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Shipwreck Show Again a Crowd-Pleaser!

The Presenters, including the Emcee and the Shedd Aquarium Rep.



Chet Childs, Tony Kiefer, Don Doherty, Rachel Gross, Jim Jarecki, Bob Gadbois, Joan Forsberg and Cris Kohl

(PHOTO BY DAN KASBERGER)

The annual **Chicago Shipwreck Show**, presented on Sunday, November 9, 2003, by the Underwater Archaeological Society of Chicago at the John G. Shedd Aquarium's Phelps Auditorium, covered exciting topics, all of which were well-received by the enthusiastic audiences at each of the two showings -- "Chicago's Tall Ships: Then and Now" by **Jim Jarecki** and **Cris Kohl** tantalized the audiences; **Chet Childs** showed his exciting video production of "The Sinking of *The Straits of Mackinac*"; "What About Valerie's Wreck?" was the topic presented (and impressively answered) by **Don Doherty**; **Cris Kohl** and his wife **Joan Forsberg** carried the audiences to the "Crossroads of Disaster: The Straits of Mackinac Shipwrecks"; and **Bob Gadbois'** video "Final Landing: From the Battle of Midway to Midway Airport" provided a grand finale to each Show's 130 minutes of maritime/underwater entertainment. Each audience was welcomed by **Rachel Gross**, Adult Program Coordinator of the John G. Shedd Aquarium, and **Dave Truitt**, UASC Chairman, gave an Introduction. **Tony Kiefer** did an excellent job as Master of Ceremonies. Special **THANKS** also to **John Loftus** and **Roger Brown** for manning the UASC exhibit just outside the auditorium, **Ruth Loftus** and **Joan Forsberg** for working the ticket sales table, **Scott "Feed-the-Millions" Reimer** for once again proving that his catering skills make him the most valuable member in the organization, **Don Doherty** for producing the program booklet, **Liz Jurkacek**, **Claire Gadbois**, **Keith Pearson**, **Taras Lyssencko** and all the UASC members for production and promotion assistance, and the very able **Audio-Visual staff** at the Shedd...See page 2...

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New 2004 UASC Executive Board

The following people, as decided at the November 19th, 2003 meeting, will comprise the 2004 Executive Board of Officers of the Underwater Archaeological Society of Chicago -- President: **Cris Kohl**, Vice President: **John Loftus**, Treasurer: **Bob Gadbois**, Secretary: **Erick Matuzak**. Most of the Chairperson positions will remain the same in 2004 as in 2003; still to be determined: two Dive Coordinators. *Congratulations and thanks to all of these volunteers!*

More Photos of the 2003 Shipwreck Show at the Shedd



Clockwise from upper left: Presenter Don Doherty at the podium; UASC workers Joan Forsberg, Ruth and John Loftus, Roger Brown and Bob Gadbois arrive at the Shedd; John Loftus and Roger Brown work the UASC booth; Bob Gadbois stands proudly with his Best Presentation award; Tony Kiefer reasons with Chet Childs; Jim Jarecki humors the army of paparazzi eager to photograph him; Bob Gadbois, Chet Childs and Dave Truitt; Scott Reimer and food; ticket table ladies, including Joan Forsberg and Ruth Loftus. (Photos by Cris Kohl)



Shedd Aquarium

UASC Meetings in 2004!

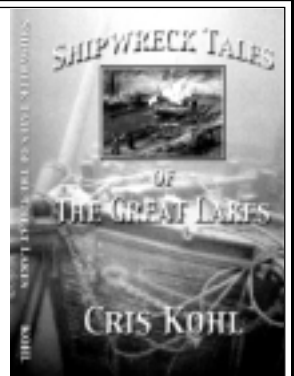
Our meetings are held at the **John C. Shedd Aquarium** just off Lakeshore Drive on the scenic Chicago waterfront on the last Wednesday of every month (2nd last in November), beginning at 7 PM until 9 PM in one of the instruction rooms at the northwest entrance (the Education side door facing Monroe Harbor) of the **Shedd Aquarium**. Metered street parking is available (quarters only, 50¢ an hour). There is no meeting in the month of December.

January 28	February 25	March 24
April 28	May 26	June 30
July 28	August 25	September 29
October 27	November 17	

Winter view of Chicago from the Shedd
(PHOTOS BY CRIS KOHL)



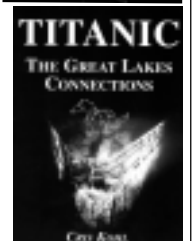
New books from UASC members Joan Forsberg and Cris Kohl:



"Diver's Guide to the Kitchen" (available now) and **"Shipwreck Tales of the Great Lakes"** (available soon!)



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Guest Speakers at Recent UASC Meetings



Author **Ann Durkin Keating** (left), our guest speaker at the August 27, 2003, UASC meeting, gave a very educational presentation on the Chicago River, its history and how it was engineered to change the direction of its flow. At the October 29, 2003 meeting, **Jack Hadfield** (right) gave a very informative talk about the history of the Chicago fire tugboats, including information about the soon-to-be-scuttled former Chicago fire tug *Joseph Medill* (his color movies of the launching of that ship in the late 1940's were excellent!) A heartfelt *THANK YOU* to both presenters for taking the time and effort to speak to our members and guests! (Photos by Cris Kohl.)



UASC Thumbnail Information



Food For Thought and Body

Deane Tank, Jr., (left) toured UASC members **Jim Jarecki** and **Cris Kohl** through the archives of the Chicago Maritime Society on Oct. 13, 2003. Above, **Scott Reimer** (in white) fed UASC members watching the Navy Pier fireworks from the Lake Michigan waterfront after a late summer meeting. *THANKS* to all!

UASC Members in *IMMERSED* Magazine!

The Fall, 2003, issue of the international diving magazine, *IMMERSED*, contains an excellent article by our own world traveller **Karen Sinniger** profiling Australian archaeologist **Jeremy Green**, as well as a very positive, humorous review of **Joan Forsberg's** recent book, *Diver's Guide to the Kitchen*. *CONGRATULATIONS* to both of these UASC members!



Tony Kiefer Presents

UASC Past President **Tony Kiefer** presented his Chicago crib fire show to an enthusiastic group in November. *GREAT JOB, TONY!*



A Closing Signature

Keith Pearson (left) signed autographs at a recent UASC meeting; **Pete Chval** and **Jack Hadfield** waited in line. *GREAT JOB, KEITH!* (Photos by Cris Kohl)



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Calendar of Events



Compiled by *Cris Kohl* on December 2, 2003.

December 5, 2003 (Fri.) -- The annual **Christmas Dinner/Party** for combined UASC, LOUP and Skyline organizations. Burnham Harbor Yacht Club, Chicago, Illinois. \$30.00 per person. Call 312-467-4340 for info.

December 6, 2003 (Sat.) -- The annual Dossin Museum **Marine Mart**, 10 AM to 3 PM, held this year in the historic Casino on Belle Isle in the Detroit River. 35 dealers: artifacts, artwork, books, brochures, china, photos, souvenirs, etc. Admission \$3.00 per person. Call 313-297-8366 for info.

December 7, 2003 (Sun.) -- **Chicago Maritime Society Open House**, 1-4 PM, on the 6th Floor, Helix Building, 310 Racine Street, Chicago, Illinois.

December 6, 13, 20, 2003 (Saturdays) -- **Nautical Archaeology Workshops for Divers** at the Inland Seas Maritime Museum, 480 Main St., Vermilion, Ohio. 10 to 11:30 AM and 12 to 1:30 PM each day. Presenters are (chronologically) Joyce Hayward, John Burke & Andy Sykora, Mike & Georgann Wachter, Jim Paskert, Greg Millinger, Dave Kelch. \$30 for entire series, including lunches. \$15 for a single Saturday. Limited to 25 people per session. Info: Erika Washburn, 1-800-893-1485 or shipwreck@inlandseas.org

December 11, 2003 (Thurs.) -- **23rd Annual Christmas Tree Ship Holiday Dinner Program**, Milwaukee Yacht Club, open at 6, dinner at 7, program at 8 PM). Speaker: Diver, author and UASC member **Kimm Stabelfeldt** on the *Rouse Simmons* shipwreck. Call 414-286-3074 or see www.wmhs.org

January 7-11, 2004 -- **Society of Historical Archaeology (SHA) Annual Conference**, St. Louis. Also the SHA Underwater Archaeology Section, Annual Conference (same time and place). See www.sha.org/mt2004.htm. Presenters include Jeff Gray, Patrick Labadie, and Dr. Robert Ballard.

January 29-February 1, 2004 (Thurs.-Sun.) -- The annual **"Strictly Sail"** sailboat show, Navy Pier, Chicago. Presentations, including by UASC members Tom & Chris Kastle. Call 773-774-7216 or email: kastle@enteract.com

February 7, 2004 (Sat.) -- **Neptune's Nimrods Dive Club Annual Banquet**, Rock Garden Supper Club, Green Bay, Wisconsin. Speaker: wreck hunter Dave Trotter. Silent auction, photo context, door prizes, raffle. \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. 920-434-4759 or email: Rabrungraber@MSN.com

February 21, 2004 (Sat.) -- The 26th **"Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival"**,

Dearborn, Michigan. Organized by the Ford Seahorses Scuba Diving Club. Exhibits, presentations, film show. See www.fordseahorses.org for info.

February 28, 2004 (Sat.) -- The 2nd annual **"Chicago Maritime Festival"** at the Chicago Historical Society, Clark Street at North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Presentations & exhibits 10 AM - 5 PM. Evening maritime music concert 7 PM, various performers. **If you live anywhere at all near Chicago, DON'T MISS THIS SHOW!** Contact 773-774-7216 for information, or see the website www.chicagomaritimefestival.org/2004/

February 28, 2004 (Sat.) -- The 5th annual **"Dive Into The Past"** Twin Cities Shipwreck/Scuba Show, Roseville, Minnesota, sponsored by the Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society. Booths and presentations. Only \$9 adults, \$6 students, \$3 children 12 & under for the day. See www.glsps.org

March 6, 2004 (Sat.) -- The 5th annual **"Ghost Ships Festival,"** Four Points Sheraton conference Center, Howell Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Exhibits, presentations, raffle. See www.ghost-ships.org.

March 6, 2004 (Sat.) -- The 8th annual **"Great Lakes Underwater"** Show at Oswego, New York. Presentations, booths and exhibits. Info: call (315) 312-3042 or email slm22@cornell.edu or go to website www.oswegomaritime.org

March 6-7, 2004 (Sat.-Sun.) -- The 50th annual **Boston Sea Rovers Underwater Clinic**, Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, MA. The "Longest Continuously Running Dive Show in the World." Featured participants: Dr. Robert Ballard (emcee), Emory Kristoff, Brian Skerry. Visit www.bostonsearovers.com

March 19-21, 2004 (Fri.-Sun.) -- **ScubaFest 2004**, the annual show of the Ohio Skin & Scuba Diving Council. Wyndham Dublin Hotel, 600 Metro Place N., Dublin (a suburb of Columbus), Ohio. Sat. night Banquet Speakers are authors/videographers Jim & Pat Stayer. See www.scubafest.org for info.

March 26-28, 2004 (Fri.-Sun.) -- The 28th annual **"Beneath The Sea"** New York City Show, Secaucus, NJ. See www.beneaththesea.org for info.

March 27, 2004 (Sat.) -- The 10th annual **"Shipwrecks"** Show by the Niagara Divers' Assoc., at Welland, Ontario, Canada. See www.vaxxine.com/nda/

April 11, 2004 (Sun.) -- Easter Sunday.

April 23-25, 2004 (Fri.-Sun.) -- The 34th annual **"Our World--Underwater,"** the annual Chicago Scuba Show. Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. Emcee: Ralph White. See www.ourworldunderwater.com for information.

May 14-16, 2004 (Fri.-Sun.) -- The annual **Ocean-Festival 2004**, the Dive & Adventure Sports Expo in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. See www.oceanfest.com

May 22-23, 2004 (Sat.-Sun.) -- The 17th annual **Scuba Show 2004**, Long Beach, California. See www.saintbrendan.com for more information.

May 31, 2004 (Mon.) -- Memorial Day.

June 5, 2004 (Sat.) -- **Marine Flea Market**, at the Port Huron (Michigan) Seaway Terminal. 9 AM to 2 PM. Artifacts, pictures, books, postcards, artwork.... For info, call T.J. Gaffney at 810-982-0891, ext. 16.

June 5-6, 2004 (Sat.-Sun.) -- The 36th annual **Seaspace Show**, Houston, Texas. Featured: Howard & Michelle Hall. See www.seaspace.org for information.

July 4, 2004 (Sun.) -- Independence Day.

September 6, 2004 (Mon.) -- Labor Day.

September 17-18, 2004 (Fri.-Sat.) (tentative) -- The Annual Meeting of the **Association For Great Lakes Maritime History**, held this year at Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Business meeting is on the Friday, with the speakers program on the Saturday. Contact Bob O'Donnell at 920-469-3460 or email: odonnell521@aol.com for info.

October 13-16, 2004 (Wed.-Sat.) -- Annual scuba industry **DEMA Show** (Diving Equipment and Marketing Assoc.), in Houston, Texas, in 2004. Show attendance, Miami, October, 2003: 15,037.

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October 24, 2004 (Sun.) (tentative date) -- The annual **Shipwreck Show at the Shedd (Underwater Archaeological Society of Chicago)**. Presentations about Lake Michigan shipwrecks. **If you live anywhere at all near Chicago, DON'T MISS THIS SHOW!** For further info, see the UASC website at <http://www.chicagosite.org/uasc.htm> or call (312) 692-3333.

November 6, 2004 (Sat.) -- The 17th annual "**Gales of November**" Show, Duluth, Minnesota. Presentations, booths and displays. Call 218-727-2497.

November 13, 2004 (Sat.) -- The 21st annual "**Shipwrecks and Scuba**" Show, Holiday Inn, Sandusky, Ohio. Presentations, seminars, booths and exhibits. Separate and different afternoon and evening shows (evening's includes dinner). Call 419-483-3074 for further information.

November 20, 2004 (Sat.) (tentative date) -- The 9th annual "**Shipwrecks Remembered**" Show at Port Huron, Michigan. Presentations, booths and displays. For more information, call 810-359-8660.

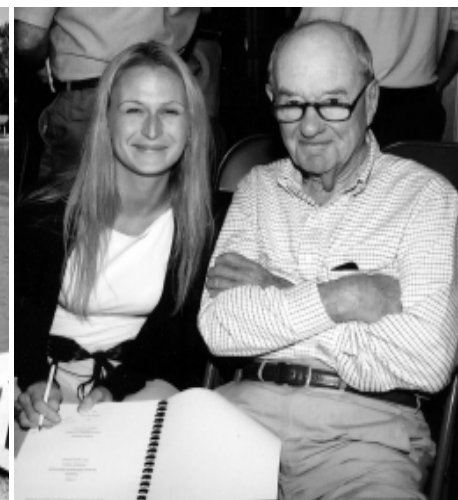
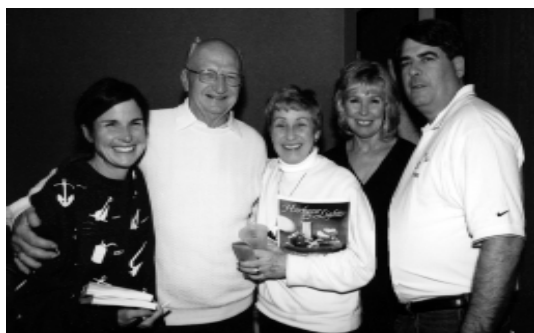
Nov. 25, 2004 (Thurs.) -- Thanksgiving Day.

For Great Lakes Singers/Songwriters (and UASC members) **Tom & Chris Kastle's** concert schedule, go to <http://www.kastles.net/>

For Great Lakes Singer/Songwriter (and UASC member) **Lee Murdock's** concert schedule, go to <http://www.leemurdock.com>

Information on upcoming shipwreck/maritime/scuba events should be sent as soon in advance as possible to: Cris Kohl, UASC Newsletter Editor, 10 High Lake Ave., West Chicago, IL 60185, U.S.A., telephone 630-293-4020, or email: criskohl@aol.com

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Great Lakes Shipwreck Survivor's New Book

When the huge steel freighter, *Carl D. Bradley*, sank in northern Lake Michigan in November, 1958, there were only two survivors, one of whom, **Frank Mays** (above, second from left) is still with us today. Frank unveiled his new book, *If We Make It 'til Daylight*, at the recent "Shipwrecks Remembered" Show in Port Huron, Michigan. This exciting book was written as told to **Pat Stayer** (first person on left), **Jim Stayer** (fifth person from left) and **Tim Juhl** (above, photo on right). In the above left photo are also Frank's friend **Ruth Lamb** (third from left) and UASC member **Joan Forsberg** (fourth from left). Joan and her husband **Cris Kohl** were among the several presenters at this shipwreck show attended by several hundred people. (Photos by Cris Kohl)

...Speaking of New Books:

A barrage of new maritime books has invaded the bookstores, hopefully implying renewed national interest in all things nautical. Among the titles are *Sea of Glory* by Nathaniel Philbrick, *Four Against the Arctic* by David Roberts, *Over the Edge of the World* by Laurence Bergreen, *Evolution's Captain* by Peter Nichols, *Ship Ablaze* by Edward T. O'Donnell, *The Bounty* by Caroline Alexander, and a resurging interest in Patrick O'Brian's books such as *Master and Commander* -- due to that great film!



The Association for Great Lakes Maritime History

UASC members **Jim Jarecki** and **Cris Kohl** travelled to Vermilion, Ohio (and by boat on the Vermilion River) for the annual AGLMH meeting and fascinating presentations on Sept. 10-11, 2003. The many attendees included **Kimberly Monk**, 2003 winner of the Barkhausen Award for Original Research in Great Lakes Maritime History, above with the award's namesake, **Henry Barkhausen**. (Photos by Cris Kohl)

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The UASC conducts shipwreck site surveys which employ field drawings, underwater photography and videotape. Field survey work is augmented by academic historical research. The Society attempts to preserve sites by

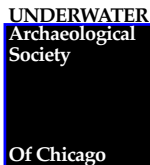
studying the effects of natural and biological forces as well as the impact of human activity on shipwrecks. It advocates responsible use of submerged cultural resources.

Membership is open to everyone. The Society presents the opportunity to meet, work together, and socialize with others who share similar avocational interests. It allows members to apply their diving or other skills to group projects that produce site maps, published surveys, technical drawings, and

educational programs.

The UASC shares the results of its work with the community through publications, museum exhibits, and presentations to all interested public and private groups.

Through its work, the Society hopes to add to the body of archaeological data available to local historians and maritime enthusiasts of future generations. It also seeks to enhance the enjoyment and value of local sport diving.



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