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**FORD SEAHORSES SCUBA DIVING CLUB PRESENTS
THE 34th GREAT LAKES SHIPWRECK FESTIVAL SATURDAY, MARCH 7
AT WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN ANN ARBOR**

ANN ARBOR -- The **Ford Seahorses Scuba Diving Club**, in conjunction with the **Detroit Historical Society's Dossin Maritime Group** and the **Dossin Great Lakes Museum**, presents the 34th **Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival** on **Saturday, March 7** from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at **Washtenaw Community College's Morris Lawrence Building**, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, in Ann Arbor.

Anniversaries will be a theme at this year's program. It has been more than 70 years since the 1944 D-Day Normandy invasion, and **Ralph Wilbanks** of the **National Underwater and Marine Agency** (NUMA), will discuss the survey work he did on the waters just off of the Normandy beaches. It has also been 49 years since the sinking of the *Daniel J. Morrell* in November 1966 in Lake Huron. **David Trotter** will be presenting his "Morrell Encounter" presentation, which outlines the discovery of the wreck in 1979, found in two pieces, five miles apart. Of special interest, **Dennis Hale**, the sole survivor of the *Daniel J. Morrell*, will share the story of his 38-hour survival in freezing temperatures and sign copies of his book, *Shipwrecked: Reflections of the Sole Survivor*.

Dossin Great Lakes Museum dive master, **Tony Gramer**, will present two salt water dive presentations from the Philippine Islands and the Sea of Cortez, known as the "world's aquarium," highlighting white tip sharks, sea lions and whale sharks. **Rudy Whitworth** will also present "Fiji's Finest," showcasing abundant, colorful coral and many species of sharks and barracuda native to the island. Dive footage will also feature reefs that contain amazing numbers of species as well as abundant soft corals, hard corals, sea fans and sponges.

Other noteworthy presentations include **Robert McGreevy's** updated presentation "Lost Legends of the Great Lakes," discussing illustrations from dives

documenting 16 vessels ranging in sink dates from 1818 to 1958, and the **Noble Odyssey Foundation's Luke Clyburn's** discussion of the ancient shores of the Great Lakes, documenting a sink hole.

In the exhibit area, there will be a variety of book signings and exhibitions from local maritime artists and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. There will be representatives from dive industry equipment manufacturers, dive travel destinations and dive travel agents for obtaining the latest equipment and dive travel trips. A number of local dive shops and dive operators will be represented, as well as information on underwater parks and quarry opportunities for local diving.

Tickets for this event are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and exhibits will be open from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. For ticket information or program details, visit www.shipwreckfestival.us, call 734.459.8476, or e-mail glstickets@aol.com.

The Ford Seahorses Scuba Diving Club, established in 1957 as a member of the Ford Employees Recreation Association (FERA), is one of the most active dive clubs in Michigan. The club is a non-profit organization dedicated to the enjoyment and advancement of the sport of scuba diving.

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