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Trident Newsletter

Search for Griffin has New Life

An Associated Press article written by Jeff Karoub this month, reports that new evidence of the possible location of the Griffin, a French ship loaded with furs that sank in 1679, may allow the excavation of a site to determine if it is the Griffin's final resting place.

Karoub writes, "Sonar scans of the lake bottom and profiling below it showed a mass consistent with other images of a buried ship hull, said Ken Vrana, director of the Laingsburg-based Center for Maritime and Underwater Resource Management."

And there are those in the Great Lakes Shipwreck community that believe this find is nothing more than 'Fish Net' stakes.

Read the entire story here: <http://www.aikenstandard.com/Nation/1219-ap-Researchers-Excavation-of-shipwreck-warranted>

Good Luck in the continued search. It's gotta be somewhere.

Walter B. Allen Deemed Historic

The Walter B. Allen is now officially on the National Register of Historic Places. She sits upright in 170 feet of Lake Michigan water seven miles northeast of Sheboygan, WI

Initially the Allen was on her way to Buffalo, NY loaded with 19,000 bushels of corn from Chicago. She ran aground on South Manitou Island in early April, 1880. While stranded she lost her mainsail and her large anchor. The tug, Caroline Williams came from Manistee, MI to release her and tow her to Milwaukee for repairs. While in tow to Milwaukee, a spring snow storm came up, and began pushing waves over the schooner's deck. She sank in 20 minutes. The tug was able to rescue all aboard and now lives were lost.

The Allen was designed as a two-masted schooner-rigged canaller. A canaller is a unique ship as it was designed to fit through the Welland Canal Locks that connect Lakes Ontario and Erie. And carry the maximum amount of cargo possible.



Photos of Walter B. Allen courtesy of Tamara Thomsen, Wisconsin State Historical Society

Upcoming Events

Neptune Meeting

7 PM Tuesday, January 10th,
Sports Corner
500 Grant St., De Pere, WI
www.deperesportscorner.com

2012 Neptune

Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, January 21st
6 PM Chili Cook-Off
7 PM Sleigh Ride

Rock K Ranch, Greenleaf, WI
Chili King, Al Pahnke attempts to
defend his title and goes for
the Threepat!

2012 Neptune Banquet

5:30 PM Saturday February 11th

Sports Corner

500 Grant St. De Pere, WI
Speaker: Frederick Stonehouse

Lake Michigan

Maritime Ghost Tales

\$25 speaker and dinner

Buy tickets online

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Read more about this wreck on the Walter B. Allen on the Museum of Underwater Archeology website. Click on this active link.

2012 Neptune Banquet

Banquet Chairman **Brian Bangert** has scheduled the 2012 Neptune Banquet for **Saturday, February 11th** at Sports Corner in De Pere. This year's speaker is Great Lakes Historian, Fred Stonehouse. Fred has taught Great Lakes Maritime History at Northern Michigan University and has authored over 30 books on maritime history.

Tickets for the banquet which will include dinner, remain at \$25/person and are available to purchase online. And Brian needs your diving photos. Please contact Brian and provide him with digital photo files. They are needed to help decorate the banquet room.

Brian will also be soliciting donations for the Neptune Silent Auction. Currently Brian has received donations from: **Wayne Nighorn & Nutrition Service**, Peak Performance Buoyancy Certificate. **Jeff Long**, 4 hours carpentry/handyman service in the Green Bay Area., **Dawn Delforge/Curves** (West Mason St. location) 6 month fitness membership valued at \$234 (includes service fees), **Natural Health Chiropractic** Exam/x-ray for new patient or adjustment for existing patient, **Paula Benbow**, Sporting Clay Certificates, **Golik Electric/Craig Golik** Master Electrician, 4 hours electrical labor. **Touscany Photography**, Portrait Session - on location in the Green Bay Area with 11x14 print. Please donate your professional services this year for the auction. Contact Brian here: e-mail: built1boat@hotmail.com cell: (731) 866-9519

Aqua Center of Green Bay

A live-aboard dive trip to **Maldives** is being planned for a year from now. **September 16-26, 2012**. Contact Aqua Center for this great trip.

Green Bay Scuba

Green Bay Scuba is planning a March dive trip to **Cozumel, Mexico**. March 10-16, 2012 and staying at the Fiesta Americana. Oxygen Provider and Nitrox classes are being scheduled for December.

Bernie Bloom



Longtime Neptune's Dive Club member, Bernie Bloom, 77, passed away of cancer. this past November.

Bernie was a Divemaster and responsible for the raising of the Alvin Clark from the bottom of Green Bay in 1969. Bernie was also a member of the Underwater Archaeology Society of Chicago. Bernie summered in Sturgeon Bay and died in his winter home in Stuart Florida. Bernie is survived by his wife of 30 years, Jeraldene, his children and many grandchildren. A Sturgeon Bay memorial service will take place in the spring.

2011 Pearl Harbor Dive



Jac Jepson, Kevin Beck & Jim Baye



Dennis & Julie Mullen



Green Bay Scuba Owner, Al Pahnke

Neptune Membership Dues are Due

Please pay your Neptune Membership dues for 2012 and if you still owe for 2011. See Wayne Nighorn at the next meeting. Membership dues remain inexpensive. \$15 single & \$25 family.

Porte des Morts Staircase Project

Another \$300 has been added to the Staircase Fund, raising it to just over **\$1,400.00**. Thanks goes out to the Washington Island Ferry Service, The Fox Valley Scuba Club, Deep Six Scuba Club and Pumpkin Patch Festival visitors that purchased photos. And thank you to everyone else that donated money. The Porte des Morts Staircase Fund is dedicated for the construction of a staircase to the shore at Porte des Morts Park on the far north shore of Door County. Learn more about this project, how you can contribute and help for this great project. Click on the new website: www.dcstairs.com

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Can you write? Do you have the ability to 'turn a phrase', write articles and describe your passion and experiences about scuba diving. Do you have some great photos from a dive trip you want to share with our readers? Please pass them along to us. We are always in search of quality relevant content for the Trident Newsletter. Contact John Touscany for submissions. e-mail: jtouscany@sbcglobal.net Cell, (920) 246-7800.

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Past Neptune President, Kevin Beck



Booty brought from the bottom of Fish Creek Marina



Dive Instructor Jac Jepson in his distinctive yellow DUI Dry Suit.



Past Neptune President, Gary Cihlar, before and after.



Jim Baye & Eric Poggeman of Deep Six Dive Club. Eric won the 'Best Find' pool with a handful of U.S. coins found at the end of the pier. Eric in turned donated his winnings, (\$26.00) to the Porte des Morts Staircase Fund. Thanks Eric!



Past Neptune President, Chuck Larsen



Andy Bureau, Eric Chase & Bill Roderick before entering the water at the Fish Creek Municipal Dock.



Jeff Long

Pearl Harbor Day Dive 2011

Fish Creek Municipal Dock
Photos by John Touscany,
Dennis & Julie Mullen



Mike Hanson



From left, Dakota & Dawn Delforge, Jeff Long & Mike Hanson



Randy Wallander & Tom Drzewiecki