

Training Programs Field training planned for Door County

To provide WUAA members with an opportunity for indepth field training, a seminar is being planned for the weekend of May 29 through 31 in Door County.

Although plans are still somewhat tentative, organizers hope to have two sessions on Friday evening.

One session will be on diver safety conducted by Craig Fink of Inland Seas Diving, and the second session will be on general u/w archaeological methods conducted by Dave Cooper of the State Historical Society.

On Saturday, half of the group will study the design of bulk carriers with Pat Labadie by diving on the *Louisiana* on Washington Island and the *R.J. Hackett* on Whaleback Shoal.

The second half of the group will attend instructional sessions on mapping and trilateration, remote sensing, and land surveying. Dave Cooper will conduct the mapping and trilateration session on the schooner Fleetwing in Garrett Bay.

During the evening, Pat Labadie will

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Seminars set for Neenah

For those interested in learning more about Great Lakes maritime history and shipwreck diving, Craig Fink and Bob O'Donnell will be conducting a series of Saturday morning seminars beginning Feb. 22.

Each session will run from 9 a.m. till noon, at which time there will be short meeting for individuals interested in forming a Northeastern Wisconsin chapter of

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Association takes position on state u/w preserve legislation

At a legislative hearing last month in Madison, the WUAA spoke in support of proposed legislation that could be the first step in creating u/w preserves in Wisconsin.

Introduced by State Rep. Larry Swoboda, Assembly Bill 727 creates a program for the preservation, management and use of submerged cultural resources. Under the bill, a "submerged cultural resource" is identified as any archaeological site or historic property that is located beneath the surface of a lake or stream.

The bill authorizes the State Historical Society and Department of Natural Resources to designate certain areas as bottomland preserves. These agencies would also be authorized to regulate the management, preservation, recreational development, access and use of such preserves.

"Our underwater preservation efforts

should be a concern to the entire state, as we all benefit from preserving our heritage," said Swoboda in an interview in the Door County Advocate. "I think that divers, students and the tourism industry will benefit from this legislation."

The Historical Society and DNR would also be authorized to create rules of the protection of submerged cultural resources and objects removed from underwater archaeological sites. The Historical Society, in consultation with the DNR, would coordinate the activities of state agencies, relating to the preservation, management and public use of submerged cultural resources.

The bill creates a 16-member council to advise the Historical Society and DNR on the submerged cultural resources program, make recommendations on the creation and man-

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Great Lakes Marine Collection provides wealth of information

By Dave Dudek

On Jan. 14, the Madison chapter of WUAA held their monthly meeting at the Milwaukee Public Library. The evening's program included a tour of the Library's Great Lake's Marine Collection.

The tour was conducted by Virginia Schwartz, the Library's coordinator of humanities. The purpose of the Marine Collection is to gather information about the Great Lakes and the commerce and history of them.

The collection began in 1959 when the Library acquired the file of Herman G. Runge. Runge had been personally collecting information about the Great Lakes for most of his 70 years. The core of his work were his "ship files" which contained infor-

mation Runge had collected on more than 85,000 ships that had plied the Great Lakes at one time or another.

In these files is information about each ship's history including its various names, owners, size and tonnage. Many of the files also include photographs of the ship. Also in Runge's collection were ship logs, correspondence with government agencies, and information on shipping lines, ports of call, and other historians.

To help preserve, promote and catalog the collection, the Wisconsin Marine Historical Society was created shortly after the documents were donated to the Milwaukee Library. With over 350 members, the Society is open to anyone interested in discovering, col-

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agement of bottomland preserves and, upon request, review certain applications for archaeological permits.

As originally proposed, the advisory council's membership would include 5 state officials, who are nonvoting members; a representative of the National Park Service; 4 members of the state legislature; and 6 general members appointed by the director of the State Historical Society. The six general members will serve 3-year terms.

Further, the six members appointed by the Historical Society must include an archaeologist, a marine historian and a representative of a maritime museum. Finally, at least two of the six general members must be scuba divers certified by a nationally-recognized agency.

At an officers' meeting held in December,

it was decided that WUAA would appear in support of the Legislation at a Jan. 15 hearing in Madison. However, we did take the position that the bill should be amended to include more members of the general public and the diving community on the advisory council. Specifically, we suggested that the three professionals be named in addition to the general members.

WUAA President Tom Villand presented the Association's position at the hearing. Six

other members of the diving community also appeared in favor of the bill. There was no one appearing in opposition. According to press reports, Rep. Swoboda expected have the legislation passed through the Assembly early in the current session.

The proposed legislation also adds the option of a 9-month jail term for persons found to have violated state historical preservation laws on underwater sites, in addition to the current fine of from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

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the WUAA. The programs will be conducted at Inland Seas Diving in Neenah, and will make extensive use of u/w video from various wreck sites in the Great Lakes.

The first program, on Feb. 22, will consist of an introduction to Great Lakes maritime history and an overview of wreck diving skills.

The second session will take place on March 21, and will discuss the Age of Sail on the Great Lakes, wooden ship construction,

and wreck diving skill basics, including cold water and low visibility diving.

On April 18, there will be a program on the Age of Steam on the Great Lakes, metal ship construction, and intermediate wreck diving skill, including penetration diving and the special skills and equipment required for such activities.

Finally, a session on May 16 will examine shipwreck sites on Lake Michigan and Lake Superior, and underwater photography and video. One purpose of the seminar series is create a group of individuals within WUAA that would specialize in the video documentation of sites.

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Upcoming Events and Conferences

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| Feb. 19 | Madison chapter meeting, State Historical Society Building, 7 p.m.
For more information, call Tom Villand at 608-221-1996. |
| Feb. 22 | Northeastern Wisconsin Chapter meeting, Inland Seas, Neenah, Noon
Great Lakes History/Shipwreck Diving Training Program, 9 a.m. - Noon
For more information, call Bob O'Donnell at 414-722-8465. |
| Mar. 18 | Madison chapter meeting, State Historical Society Building, 7 p.m.
For more information, call Tom Villand at 608-221-1996. |
| Mar. 21 | Northeastern Wisconsin Chapter meeting, Inland Seas, Neenah, Noon
Great Lakes History/Shipwreck Diving Training Program, 9 a.m. - Noon
For more information, call Bob O'Donnell at 414-722-8465. |
| Apr. 18 | Northeastern Wisconsin Chapter meeting, Inland Seas, Neenah, Noon
Great Lakes History/Shipwreck Diving Training Program, 9 a.m. - Noon
For more information, call Bob O'Donnell at 414-722-8465. |
| Apr. 25 | Spring General Meeting, Milwaukee Public Library, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
For more information see page 4, or call Tom Villand at 608-221-1996. |
| May 16 | Northeastern Wisconsin Chapter meeting, Inland Seas, Neenah, Noon
Great Lakes History/Shipwreck Diving Training Program, 9 a.m. - Noon
For more information, call Bob O'Donnell at 414-722-8465. |
| May 29-
May 31 | WUAA Field Training Seminar, Door County; For more information see story on page 1 or call Tom Villand at 608-221-1996. |
| Sept. 24 | Fall General Meeting, Canal Park Museum, Duluth. To be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association for Great Lakes Maritime History. |

Great Lakes collection open to public

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lecting, recording and preserving material and lore relating to Wisconsin's maritime history. Similar to WUAA, the Marine Historical Society holds annual meetings, presents speakers and publishes a quarterly newsletter.

With funding from the Society, the Milwaukee Library has begun cataloging all of the ship file information into a listing called "The Great Lakes Marine Archival Catalog." The information is then being entered into the OCLC computer database, which should make the information available at practically any library worldwide.

As knowledge of the Milwaukee collection has grown, collectors, historians and benefactors have made donations to the Library's holdings. The original collection has grown to include a large collection of charts and maps dating back to the 1860s.

The collection also includes some ship plans, full and half hull models, shipping flag lines and ship artifacts. The Milwaukee library is also a federal depository which enables it to receive a variety of government documents including Coast Guard and life saving station reports and records, and papers and reports published by the Army

Corp of Engineers.

During last month's tour, several WUAA members requested to see files on some of the wrecks that were used for the association's training dives last fall, and the *Frank O'Connor* on which Dave Cooper did extensive research last summer. Within minutes, the table was filled with piles of folders containing photographs, articles, and histories of the wrecks. Needless to say, the group found this to be the highlight of the tour.

The Great Lakes Marine Collection is open for use by any member of the public, and library officials encourage people to visit and use the resource. Due to the fragile and irreplaceable nature of many items, materials are generally only available for in-library use.

The library does, however, allow photocopying of materials, and has a photo reproduction service available for the collection's photos. Some of the collection's published materials and books are in general circulation and are available for checkout. Library staff members are available to assist in locating materials and retrieving ship files.

The Milwaukee Library is also expanding its resources by collecting current journals and publications on maritime history, in-

cluding our own *Underwater Heritage*.

The library will gratefully accept any gifts, memorials and bequests to the collection and is particularly anxious to acquire photographs and original materials relating to the Great Lakes. According to library officials, much of this materials is currently being lost because people simply do not know its value to historians.

For more information on the Great Lakes Marine Collection and/or the Wisconsin Marine Historical Society, individuals can write to the Milwaukee Public Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53233; or call the Library at 414-278-3074.

Training

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present a lecture on bulk carrier construction and history. On Sunday, the training sessions will be the reverse of the Saturday schedule.

The site of the training seminar will most likely be the On the Rocks Resort. More detailed information should be available prior to the spring meeting in Milwaukee. Cost and pre-requisites will also be discussed at the Milwaukee meeting.

WUAA Membership Application



As a private, non-profit organization, the Wisconsin Underwater Archeological Association presents an opportunity for both individuals and organizations to participate in and contribute to state efforts in u/w archeological research and preservation. Dues are \$15 per year.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Day _____ Evenings _____

Since we are a new organization, we would like your input on the types of goals the association should have:

- ☐ Documentation of state underwater archeological sites
- ☐ Training individuals in u/w archeological methods
- ☐ Exchange of information between members
- ☐ Preservation of state underwater archeological sites
- ☐ Public education on underwater heritage
- ☐ Creation of state underwater preserves
- ☐ Others: _____

I would like to be involved in the following activities:

- ☐ Archival research
- ☐ Training in archeological methods
- ☐ On-site work - shoreside
- ☐ On-site work - underwater
- ☐ Association Committees:
- ☐ Newsletter ☐ Organization
- ☐ Training ☐ Membership
- ☐ Other: _____

Make \$15 check payable to "WUAA" and mail with this form to:

Wis. Underwater Archeological Association - P.O. Box 6081 - Madison, WI 53716

WUAA Spring General Meeting

WHEN: Saturday, April 25
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Milwaukee Public Library
814 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee

In addition to our business meeting and planning sessions for summer projects, we are also planning a tour of the Library's extensive Great Lakes Marine Collection (see story on page 1).

**Pre-registration requested, call Tom Villand
at 608-221-1996 or Dave Dudek at 608-246-0351.**

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