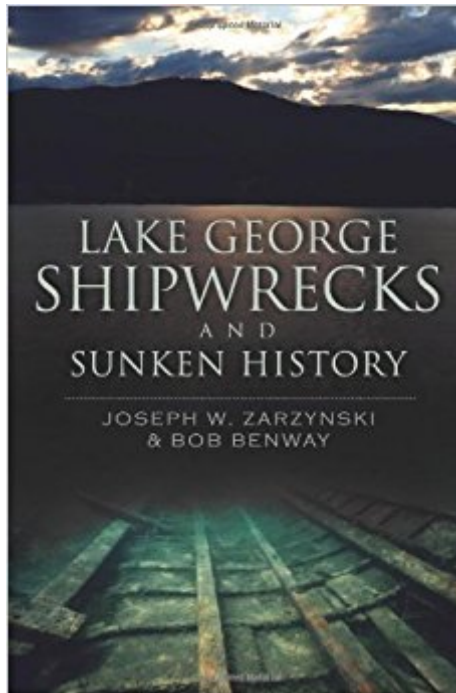


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# Lake George Shipwrecks And Sunken History (Disaster)



## Synopsis

Lake George is bustling with boaters, swimmers, fishermen and many others, enjoying its scenic, quintessentially Adirondack shores. But the depths below hide a whole other world--one of shipwrecks and lost history. Entombed are remnants of Lake George's important naval heritage, such as the legendary Land Tortoise radeau, which sank in 1758. Other wrecks include the steam yacht Ellide and the first famed Minne-Ha-Ha. These waters hold secrets, too, like the explanation behind the 1926 disappearance of two hunters. After years of exploration across the lake's bottomlands, underwater archaeologist Joseph W. Zarzynski and archeological diver Bob Benway present the most intriguing discoveries among more than two hundred known shipwreck sites.

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## Customer Reviews

Underwater archaeologist Joseph W. Zarzynski has a bachelor of arts degree in history from Ithaca College (1973), a master of arts in teaching degree in social sciences from Binghamton University (1975) and a master of arts degree in archaeology and heritage from the University of Leicester, United Kingdom (2001). He is co-founder and executive director of Bateaux Below, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation that studies historic shipwrecks in Lake George, New York. Mr. Zarzynski has had nearly two hundred articles and professional papers published in newspapers, magazines and professional journals. He is the author of two books on underwater mysteries and also co-author of a young adult book on Lake George's 1758 Land Tortoise radeau shipwreck. He is also

an awardwinning documentary film writer and is one of the executive producers for three documentary productions: The Lost Radeau: North America's Oldest Intact Warship (2005, Pepe Productions), Wooden Bones: The Sunken Fleet of 1758 (2010, Pepe Productions and Bateaux Below, Inc.) and Search for the Jefferson Davis: Trader, Slaver, Raider (2011, Pepe Productions). A native of Endicott, New York, Mr. Zarzynski resides with his wife, Pat Meaney, in the Saratoga Springs, New York area. Bob Benway is a native of Glens Falls, New York, and he resides in nearby Queensbury, eight miles from Lake George. Mr. Benway is a trustee of Bateaux Below, Inc., and also is vice-president of the Lake George Historical Association. Mr. Benway has been scuba diving in Lake George for four decades and is an accomplished underwater photographer and videographer. His underwater photographs have appeared in many publications, and Mr. Benway's underwater video has also been featured in two shipwreck documentaries. The co-authors were part of the team that discovered the 1758 Land Tortoise radeau shipwreck in Lake George on June 26, 1990. The Land Tortoise radeau warship has been called North America's oldest intact warship.

I love going to lake George,, it's so beautiful and clean and clear, So I was very interested when I saw this book. I have since loaned it out to friends and family. They loved it as well. I would suggest buying this interesting book. I had no idea how many ship actually went down in that lake. It will be different when I visit next summer.

Lake George deep, cold and beautiful, understandably attracts tourists; but the lake also has a rich and vibrant history. It was most important as a corridor between combatants during the French and Indian War. Glimpses of the lake's history can be seen through the study of the numerous sunken ships in the lake. Almost as interesting as the history of the wrecks, is the recounting of the efforts of a dedicated band of volunteers to locate, preserve and provide historical context for the wrecks. One unfortunate problem is that the book consists of a collection of newspaper articles which results in tedious repetition of basic facts; but do not let this blemish discourage you from reading this informative book

Anything you want to know about finding sunken Revolutionary boats, leisure boats, to how much garbage they have cleaned up off the bottom of the lake. Interesting reading about the Under water explorers group who has the job of checking out the entire floor of the lake...

I grew up in the area (Bolton Landing) found this book interesting but the author repeats himself

over and over. Being a history major any information is great.

Mr. Benway's underwater photography is exceptional! He is also known for his underwater videography of Lake George's underwater maritime discoveries in 2 outstanding DVD's by Pepe Productions. One is The Lost Radeau. The other DVD is Wooden Bones.

Very interesting History read of Lake George!

My husband did not find this book very interesting.

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