

WRECKER'S REPORT

Shipwreck Diving Laws in Lower Lake Michigan



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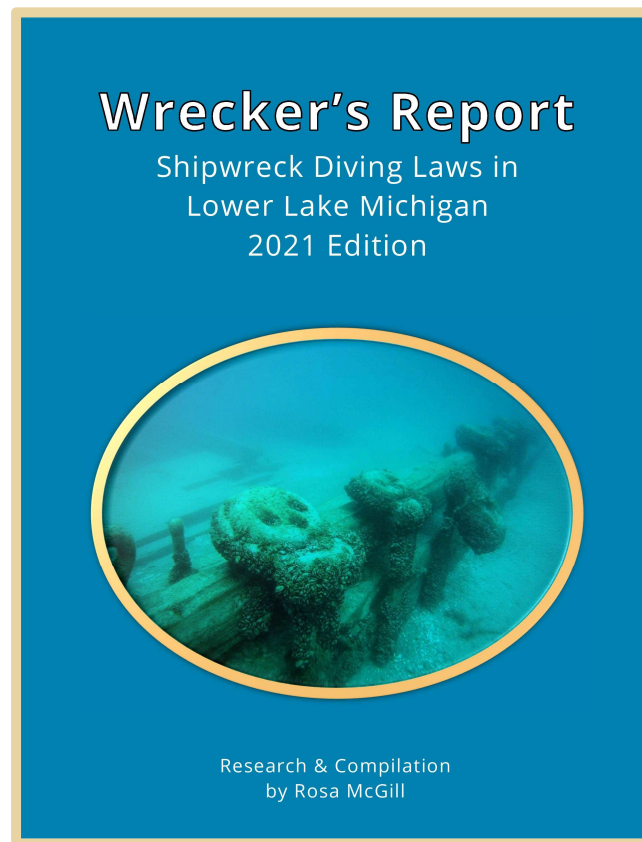


WHAT?

- > An up-to-date collection of federal, state, city, and county laws that govern shipwreck diving for sport and historical preservation in southern Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and southern Michigan.

WHEN?

- > Planning: Fall 2020
- > Research: Jan/Feb 2021
- > Compilation: March 2021



WHY?

- > Shipwrecks are often designated as historic sites under state and federal law, subject to special protections
- > Lake Michigan falls under the jurisdiction of four states, the U.S. federal government, and hundreds of coastal municipalities – regulations are not uniform
- > Reference materials assist divers in planning dives legally and maintaining good relationships with local officials and communities

HOW?

- > Discussion/needs analysis with shipwreck divers
- > Consultation with local experts about rules and history
- > Manual and technology-assisted review of shipwreck-related legislation