



Thunder Bay



Historically Significant Shipwrecks

Havre

H. Hubbard

Kyle Spangler

John F. Warner

James Mowatt

New Orleans

Grecian

Isaac M. Scott

Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater

Preserve boasts an impressive array of underwater cultural resources including shipwrecks, historical remnants of docks and piers, and materials from historic and prehistoric Native Americans. The area contains a nationally significant collection of approximately 116 shipwrecks that spans over two centuries of Great Lakes shipping history.

Lighthouses

Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse

Middle Island Lighthouse

Research Activities

The sanctuary is monitoring and preserving historic shipwrecks within Thunder Bay by building partnerships with education and research communities. The Institute for Exploration (IFE) conducted a sidescan sonar mapping survey of a portion of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve. In 2002, IFE will use remotely operated vehicles to examine shipwrecks in the sanctuary.

Education Activities

NOAA and the State of Michigan are working with local agencies as well as private and nonprofit organizations to protect the underwater cultural resources, develop educational activities centered around Great Lakes maritime heritage, and conduct research to further identify and interpret the area's shipwrecks. In 2001, the sanctuary along with a local/state/NOAA task force will be working to create a Maritime Heritage Center.



Location
Northern Lake Huron, near Alpena, Michigan

Protected Area
448 Square Miles

Designation
October 2000

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*Above: bow of the Grecian
left to right: scuba divers visiting a shipwreck site in the Thunder Bay area; artwork from the poster contest; visiting by kayak the historical boathouse of the Thunder Bay Island Light Station*

