



Land and Lake Newsletter

Updates on Bruce Peninsula National Park and Fathom Five National Marine Park



Archaeology in Fathom Five

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“Legacy in a Sweetwater Sea” was coined in Fathom Five’s management plan to reflect the park’s rich cultural heritage. This spring saw a resurgence of work and interest on the cultural resources of Fathom Five, both above and below the water’s surface.

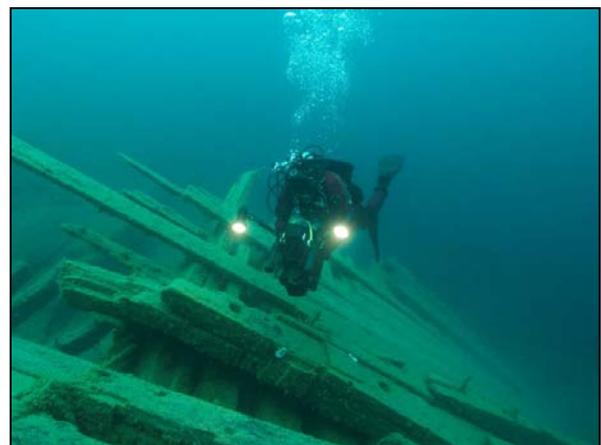
Parks Canada archaeologist Brian Ross led the effort to locate and assess over 20 archaeology sites on the islands in Fathom Five. The team consisted of two Parks Canada archaeologists, two Fathom Five staff, and two archaeologists from the Saugeen Ojibway Nations. The sites range from fish camps, complete with drying racks and stone net sinkers, to “Pukaskwa Pit” features, whose origins remain unknown. What seemed remarkable was that everywhere the team looked there was new evidence of past activity to be found (e.g., cobble features, chert from tool making, etc...).

Filippo Ronca led the team of marine archaeologists and conservators on a project to update the condition of the shipwrecks and remove many of the monitoring stations established in the 1990’s, for laboratory analysis. We look forward to seeing the high definition videos of the wrecks shot by the team. From here the archaeologists are off to the arctic and projects related to the Franklin expedition.

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Parks Canada archaeologists Ben Mortimer and Brian Ross with Fathom Five staff Scott Parker and Cavan Harpur on a “Pukaskwa Pit” rich beach on the north shore of Cove Island.



Parks Canada marine archaeologist Thierry Boyer, videoing a shipwreck monitoring station on the King before removing the abrasion plate (directly below him) for laboratory analysis.

