

Shipwrecks of Lake Ontario

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THE GRAVEYARD OF LAKE ONTARIO

by Willis Metcalfe

The graveyard of Lake Ontario
 The Main Duck is widely known,
 For a score of helpless vessels
 On its jagged shores have blown.
 Duluth to Montreal, Cleveland to the sea,
 Veteran mariners spin tragic yarns,
 About an island near the Galoos.

Ancient brigs and man-of-wars,
 Schooners, barques and frigates
 Are derelicts on its shores
 Laden freighters, tugs and tows
 Have grounded on its shoals,
 Held prisoners by rocky tentacles,
 Unfreed in their struggling throes.

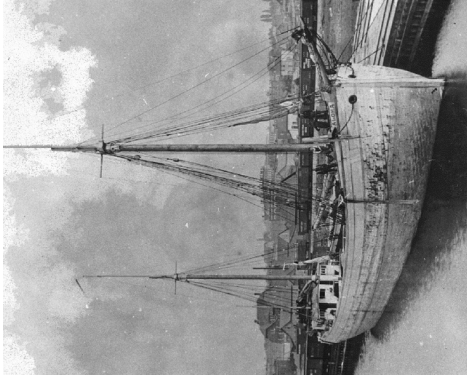
The Graveyard of Lake Ontario,
 A sailor's last Port of Call.
 For many a veteran seaman
 Arrived not at home in the fall;
 Lulled by the wind and the waves,
 They sleep in the boundless deep
 In a harbour fair, safe port at last.



Annie Falconer

The Great Lakes of the United States are important and busy shipping routes of goods and materials. Unfortunately, they have also been the site of many shipwrecks. Plotting the positions of these wrecks on the map on the next page will give you some insight into where many of the wrecks occurred, as well as giving you some practice using degrees, minutes, and seconds (DMS) of latitude and longitude.

Sligo	43°36'N 79°29'W	1918	http://www.greatlakesinstitute.ca/projects/sligo.htm
Avro Arrow	43°49'N 78°13'W	c. 1955	A scale model of a new RCAF fighter jet launched as a test
R.H. Rae	43°53'N 76°51'W	1858	Schooner capsized in a squall http://northerntechdiver.com/wrecks/rae/rae.php
Olive Branch	43°55'N 76°45'W	Sept.30 1880	Sank in 100' of water, taking the lives of the captain and crew.
City of Sheboygan	44°05'N 76°45'W	Sept. 25 1915	3 masted schooner foundered in a violent storm with a cargo of coal. The crew of 5 perished.
Annie Falconer	43°58'N 76°49'W	Nov. 12 1904	2 masted schooner carrying coal
Katie Eccles	44°0'N 76°44'W	November 1922	2 masted schooner carrying coal http://www.scubaq.ca/ontarioscubadiving/eccles.htm
Aberdeen	44°04'N 77°4'W	March 11 1918	Burned in harbor, at the "Ways," Hepburn Shipyard
USCG 56022	43°18'N 77°20'W	Dec. 1 1977	56-foot Coast Guard cable boat, a converted landing craft (LCM) with an open deck, experienced 6-foot waves and winds of 50 mph. 3 man crew rescued
Mary Kay	43°28'N 76°33'W	Sept 21 1988	55-foot, 35-ton tugboat, newly refitted when two 9-foot waves crashed over her stern and filled the engine room. She listed and sank quickly. Crew of 2 rescued.
Comet	44°8'N 76°35'W	May 14, 1861	Twin-engined side-wheel steamer collided with the American schooner Exchange and sank after trying to run for shelter.
Aloha	44°10'N 76°34'W	Oct. 28 1917	The 2-masted schooner-barge hauling 925 tons of coal from Erie, Pennsylvania to the Kingston Locomotive Works when she foundered.



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