

### Scuba Center, Inc.

## Lake Michigan Wreck Diving Summer and Fall, 2009



CHICAGO-AREA RESIDENTS are fortunate to have not only great local dive sites such as Pearl Lake and Haigh Quarry, but a huge adjoining body of water (Lake Michigan) that's home to some of the world's best wreck diving. And, because this is fresh water, our wrecks tend to be better preserved — often appearing much today as when they first sunk, up to 100 years (or more) ago. These wrecks can range from small schooners to giant cargo ships and car ferries.

Every summer, Underseas Scuba Center runs a number of Lake Michigan wreck charters. The Chicagoland area is home to over a dozen shipwrecks. Whether your interests lie in exploring old wooden schooners or modern steel wrecks, our charters are dedicated to providing you with the safest and most comfortable passage to your adventure.



Underseas Scuba Center's wreck charters are specifically designed for divers who want to get their first taste of Lake Michigan wreck diving, or have limited prior wreck diving experience. Depths are moderate — typically 50-70 feet or less. Many of our passengers are making their first dives after certification in Pearl Lake or Haigh Quarry.

Our dive boats this year will be the "R/V Aquatica" and the "Enterprise". The R/V Aquatica will be docking at Rainbow Fleet in Burnham Harbor. The Enterprise will be docking out of Waukegan Harbor. Both boats comfortably transport six passengers



and dive gear. These are great vessels for first-time Great Lakes divers.

The charter fee for these trips is just \$100. Divers must supply all normal open-water dive equipment, including two full tanks. (If need be, you can rent everything you need, for just \$60 from Underseas Scuba Center).

Charters leave Burnham Harbor at 8:30 AM or Waukegan Harbor at 7:00 AM to take advantage of the best weather. Space on these trips is limited, and they always fill extremely early. Call (630) 833-8383 for availability.

### The Trip at a Glance

**Departs** • May 23, 2009 \*  
• June 7, 2009 \*  
• July 5, 2009 \*\*  
• July 19, 2009 \*  
• August 2, 2009 \*\*  
• August 22, 2009 \*  
• September 19, 2009 \*  
• October 3, 2009 \*\*

\* Enterprise - Waukegan  
\*\* R/V Aquatica - Burnham

**Returns** (Same Day)

**Duration** 1 Morning (August 2, 1:00pm)

**Cost** \$100

**Deposit** Payment in full due at sign up. No refunds will be given within 14 days of departure unless we find someone to take your place

**included** Price includes:

- One two-tank boat dive

**You Provide** Not included in price:

- All necessary equipment, including two full tanks

### Travel Checklist

Be sure to bring the following:

- Certification card
- Log book
- DAN insurance card (or equivalent)
- Mask, snorkel, fins
- Adequate exposure protection (ask Underseas Scuba for recommendation)
- Complete scuba system, including BC, regulator, alternate air source, pressure gauge, dive computer and compass
- Dive knife/tool, slate and dive tables
- Two tanks and weights
- Sun block
- Sun glasses
- Motion sickness medication (take well ahead of time)
- Adequate clothing