

# David Trotter

## Underwater Explorer

David Trotter is a renowned shipwreck discoverer, deep diver, author, lecturer and photographer. In over 20 years of diving, he has been the first to locate, identify and document 80+ Great Lakes shipwrecks. His shipwreck discoveries and programs have been featured on television and in newspapers throughout the U.S. and Canada. He has written several articles on Great Lakes shipwrecks that have been published in historical journals and national scuba diving publications.

Through his organization, **Undersea Research Associates**, founded to present the Great Lakes community with an electronically sophisticated means of underwater search and survey for archeological and commercial purposes, he presents visual underwater time capsules of marine history. Utilizing state-of-the-art side scan sonar, with outstanding skilled operators, the organization offers high resolution bottom profiling at depths to 1,000 feet, underwater site survey and underwater photographic documentation.



"Here are exciting tales of real adventurers, who today scour the largest, the last, and the most challenging "terra incognita" remaining on our planet: the underwater world."

--Cris Kohl,  
Author

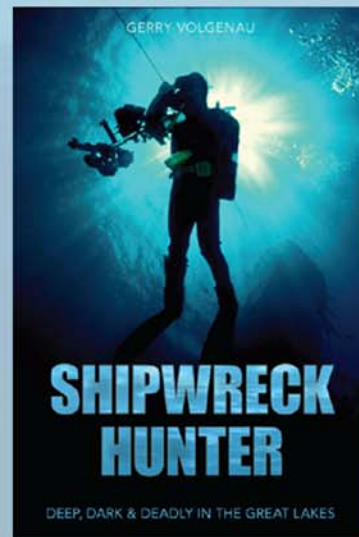
**David  
Trotter  
Presents:**

## Great Lakes Tragedies and Triumphs

Thousands of people have seen and enjoyed David's "in person" tales of discovery and exploration. The programs are designed for people of all ages to enjoy and each program is tailored to the audience...children to grandparents. David's programs, suitable for small as well as large groups, can be presented in video, DVD, or multi-media format and will be delivered with his captivating live narration. The history of each vessel unfolds as the dive team explores the shipwreck.

**"David Trotter portrays the tantalizing targets of the search for the Great Lakes most famous lost ships."**

--Clive Cussler, nationally acclaimed author



Read the exciting new book:

### **SHIPWRECK HUNTER**

by Gerry Volgenau about the adventures of David Trotter and his team as they explore the Great Lakes for ships gone missing. David offers the book for sale and will personalize it upon request.

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## Quest For The Minnedosa: The Pride of Canada

Share the story of the greatest quest (15 years) to uncover one of the truly unique Great Lakes mysteries. The Schooner *Minnedosa* was born of superlatives. Four masted and the largest schooner to



ever be built in Canada, she was no match for the autumn storms of Lake Huron when she disappeared with all hands in 1905 while carrying 80,000 bushels of wheat. Learn the unusual reasons for her discovery, what the explorers found 90 years later, and the truth behind her disappearance. The discovery and exploration of her uncovers what really happened that brutal October night.



## The Morrell Encounter: The True Story of Discovery & Exploration

It was over 25 years ago (1979) that a team of explorers, using the latest positioning technology of the time, relocated the stern and discovered the bow of the 603' *SS Daniel J. Morrell*, five miles apart on the same day! The *Carl D. Bradley* (sunk 1958), the *Daniel J. Morrell* (sunk 1966), and the *Edmund Fitzgerald* (sunk 1975) are names to be remembered in Great Lakes history. 28 of the Morrell's crew died with her, one survived.



This presentation recounts a story of the terror and the personal triumph of the lone survivor, Dennis Hale. Original and rare pictures of the first exploration dives are incorporated into the greatest shipwreck discovery of the time period. Deep air diving at its best takes you on a true tale of adventure with the underwater explorers.

**Schedule a presentation today! Contact David Trotter at 734-455-7585 or [dltrotter@msn.com](mailto:dltrotter@msn.com)**

## Collision!! Calling All Vessels!

Dateline.....November 21<sup>st</sup>, 1934, 3:27 am, off Thunder Bay in Lake Huron. The wireless operator of the 350' *W. C. Franz*: "Collision, Calling All Vessels, Crew Taking to the Lifeboats". It is an extraordinary tale of heroics by the Steamer



*Loomis* as 18 of 22 crewmen survive, without the *Franz* launching a single lifeboat.

A dedicated team of shipwreck hunters discover the *Franz* sitting upright, remarkably well preserved after resting on the floor of Lake Huron for 7 decades. Learn the story of the crew's survival while swimming into the pilothouse with the explorers and touching the beautiful wooden wheel for the first time in 70 years.



## Hidden Depths- Amazing Underwater Discoveries

Share the excitement of several new shipwreck discoveries with Undersea Research Associates. The stories involve ships of very different sizes, sunk decades apart in different lakes and for different reasons, with one thing in common- they were all carrying coal! Share the excitement of discovering and thrills of diving on the



small schooner *S. H. Kimball* the midsize Steamer *George Stone*, and the massive freighter, *Edward Demmer*.



## Titans Clash!! Then Death in the Abyss!

On May 23, 1910, the 436' Steamer *Frank H. Goodyear* sailed onto Lake Huron and into heavy fog, and oblivion. Shocked by the nearly head on collision with the *James Woods*, the *Goodyear* came to a halt, mortally wounded.

Without warning, she sank in less than five minutes, taking 18 of her crew with her. Ninety years later, an intrepid team of shipwreck hunters discover in deep water the ship that changed Great Lakes marine history. Is the Pullman Rail Car, Buffalo and Susquehanna unit (#110) still mounted deck? Find out! The *Frank H. Goodyear* is a historical adventure for all who love the Great Lakes.



## Shattered Dreams: The Hunter Savidge Story

At 4:00 P.M. on August 20, 1899, a whirlwind squall stuck suddenly without warning, and the *Hunter Savidge* was spun around and capsized in ten terrifying seconds. Captain Sharpsteen's wife, Rose, and Mrs. Mullerweiss and Etta, wife and daughter of the owner, were trapped in the cabin. John, the Captain's son, disappeared beneath the surface. It has been said by old-time seamen that the *Hunter Savidge* still waits to gather all those who shared her tragic past, and with a full crew and passengers, would then finally rest quietly in the depths of Lake Huron. Her discovery and exploration is a mystery solved, and solved only by the most unusual events. Learn the secrets of the Hunter Savidge as she is explored 85 years after her disappearance!



## The Steamship Metropole

On August 8, 1903, the 118' *Metropole* met her third and final disaster as the steamer slide beneath the surface, to become a part of Lake Huron's "Shipwreck Alley". Nearly a 100 years later, a team of explorers discover a most unique



time capsule.....the intact *SS Metropole* with her masts, wooden pilot house, giant steering wheel, compass, anchors, and cargo still in place. She appears ready to continue her voyage with crews initials still visibly carved in planking, fire hoses ready for deployment, shovels hanging from hooks and the compass still functioning. We are transported into a working steamer of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Share the adventure with us.....it doesn't get any better than this!



## Two Ships....Frozen In Time

The 163' Barquentine *H. P. Bridge*, built in 1863 during the Civil War, was only four years old when fate was to harshly intervene on May 11, 1869. Struck amidships by the Steamer *Colorado*, the Bridge disappeared. 135 years later, what the expedition team discovered amazed everyone....the ship appeared to be suspended in time. All masts upright, and unique



features so pristine that the explorers felt they were in a time capsule! The 328' Steamer *W. C. Gilbert*, lost in the brutal collision with the Steamer *Caldera* in 1914, disappeared beneath the surface in less than 5 minutes. Due to the heroic efforts of her Captain, the crew survived. Now two ships, generations apart in design, size, & construction, rest quietly just a few miles apart, in the cold, deep waters of Lake Huron. It is an exciting tale of adventure and discovery of ships that are "Frozen in Time."

