

Great Lakes Maritime Institute ANNUAL DINNER

FEATURING: RESTORATION OF THE FIGUREHEAD OF THE BRIG SANDUSKY



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017
2:00PM

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM

- DINNER
- REFRESHMENTS
- MARITIME AUCTION
- \$35.00 PER PERSON

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SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

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Guest speaker, Divemaster Tony Gramer, will provide an illustrated presentation of "The Restoration of the Figurehead of the Brig Sandusky". One of the best known shipwrecks in the Great Lakes is a sailing vessel that was constructed at Sandusky, Ohio in 1848, and disappeared in the Straits of Mackinac on September 23, 1856. The resting place of this vessel would not be discovered until more than a century later by a diving crew. The divers explored a fully intact brig and scattered on the deck were dead eyes, block and tackle, and all the artifacts from a sailing vessel of that era. Including a well preserved figurehead nestled between steel chains draped out to a fully intact bow sprit.

Summer of 1988 vandals dislodged the figurehead with the callous intent of stealing it. Tony Gramer, one of the original dive crew that found the Brig Sandusky, made it a mission to see that future divers would experience what he saw when the vessel was discovered. With his dive partner Franz Estereicher, the authorities were contacted and permits were obtained. The original figurehead was removed, and used as a model for a replica that was installed on the bow of the Brig Sandusky.

