



#### **RRT III**

# Proposed Designation Mallows Bay, Expansion of USS Monitor NMS and

An Update on NOAA's Remediation of Underwater Legacy Environmental Threats (RULET) Database

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### NOAA interests in shipwrecks

 Shipwrecks are difficult to categorize but there are several types:

Historic Wrecks

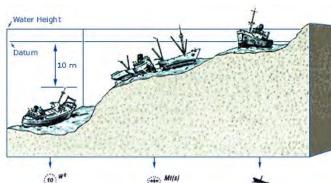
Contemporary Wrecks

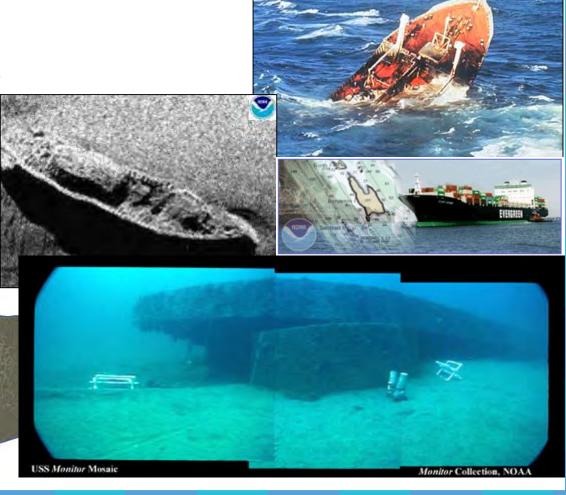
Derelict Vessels

Navigation

Pollution

Historic Protection





#### NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY SYSTEM

Olympic Coast

**Greater Farallones** 

Cordell Bank

Papahānaumokuākea

Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale

Scale varies in this perspective. Adapted from National Geographic Maps.

Monterey Bay

Channel Islands

American Samoa (U.S.) (Including Rose Atoll)

United States

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Wisconsin - Lake Michigan

Thunder Bay

Stellwagen Bank

Mallows Bay - Potomac River

- Monitor

Gray's Reef

Florida Keys

Flower Garden Banks

O National Marine Sanctuary

△ Marine National Monument

Proposed National Marine Sanctuary

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The Office of National Marine Sanctuaries serves as the trustee for a system of 14 marine protected areas encompassing more than 170,000 square miles of marine and Great Lakes waters from Washington state to the Florida Keys, and from Lake Huron to American Samoa. The system includes 13 national marine sanctuaries and the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. For more information on the National Marine Sanctuary System, visit: http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov



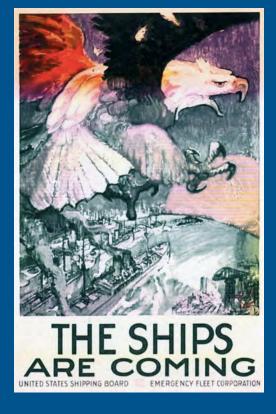


#### An Important Chapter in US History

**April 1917** 

The US Enters WWI:
The Call for One Thousand Ships in 18 Months!





#### A Nationwide Priority

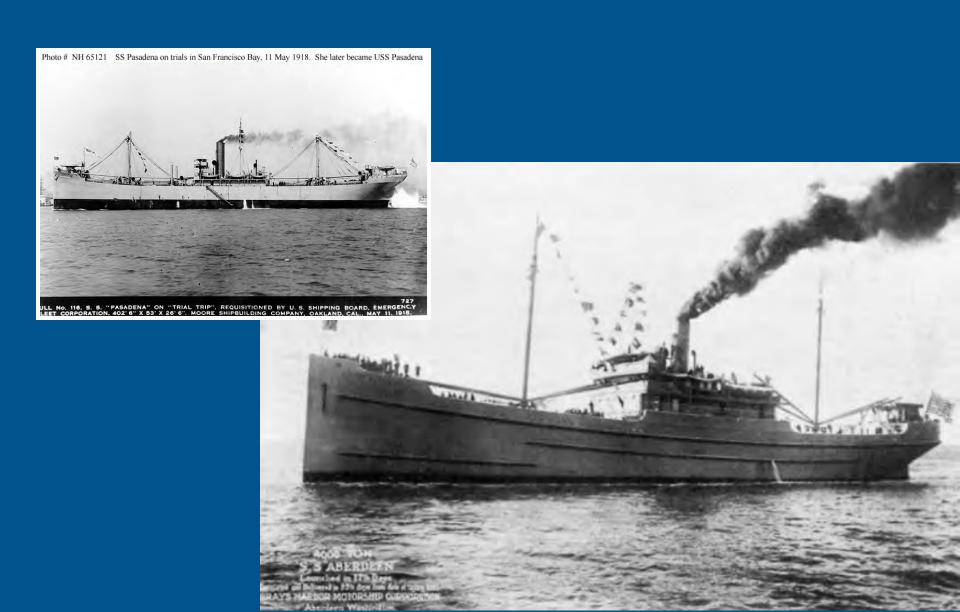
Map14. Distribution of United States Shipyards Represented by Vessels Identified in Mallows Bay, Maryland as of 11 August 1929



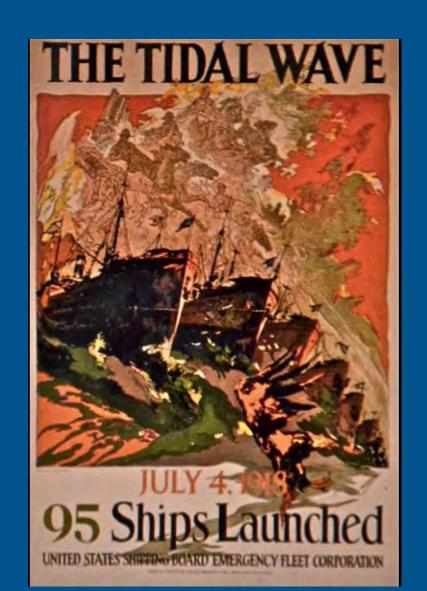
#### Major Jobs Program and Community Development



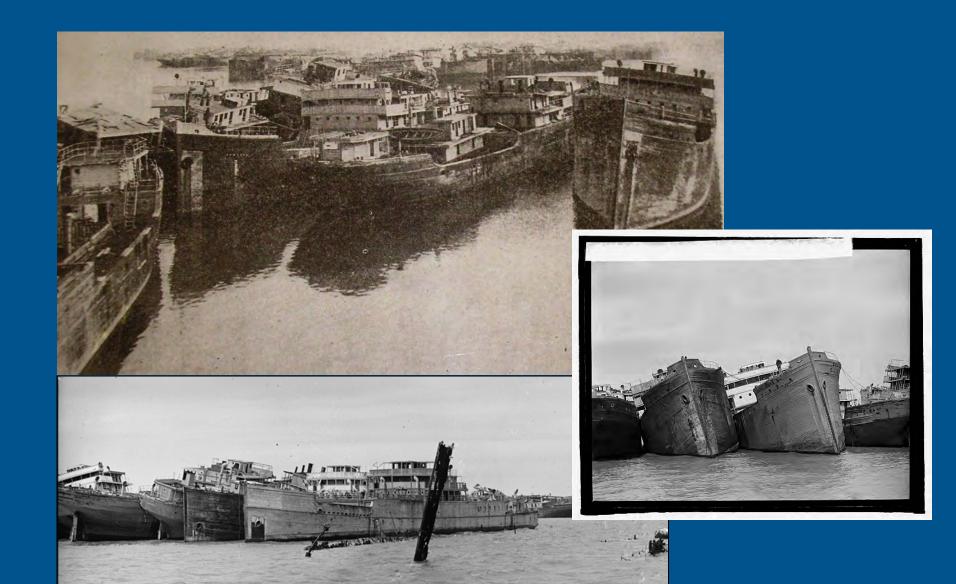
#### **Eight Ship Designs**



#### July 4, 1918



#### Mallows Bay, circa 1925



#### November 7, 1925

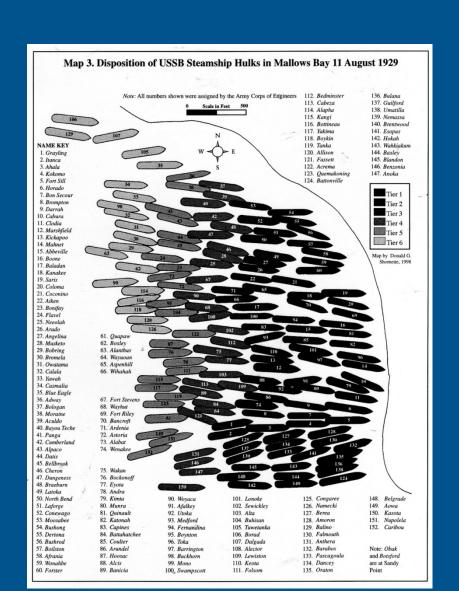


Thirty-one wooden U.S. Shipping Board steamers go up in smoke on November 7, 1925, the greatest destruction of shipping at one time in the history of the Potomac River. Courtesy National Archives and Record Service

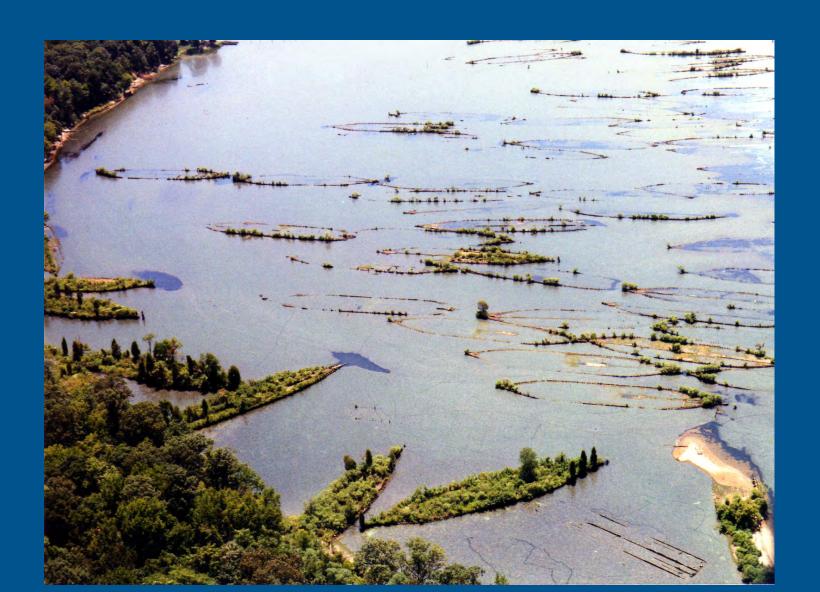
#### **Ship Breaking Operations**



#### Mallows Bay, circa 1929



#### Maritime Landscape, circa 1990s







#### **Ecological Significance**





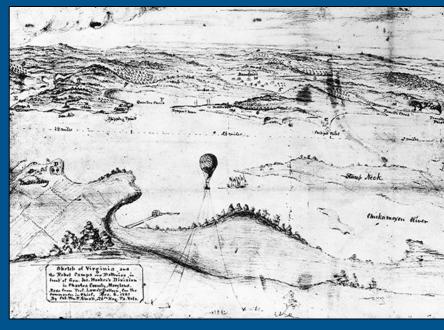




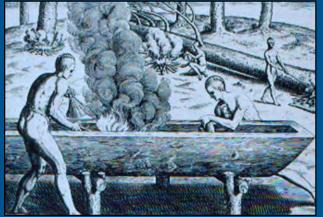
#### Cultural Heritage







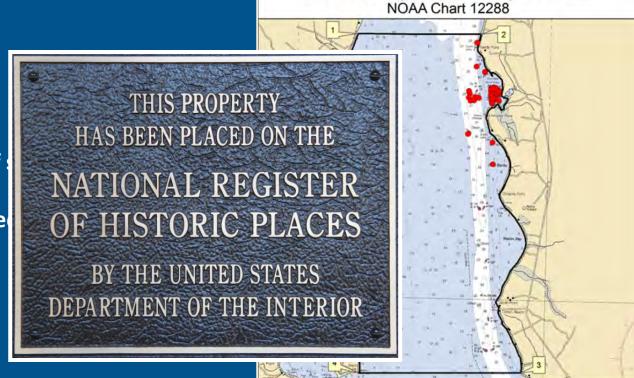






#### National Register of Historic Places, April 2015

- 11,000+ acres within MD state waters
- 124 vessels
- 101 USSB steamships
  - Varying degrees of
- 23 other sites not relate
- 8 vessel debris piles
- 6 non-vessel sites
- Nationally significant under NRHP
  - Criteria A, C, and D



1. 4,262,158 N 298,204 E / 38.484933 N 77.313604 W 2. 4,262,139 N 301,738 E / 38.485539 N 77.273109 W 3. 4,252,380 N 30,2879 E / 38.397933 N 77.257294 W 4. 4,252,380 N 298,201 E / 38.396890 N 77.310835 W

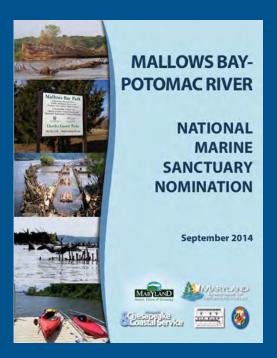
Mallows Bay - Widewater Sites Mallows Bay - Widewater NR District

Map 1 of 1: Mallows Bay - Widewater Historical

and Archaeological National Register District

# Mallows Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary Nomination













Charles County Dept of Tourism MD Dept. of Economic Development Atlantic Kayak

The Nature Conservancy National Aquarium (Baltimore) Alice Ferguson Foundation

College of Southern MD
Charles County Public School System

National BASS
Bass Anglers Sportsman Society

Piscataway-Conoy Tribe
Southern MD Heritage Area Consortium

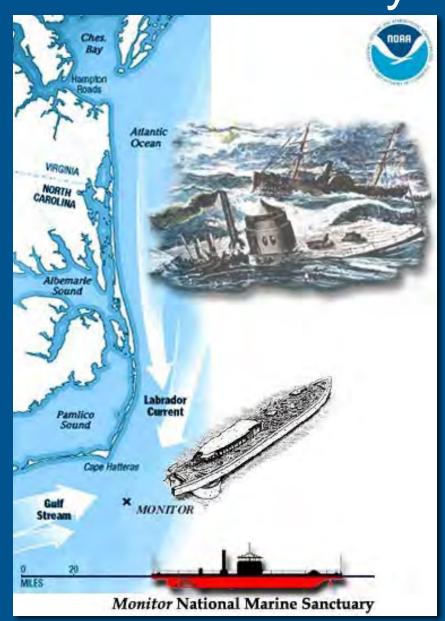
Patuxent Naval Air Station

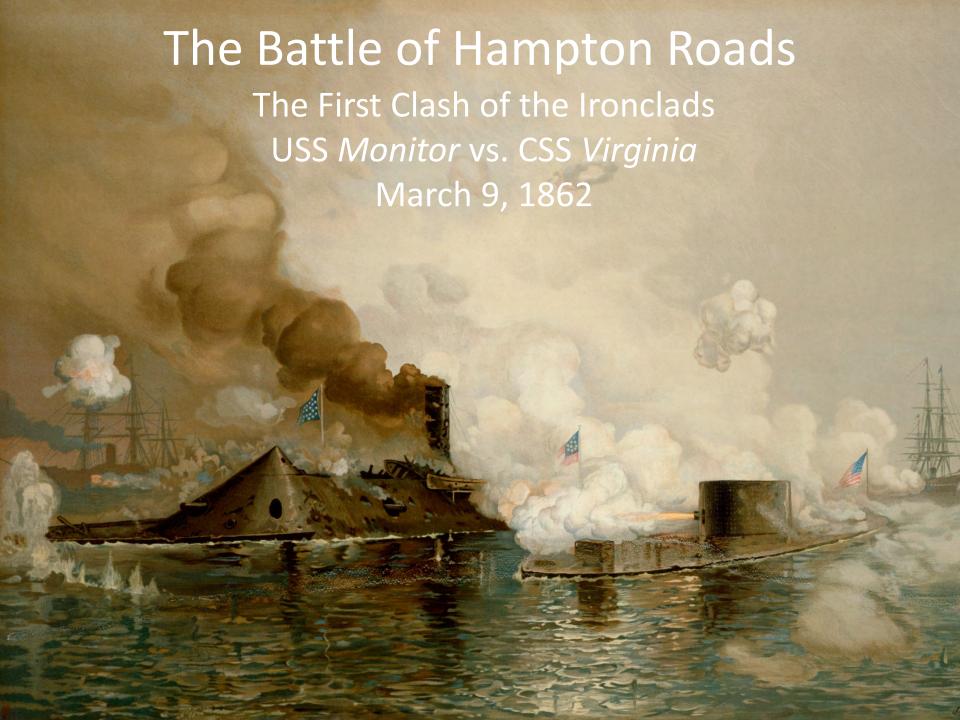
Private Citizen / Historian



### Monitor National Marine Sanctuary

- 16 miles off the coast of Cape Hatteras in the Graveyard of the Atlantic
- Protects the Civil War Ironclad USS Monitor discovered in 1973 by a Duke University research team
- America's First National Marine Sanctuary designated in 1975





### January 31, 1862

USS *Monitor* sinks in a storm off Cape Hatteras while under tow by the USS *Rhode Island* 





# A History of Preservation













USS Monitor Center at The Mariners' Museum



#### USS Monitor Center

# Mariners' Batten Conservation Laboratory Complex





## USS Monitor Heritage Trail Signs



#### Four signs currently installed

- Newport News, VA
- •Drewry's Bluff, National Battlefield Park
- •Greenpoint *Monitor* Museum, Brooklyn, NY

Additional six signs planned for installation

- New York City (2)
- **Baltimore MD**
- Syracuse, NY
- Newport News, VA (2)

# Monitor Sailors Burial at Arlington National Cemetery March 8, 2013







151 Years After the Battle of Hampton Roads

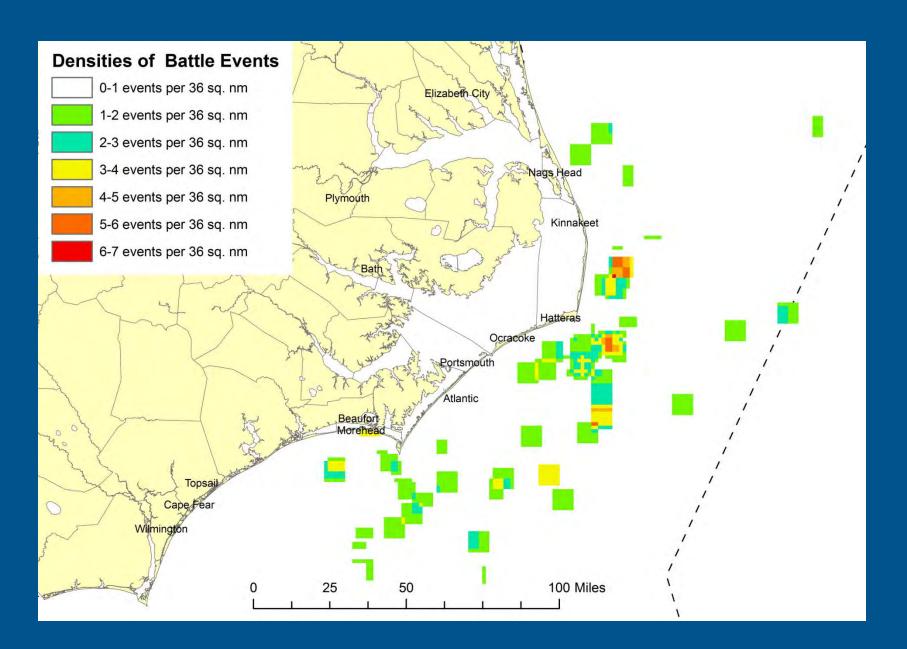


For over 40 years, the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary has served as a special place honoring the iconic Civil War ironclad *Monitor* and the memory and service of Civil War sailors.

# WWII Battle of the Atlantic: NOAA's Battlefield Landscape Study 2008-2016

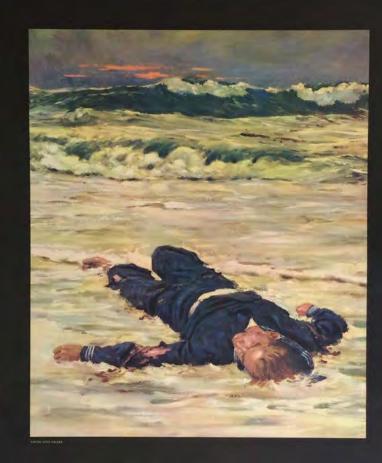


#### Density of Battle-Related Events



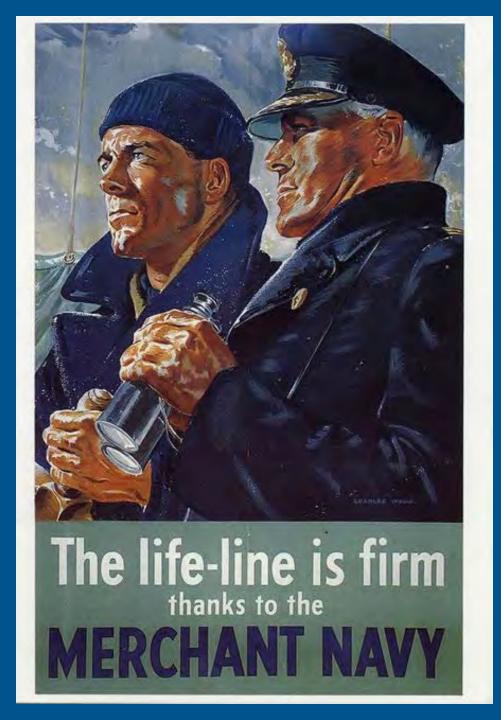


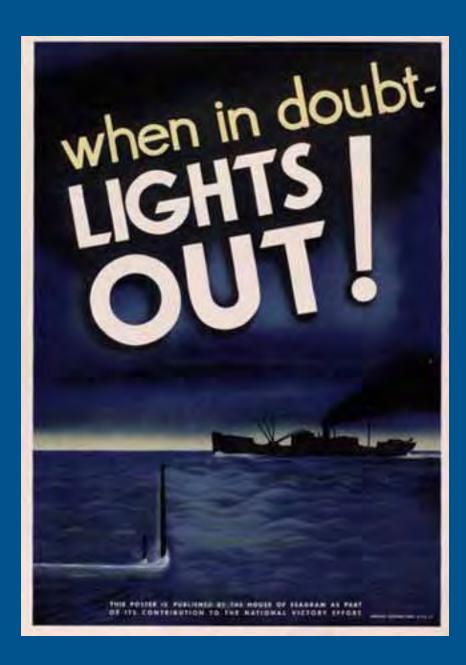




a careless word...

A NEEDLESS LOSS







## "YOU BET I'M GOING BACK TO SEA!"

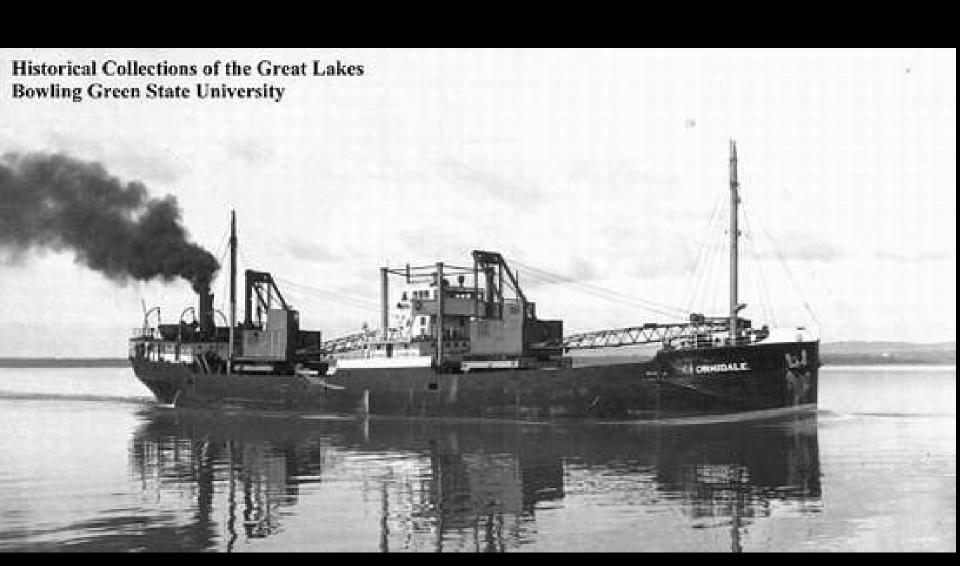
Register at your nearest U.S. Employment Service Office

**U.S. MERCHANT MARINE** 

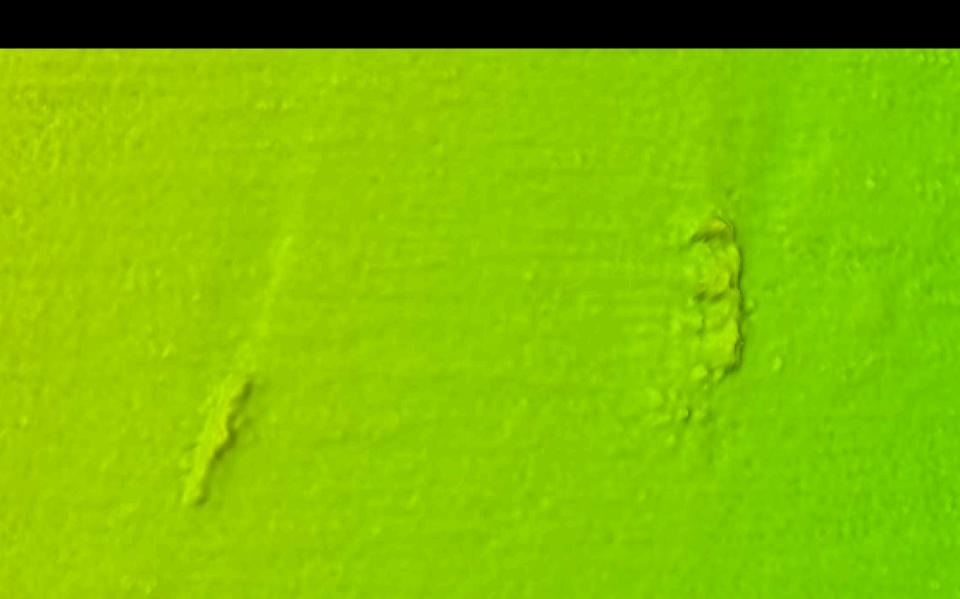
War Shipping Administration



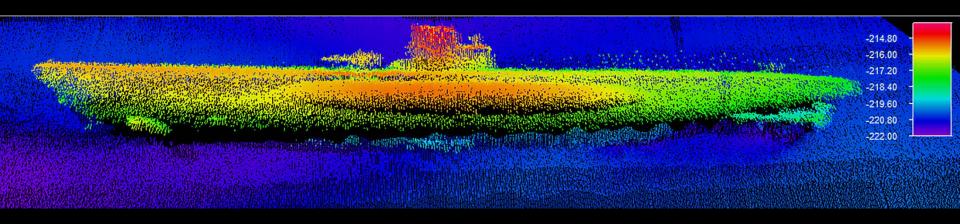
### An Underwater Battlefield: The KS-520 Convoy



# Discovery of U-576



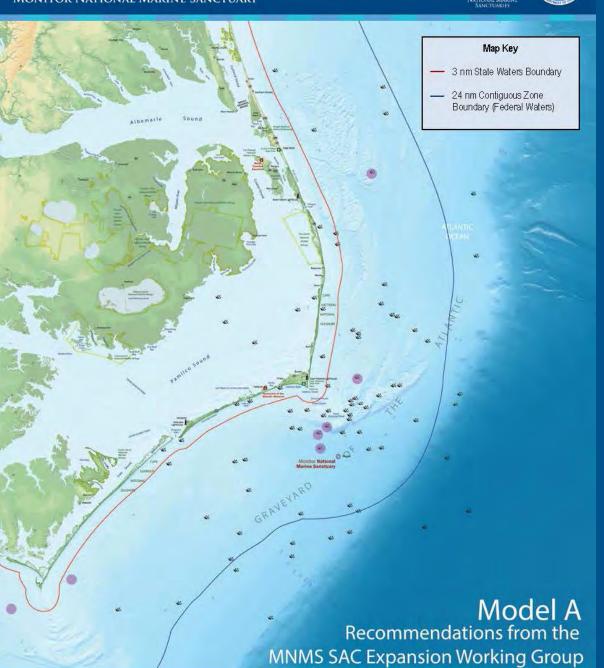
## Discovery of U-576



#### MONITOR NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

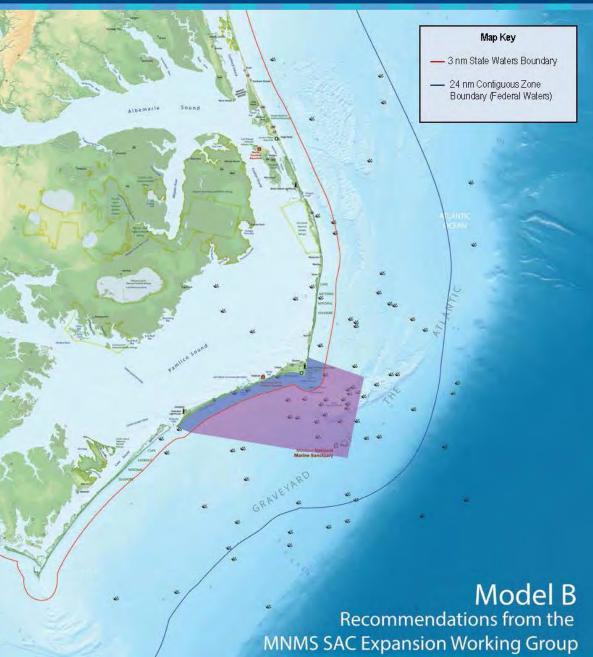






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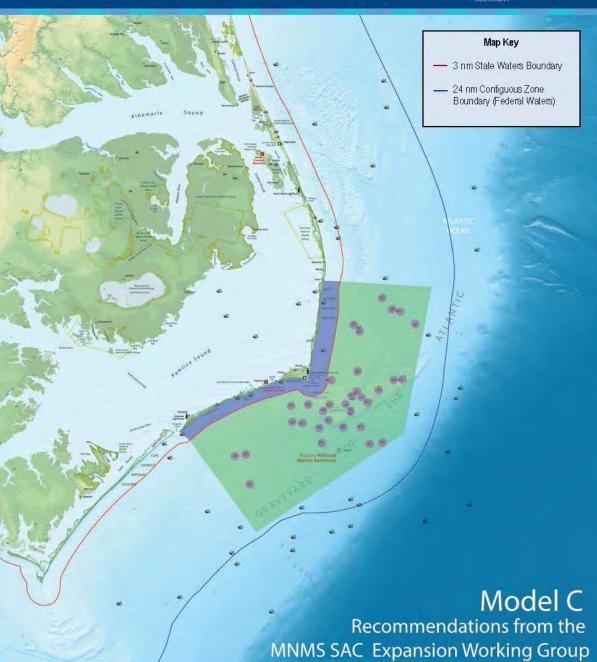




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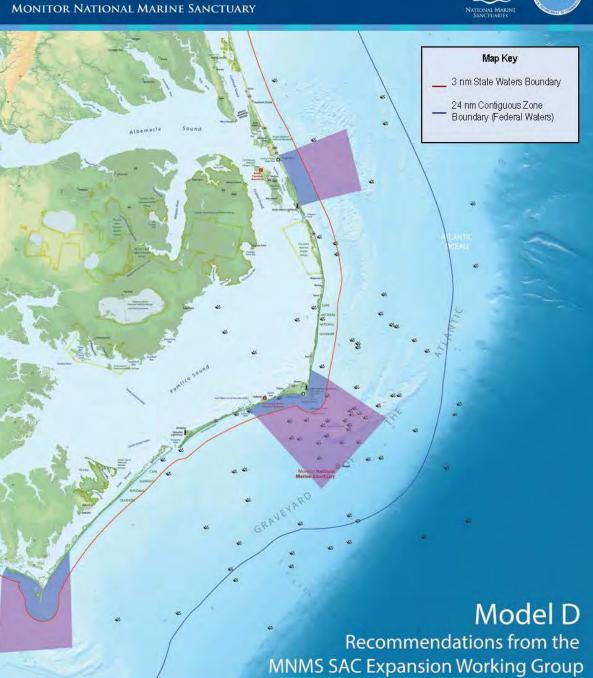












#### The NEPA Process

- Phase 1: Intent, Scoping Meetings, Public Comments
- Phase 2: Draft Documents (DEIS, DMP, Proposed Rule), Public Hearings
- Phase 3: Final Documents, Agency and Legal Reviews, Clearances, Publication

Timeline: 2-3 years





S.S. Jacob Luckenbach

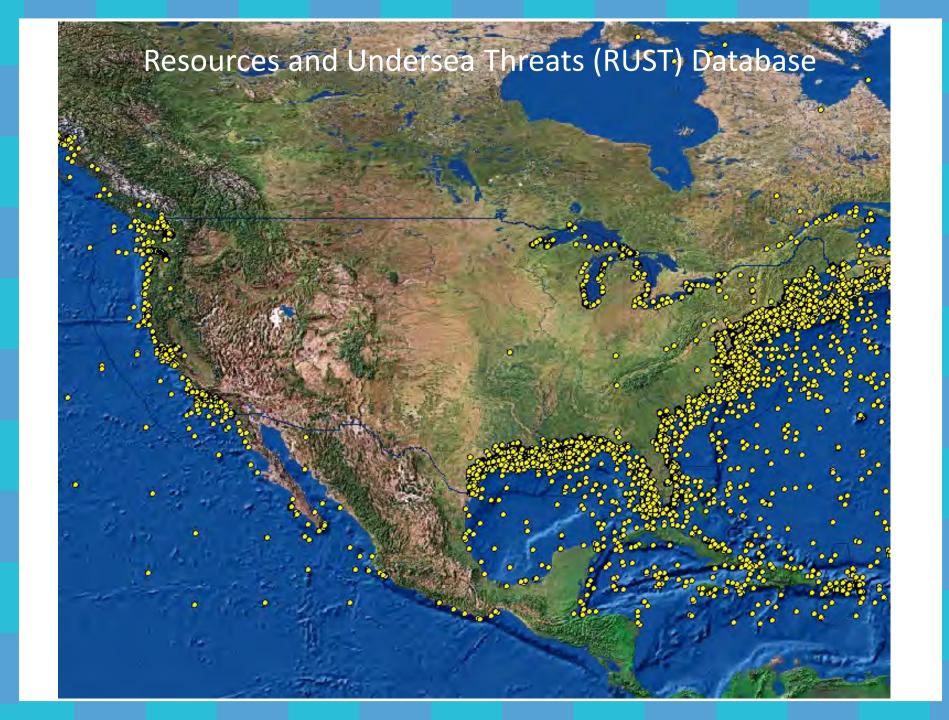
Sank on July 14, 1953 off San Francisco. Oil removed in 2003





#### USS Mississinewa,

November, 1944. Sunken in Ulithi Atoll in Federated States of Micronesia. Oil removed in 2003







## Remediation of Underwater

Legacy Environmental Threats (RULET)

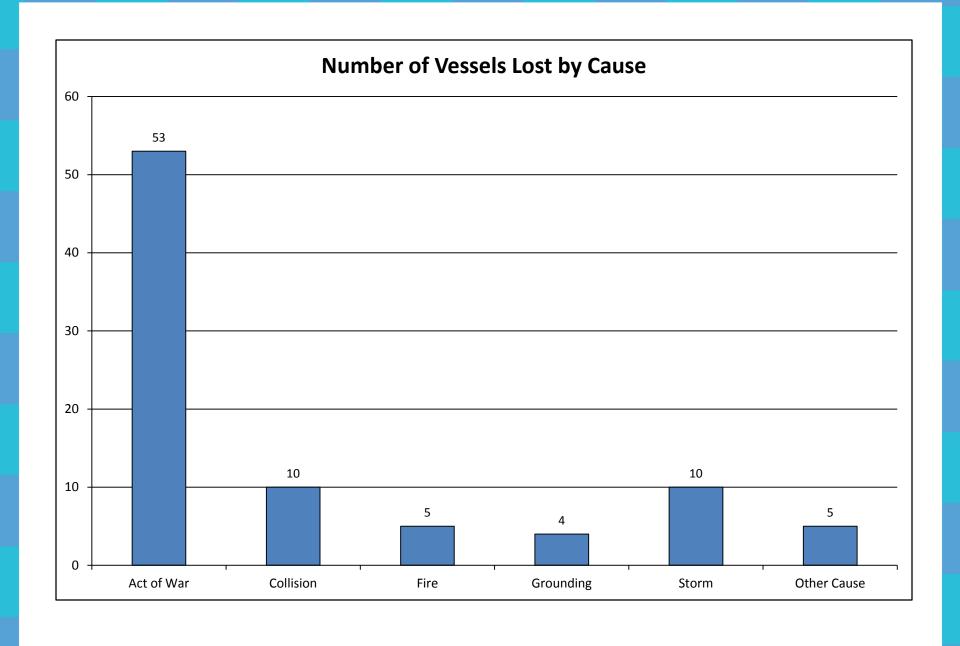
### Initial Narrowing Criteria: 30,000 to 573

- Post 1910 Post 1902 Post 1891 (UK uses 1873)
- Steel Hull (as well as iron or concrete)
- Tanker/Tank Barge
- >200' or 1000GT

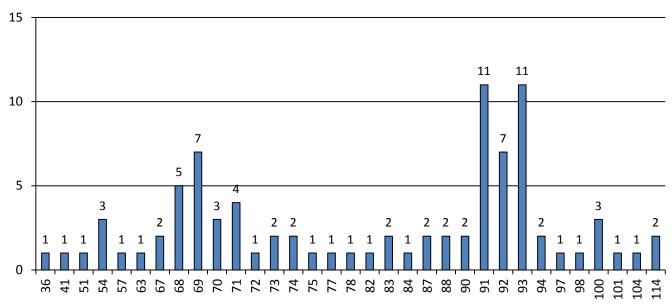
**RULET: 233 228 162 115** 107

High Priority: 58 28 23

Reported to be leaking: 10

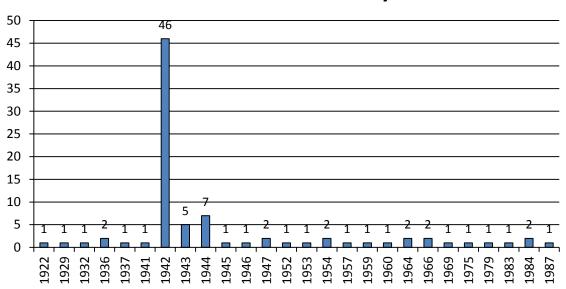


#### **Current Age (yrs) of Shipwrecks**



Age of Vessel in 2012

#### **Number of Vessels Lost by Year**



Allan Jackson

100

150

200 ■ Miles

50

Esso Gettysburg

100

150

200 Miles

25

50

Name	WCD Final Score	MP Final Score	USCG District
Francis E. Powell	18	14	5
China Arrow	18	10	5
W.L. Steed	17	13	5
William Rockefeller	16	14	5
Lancing	15	12	5
Norlavore	15	12	5
Paestum	15	12	5
Allan Jackson	14	11	5
Buarque	14	11	5
Marit II	14	11	5
Nordal	14	11	5
Venore	14	11	5
Oneida	13	12	5
Mormackite	13	12	5
Cayru	13	11	5
Ljubica Matkovic	13	11	5
India Arrow	13	10	5
Empire Gem	12	12	5
Marine Electric	12	11	5
Northern Pacific	12	11	5
Swiftscout	12	11	5
Panam	12	9	5

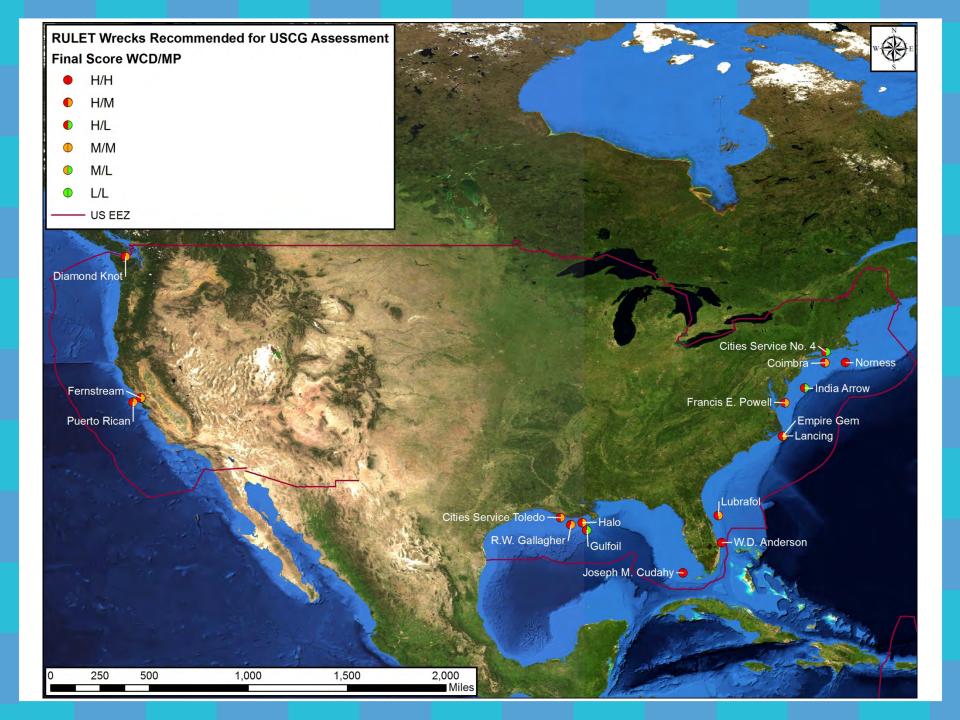
Ves	ssel Risk Factors	Data Quality Score	Comments		Risk Score	
	A1: Oil Volume (total bbl)	Medium	Maximum of 77,000 bbl, known to be leakir	ng		
Pollution Potential Factors	A2: Oil Type	High	#2 fuel oil			
	B: Wreck Clearance	High	Not cleared			
	C1: Burning of the Ship	High	Burned for two days		Med	
	C2: Oil on Water	High	Oil on the water at time of casualty			
	D1: Nature of Casualty	High	Hit by two torpedoes, explosion, fire			
	D2: Structural Breakup	High	In one piece			
Archaeological Assessment	Archaeological Assessment	High	Detailed sinking records of this wreck exist as dive reports, assessment is believed to accurate	as well be very	Not Scored	
	Wreck Orientation	High	Vessel is upside down			
	Depth	High	Vessel is 180 feet deep			
	Visual or Remote Sensing Confirmation of Site Condition	High	Technical dive site			
Operational Factors	Other Hazardous Materials Onboard	High	No		Not Scored	
1 401013	Munitions Onboard	High	Small arms, 5-inch gun and two .30 caliber Lewis machine guns		Joored	
	Gravesite (Civilian/Military)	High	Yes			
	Historical Protection Eligibility (NHPA/SMCA)	High	NHPA and possibly SMCA			
				WCD	Most Probable	
Ecological Resources	3A: Water Column Resources	High	Large spills of light fuel oil can have significant impacts to water column resources; smaller spills are less persistent in open water	High	Low	
	3B: Water Surface Resources	High	Under the WCD, slicks spread over large surface areas; smaller spills are less persistent; even light sheens can become concentrated in convergences with Sargassum mats which host many species	High	Med	
	3C: Shore Resources	High	Mostly expect to have light oiling by light fuel oil on outer sand beaches	Med	Low	
	4A: Water Column Resources	High	Moderate area of water column would be impacted in fishing grounds	Med	Low	
Socio- Economic Resources	4B: Water Surface Resources	High	Relatively large area of offshore surface water would be impacted including important shipping lanes and a national marine sanctuary	High	High	
	4C: Shore Resources	High	Relatively large length of shoreline affected in areas with high-value and sensitive resources.	High	Med	
			Sensitive resources			

# **Lubrafol Specific Scoring**

Each risk assessment has scored and unscored components.

The scores are compiled to generate a Worst Case Discharge and a Most Probable Discharge (10%) score for each vessel.

WCD High MP Med



Vessel Scores	Possible NOAA Recommendations	Number of Vessels 2013	Number of Vessels 2015
High (+1 Med)	Wreck should be considered for further assessment to determine the vessel condition, amount of oil onboard, and feasibility of oil removal action	17	17, (+1,-1)
High & Med. (Unk Loc.)	Use surveys of opportunity to attempt to locate this vessel and gather information on the vessel condition	46	44
High & Med.	Conduct active monitoring to look for releases or changes in rates of releases	22	24
All	Be noted in the Area Contingency Plans	87	88
All	Conduct outreach efforts to regional users.	87	88

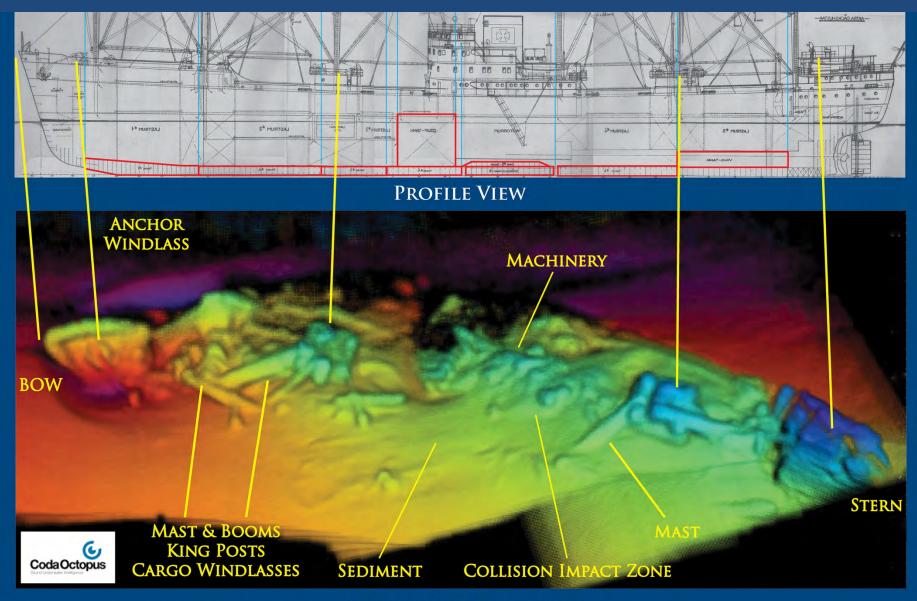
### **RULET Assessment Updates**

2013 Category Rank	Score Range	# for WCD	# for MP
High Priority	15-21	36	6
Medium Priority	12-14	40	36
Low Priority	7-11	11	45
2015 Category Rank	Score Range	# for WCD	# for MP
High Priority	15-21	35*	6*
Medium Priority	12-14	39**	34**
Low Priority	7-11	13	47

Vessel Assessments	Dat	Status	WCD	MP
	е			
*Fernstream, SF CA	3/14	WCD down, MP same following survey, monitoring		
**W.E Hutton, NC	8/14	Found due to sheening, correctly identified, plugged, monitoring		
*USNS Mission San Miguel, HI	8/15	Found assessed, scores reduced from H/M		
Coimbra, LI NY	8/15	Satellite detection of sheening, no shoreline impact		
*USS Murphy, LI NY	8/15	Found due to sheening, similar to <i>Coimbra</i> , not yet scored		
<i>Argo</i> , OH	9/15	Assessment and recovery fall 2015. Now Low/Low after removal.		
Coast Trader	6/16	ROV survey of opportunity, recent side scan – substantially intact	*	*

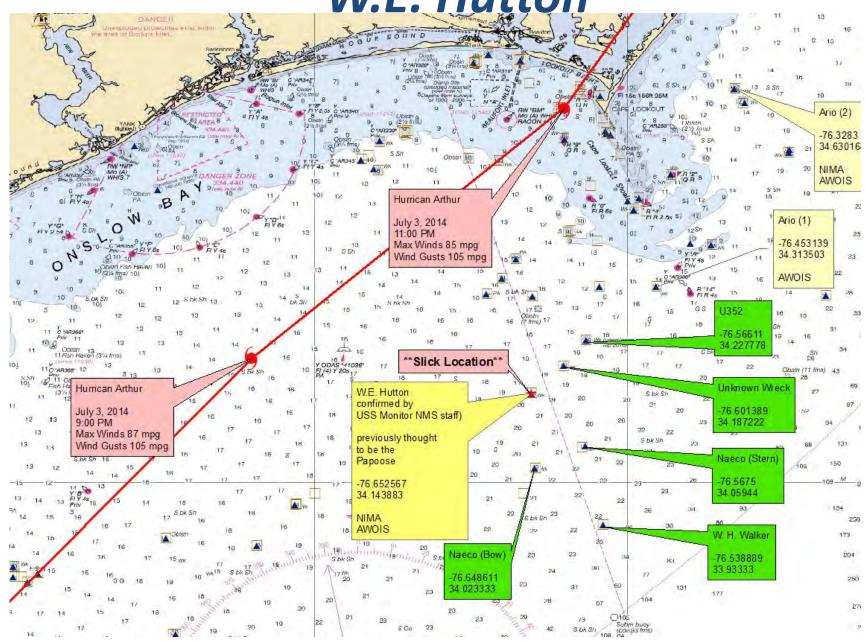
City Services Barge #4 — undergoing corrosion assessment by USCG Academy

### **FERNSTREAM**



DOWNWARD DECK VIEW

W.E. Hutton



### W.E. Hutton

- Excluded from RULET based on NOAA video footage showing all tanks open to the sea. Later determined to be wire dragged tanker *Ario*.
- The wreck formerly identified as *Papoose*, now known to be *W.E HUTTON*. 453 ft tanker carrying 65,000 barrels of #2 heating oil plus bunkers, torpedoed by a German U-Boat and sank on 18 March 1942. ~125 feet deep, upside down, port side buried
- W.E. Hutton, Papoose and Ario are all in the same general vicinity.

### **Anomaly Reports include Wrecks**

#### MARINE POLLUTION SURVEILLANCE REPORT





Analysis Provided by: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service (NOAA/NESDIS)

REPORT DATE: AUGUST 20, 2015 REPORT TIME: 0030Z (8/19/2015 2030 EDT)

ANALYST: TURK

DATA SOURCE: LANDSAT-8 OLI

MODE: Multispectral RESOLUTION: 30 meter

IMAGE DATE/TIME: 8/19/2015 1533Z (1133 EDT)

#### Legend



1.6 km<sup>2</sup>

Possible Oil

False-Positive (not oil)

Torpedoed Tanker Coimbra : [ 40°24'01" N / 72°22'12" W ]

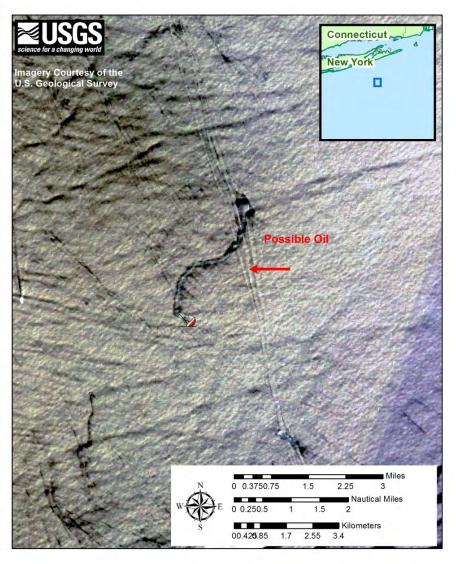
Area of Possible Oil

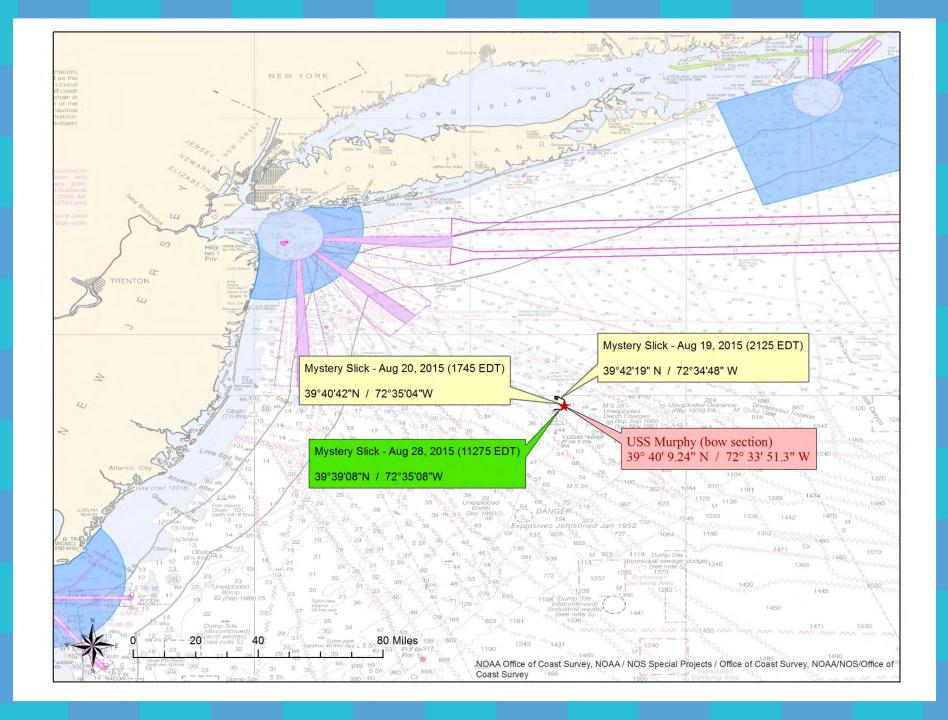
#### **CONFIDENCE: High**

#### REMARKS:

An oil slick was detected emanating from the torpedoed tanker Coimbra approximately 53 miles southwest of Montauk Point. The slick was 2.9 miles in length and up to 0.3 miles wide. Skies were clear and winds were from the southeast at 5 knots at the time of the image.

Confidence is high that the slick is oil because the Coimbra is a known repeat leak source and portions of the slick appear shimmery in the high resolution imagery.

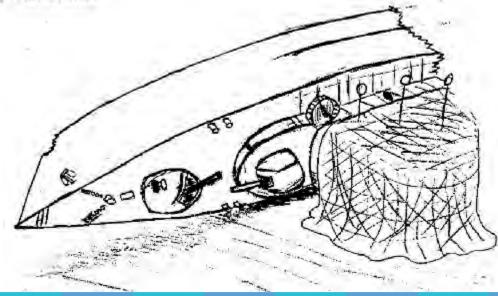




U.S.S. Murphy (Bow)
Sheening 8/15

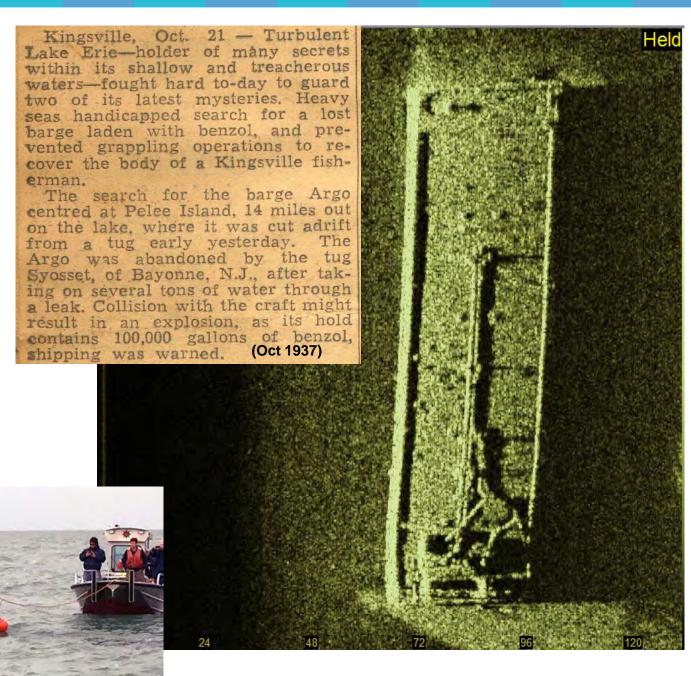






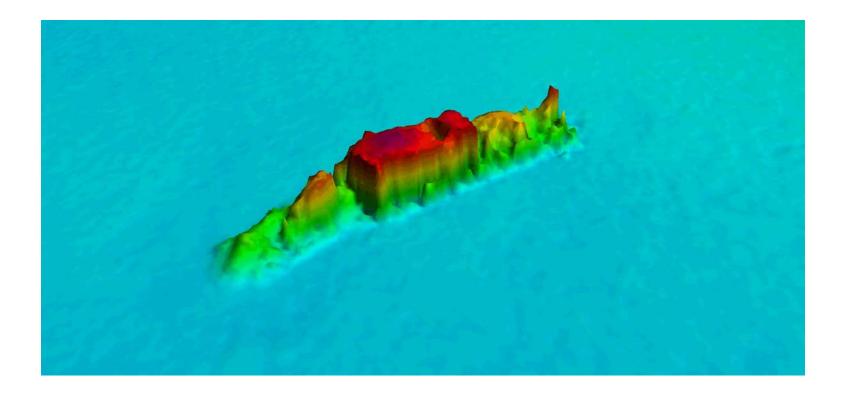
### Argo

New location identified in U.S. waters 8/15



#### **Coast Trader**

Recently found in Canadian waters
ROV based survey of opportunity June 1st 2016
Looks more intact than expected, score could change







# Questions?

### **RULET** information and updates

sanctuaries.noaa.gov/protect/ppw/

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Consequence	Impact Measure	Impact Threshold
Impact to ecological resources - water surface	Water surface area exposed to floating oil	10 g/m <sup>2</sup>
Impact to ecological resources - shoreline	Shore length exposed	100 g/m <sup>2</sup>
Impact to socioeconomic resources  – water surface	Water surface area exposed to floating oil	0.01 g/m <sup>2</sup>
Impact to socioeconomic resources - shoreline	Shore length exposed	Sheen (1 g/m²)
Water column impact	Water volume exposed to dissolved aromatic concentrations	1 ppb

# William Rockefeller: 14,054 gross tons Pollution Potential: in theory 150,000 barrels of Bunker C

