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GREAT LAKES SHIPWRECK FESTIVAL PREVIEW SERIES TO FEATURE TWO FREE PRESENTATIONS THIS SATURDAY AT THE DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM

DETROIT- Enjoy two fascinating presentations on underwater exploration as a preview of the **2016 Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival** at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on **Saturday, September 19** from **2 – 4 p.m.** Admission is free, and films will be shown in DeRoy Hall.

Filmmakers Tony Gramer and Richard Castillo will appear to present and narrate their films:

John Shaw 'Went Missing'

The 206 foot three-mast schooner *John Shaw* was built in 1885 in Bay City, Michigan. At 3 a.m. on the morning of November 13, 1894, the *Shaw*, loaded with 1,759 tons of coal, was being towed by the steamer *John F. Eddy* bound for Chicago. While crossing Saginaw Bay, they met in a large gale and snow storm. The *Shaw* sprang a leak and broke her tow line from the *Eddy*; she foundered just off Greenbush, Michigan in 128 feet of water. The *Shaw* was discovered in 2007 by fisherman John Gauthier.

Tony Gramer explores the remains of the *John Shaw* in a 29 minute HD video program is synchronized to music and employs live narration. Gramer has been diving since 1977 and is a certified PADI Divemaster. He is the president of Silent World Information Masters, Inc. (SWIM). He is presently on the Dossin Maritime Group board and serves as divemaster for the Dossin Great Lakes Museum

The Sea of Cortez

The Sea of Cortez, also known as the Gulf of California, invades the rugged and inhospitable deserts of Mexico. Join Richard Castillo for an exploration of the diversity of marine life that thrives in proximity to the parched desert landscape.

Castillo has been diving for almost two thirds of his life. His interest in photography started at age 9, and he had his first darkroom at age 12. He has been a commercial/industrial photographer and graphic designer for over 20 years. As co-owner of Commercial Imaging & Design, Inc. in Royal Oak, he pioneered the revolution in digital photography during the mid-90s and has taught digital photography at the Center for Creative Studies and at Oakland Community College. Now retired, Castillo is an independent filmmaker.

The **Dossin Great Lakes Museum** is located at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle. Admission is free for all, all the time. Permanent exhibits include *Built by the River* in the John A. and Marlene L. Boll Foundation Gallery, the *Miss Pepsi* vintage 1950s championship hydroplane, the Gothic Room from the *City of Detroit III* in the Polk Family Hall, a bow anchor from the S.S. *Edmund Fitzgerald*, the pilothouse from the Great Lakes freighter S.S. *William*

Clay Ford in the Wayne and Joan Webber Foundation Gallery, and one of the largest known collections of scale model ships in the world. For more information, call the Museum at 313.833.5538 or check out our website at detroithistorical.org.

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