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DOCUMENTARY EXPLORING FORGOTTEN SHIPWRECKS BENEATH THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC SCREENS AT THE DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

DETROIT - As part of their monthly Film Series, the Detroit Historical Society hosts a screening of "River Channels" on **Sunday, September 14 at 3 p.m. at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle. The screening is free.**

Join the divers of the Noble Odyssey Foundation's (NOF) research team as they investigate the long-forgotten river bed and shipwrecks hidden beneath the Straits of Mackinac in this 2008 film, featuring fantastic underwater footage of the shipwrecks that lie along these ancient shores. Running time is 20 minutes.

In 2004 the NOF embarked on a multi-year investigation of ancient drowned shorelines in the Great Lakes. Unknown to many residents of the region, these massive bodies of water have undergone huge changes in their depths since their creation. Past water levels in Lakes Huron and Michigan have been hundreds of feet higher and lower than at present. As a result, their shorelines have changed drastically.

Coastal features of 7,000 to 11,000 years ago are now submerged as much as 400 feet deep, and consequently have been protected from the eroding effects of time. One fascinating result is that the well-preserved remains of prehistoric forests -- stumps and logs -- can be found deep underwater. Perhaps even relics of human habitation and/or new shipwrecks will be found on the lake bottom as well.

Most of the NOF's underwater investigations from 2006 to the present have been focused on the Thunder Bay area and the nearby Lake Huron Ridge. Using hi-tech tools of deep water exploration, they examine little-known features of ancient drowned shorelines to determine the details of their structure, the forces that shaped them, and the aquatic life that now inhabits them.

The **Dossin Great Lakes Museum**, located at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, is open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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*, 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.

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