaeological Survey Team for its outstanding accomplishments in helping to enhance Lake Erie's ecotourism and protect its submerged cultural history, and is proud to present to them the 2006 Ohio Lake Erie Award."

ScubaFest 2007

Don't forget that MAST will be holding a mini-workshop on Friday, March 9 at ScubaFest in Wilmington. This workshop is a great way to introduce friends who might be interested in MAST, but are not sure about what we do. It is also a fantastic refresher course if you haven't been in the field recently. Also – Friday night, March 9, ScubaFest will be sponsoring the 2nd Annual Casino Party. All proceeds from this party go directly to MAST to support our ongoing projects! Come out and support ScubaFest and MAST!

Thanks to Bay Area Divers

The MAST Board of Directors (BOD) would like to sincerely thank BAD for awarding us the Certificate of Appreciation for "Providing Inspiration, Leadership, and Contributions to the Diving Public". We appreciate the acknowledgement on the work that has been done by the members of MAST and the BOD. We have achieved many exciting goals such as working on and completing detailed surveys of 5 shipwrecks, placing moorings and mooring blocks to protect the shipwrecks in the Ohio waters of Lake Erie. We have many new goals to accomplish in 2007 and beyond to sustain and maintain the educational classes, mooring buoys and surveys of shipwrecks.

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Miscellaneous MAST continued

Education—O2

MAST was recently awarded a "Rescue Pak Extended Care" Oxygen Kit by the Diver's Alert Network. We now have our own kit to take with us for training dives and on projects, which allows for greater safety during field education. This grant was achieved in large part to the work of Ken Marshall, he put the entire grant proposal together, which was not an easy thing to do. Also, thanks to Joe Doles for providing the O2 fill for the new DAN kit.

On that note, the more people we have that are certified to use the kit, the safer we all are. On Saturday January 28, 2007, MAST will be hosting a DAN O2 training workshop for MAST members only. This is limited because we are able to offer this training at a special rate, only \$30. Several of our members are DAN O2 instructors and are willing to run this class for MAST. The class will run 4-6 hours, starting at 10 am, at the Inland Seas Maritime Museum in Vermilion. Anyone that wishes to sign up for this class should contact Carrie at shipwreck@inlandseas.org or 440-967-3467 x 6. Hope to see you all there!

Education—Shipwrecks

Saturday, February 24 will be the next MAST general meeting at 10 am at the Inland Seas Maritime Museum in Vermilion. The meeting will cover our ongoing winter projects (grant applications, etc), as well as our upcoming spring and summer events (workshops, surveys, etc).

The meeting will be followed by the long awaited talk with Jim Paskert. Jim is going to tell stories of researching, finding, and diving shipwrecks in Lake Erie and beyond. The cost of this is free, but be sure to RSVP to Carrie at 440-967-3467 x 6 or shipwreck@inlandseas.org

MAST Gear

Ann Stephenson and Woody Wodrich have been working to put together a t-shirt for our survey on the Dundee. This will, hopefully, be the first in a series of t-shirts highlighting our ongoing surveys. We will be using the side scan sonar image that was taken by CLUE on the back of the shirt. The front will have GLHS/PLESRC/MAST logos. We *may* have them for sale by the end of January at the O2 training. The shirts will sell for \$15 and we will have them at every MAST event until we run out. Be sure to get them quick, we expect them to be a big seller!

Please let Carrie know if you plan on attending the February meeting – so we have plenty of seating for the group.

440-967-3467 x 6

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Miscellaneous MAST continued

Shipwreck Research

In December, a number of MAST members visited the Bowling Green State University Center for Archival Collections ("CAC") to discuss shipwreck research. Many of the archives are so dated that you have to wear gloves when handling them!

The purpose of the visit was to discuss how to best approach shipwreck research. Some of the CAC records are available online, or by request; however, you need to first understand where to find what it is your looking for as records at the time of shipwreck sinkings were incomplete and sometimes inaccurate. Knowing how to cross-reference information to verify accuracy also becomes important.

Our thanks to BGSU for this valuable historical outing!

Annual Banquet

Leslie Taborac and Georgann Wachter checked out several possible locations for the annual MAST banquet to be held during the seminar weekend on Saturday evening April 21st. We decided to go with the Holiday Inn in Elyria where the banquet was held last year.

There will again be great food, an excellent speaker, booths and a chance to party with loads of divers and historians. Even if you are not able to attend the seminars during the day you may purchase tickets for the evening event. In fact we encourage guests and Great Lakes Historical Society members to attend this fun and informative dinner.

Tickets will go on sale soon.

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MAST members discuss shipwreck research at Bowling Green State University

Treasurer's Report

MAST's 50/50 raffle at the November Bay Area Divers Shipwreck and Scuba Show netted us \$823.00. In addition we received the second half of our \$10,000 grant in November from the Ohio Lake Erie Commission.

After donating \$200 to the Center for Archival Collections at Bowling Green State University for hosting a MAST seminar December 3rd we have \$9476.32 in our checking account. Much of this money is earmarked for putting down additional mooring blocks and

redeploying marker buoys on our six officially sanctioned shipwreck sites.

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2007 Calendar of Events

January 27, 2007 DAN O2 provider course 10 am - 2pm — Inland Seas Maritime Museum in Vermilion.

February 24, 2007 MAST General Meeting and Storytime with Jim Paskert – 10 am – Inland Seas Maritime Museum

March 9 – 11, 2007 ScubaFest — Wilmington, Ohio

Friday, March 9 – MAST mini-workshop – this is a great chance to introduce friends to MAST and what we do. If you haven't been in the field with MAST in awhile, it is a great refresher course on the techniques that we use.

Friday, March 9 – Casino Party – all proceeds from this event go directly to MAST (and it is a great time!!)

April 21-22, 2007 GLHS/MAST Nautical Archaeology Workshop — Inland Seas Maritime Museum in Vermilion

April 21 - 3rd Annual MAST banquet and meeting — Elyria Holiday Inn — Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kevin Crisman

May 19-20, 2007 GLHS/MAST Nautical Archaeology workshop in-water practice — Whitestar Quarry

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