Ships have been plying the Great Lakes since European settlement. Shipwrecks have followed. Wisconsin has 52 shipwrecks and three historic maritime districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places. That's far more than any other state.

The Wisconsin Historical Society and the University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute have collaborated for many years on shipwreck exploration that celebrates our state's nautical past and its cultural importance.

Resources for teachers include:

- Underwater archaeology in Wisconsin, including a teacher's guide, wisconsinhistory.org/shipwrecks
- Wisconsin's Great Lakes Shipwrecks, wisconsinshipwrecks.org
- Wisconsin's Maritime Trails, maritimetrails.org
- 25 online videos, bit.ly/NsFF3r
- A comprehensive website on diving, including links to activities for elementary-school-age children, bit.ly/1aVOSfc