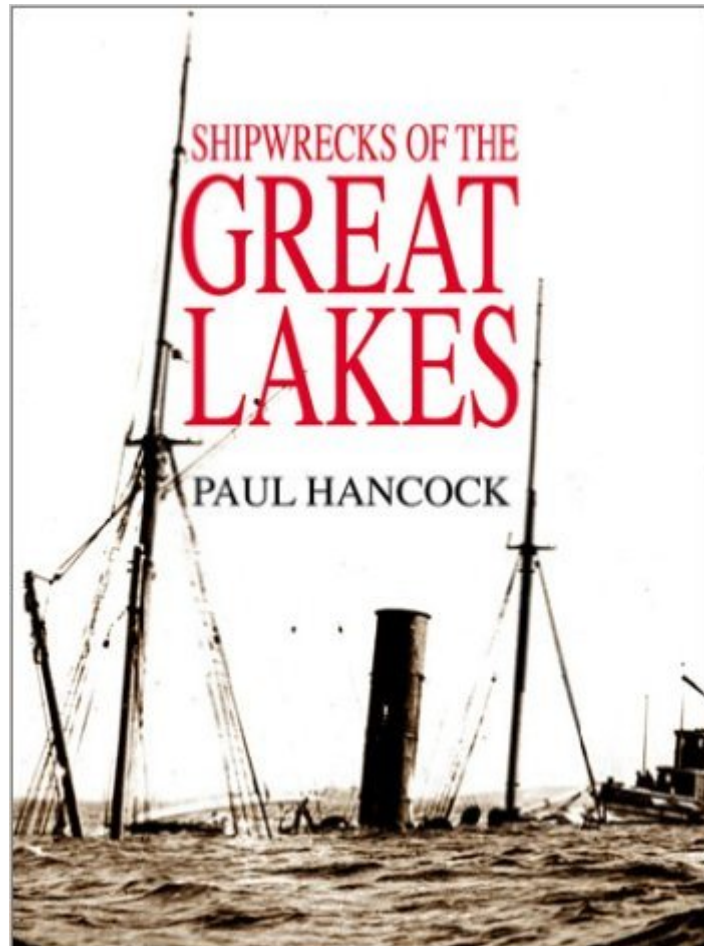


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# Shipwrecks Of The Great Lakes



## Synopsis

The Great Lakes--Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, and Ontario-- bordering Canada and the United States, are collectively the world's largest body of fresh water. Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes is a fascinating account of many of the most disastrous shipwrecks to have occurred in the centuries since the lakes were discovered by Samuel de Champlain. Illustrated throughout, it is organized chronologically, showing that though the construction of ships and their equipment might change, shipping is always at risk from the elements.

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## Customer Reviews

Paul Hancock's entry into the Great Lakes shipwreck genre is a very nicely produced book with many dramatic photos and a high level overview of a small sampling of accidents. The book is a good coffee table style book for the casually interested, but will disappoint those already acquainted with the genre or those looking for a more comprehensive and accurate reference. Despite the lavish production, the book is poorly researched, relying solely upon the secondary resources of a single archive. Subsequent errors in photo identification and historical fact abound, such as the misidentification of the schooner Northwest and the outright fabrication of the loss of the sidewheeler Planet, while details concerning the losses of several others vessels are grossly inaccurate. The book contributes no new information to the historical record and is simply an unchecked rehash of the (sometimes erroneous) work of previous researchers. The book is solely for the entertainment of the casual enthusiast and is a blatantly commercial effort bearing a striking

similarity to the now out of print book *Wrecks and Rescues of the Great Lakes* by James Barry. Of the small sampling of Great Lakes wrecks considered, nearly all have already been written about extensively by previous authors, usually with greater historical accuracy. If you are seriously interested in the history of Great Lakes shipwrecks, this is a good book to skip. However, if you are looking for a coffee table book with large, dramatic photos of Great Lakes ships and shipwrecks, this is an excellent volume.

Very interesting reading of some of the many tragedies that befell mariners on our Great Lakes. The Author includes numerous B&W photos of some of the vessels prior to their demise and some after. With close to 90% of the pages containing photographs and detailed information as to the type, length, width, weight tonnage of each ship it gives the reader a visual as well as mental picture of the vessel they are reading about. With information of the many vessels ranging from a few paragraphs to a couple of pages you appreciate the numerous hardships the crews had to endure. Have loaned the book to several friends and all have enjoyed immensely.

My youngest son loves to read about ship wrecks. While this book is about lesser-known wrecks (except the Edmund Fitzgerald), it provides a wonderful historical review of wrecks, why they happened, what their impact was, etc.

gave this as a gift for my husband who loves to learn about the shipwrecks on lake Michigan. He said it has a lot of good interesting information

Great photos with interesting stories to go along. Got it as gift for husband who loves shipwreck history and the Great Lakes.

The reviews aren't as thorough and detailed as I'd hoped, and there aren't pictures for all of the ships that were wrecked.

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