

Thriller Author A.C. Frieden Explores Shipwrecks in Lake Michigan

CHICAGO, Illinois, USA (Jun. 16, 2012) – Thriller author A.C. Frieden went scuba diving in Lake Michigan to explore two shipwrecks, the *Tacoma* and the *M/V Buccaneer*, both of which are a few miles from shore. The *Tacoma* was built by Montague Iron Works (Benton Harbor, MI) in 1894. Measuring 73 feet in length, with an 18-foot beam, this wooden hulled tug had accumulated over 35 years of use before sinking on November 4, 1929. Fortunately, no one was injured or killed. Today, the wreck is in fair condition for diving purposes and is located at a depth of 32 feet, about 2.5 miles from Calumet Harbor. “I enjoyed going inside the vessel, including the bridge, and examining the controls and other equipment,” Frieden said, after completing the 45-minute dive.



Photo above: Author A.C. Frieden preparing to descend into the “mule entrance” of the mine.

Frieden also completed a 40-minute dive to see the *M/V Buccaneer*, a 100-foot, 210-ton patrol boat built for the U.S. Coast Guard by Defoe Boat & Motor Works (Bay City, Michigan) in 1925. The vessel, known then as the USCGC *Dexter*, was in Coast Guard service until 1936, and for part of that time was used against rum runners in the Great Lakes. Since then it was used in various capacities. It was finally sunk in Lake Michigan on June 18th, 2010. It now resides in 74 ft. of water about seven miles off Chicago. “This is my fourth wreck dive in Lake Michigan,” said Frieden. “These fresh water dives, along with my other wreck dives in the Caribbean and elsewhere, add to my experience as a wreck diver – something I am now including in two new thriller manuscripts.”

About the author: A.C. Frieden is international novelist and lawyer based in Chicago. He is the author of several political/espionage thrillers and suspense novels, including the Jonathan Brooks series, as well as other fiction and non-fiction literary works. For more information, visit his website at www.acfrieden.com and his blogs.

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