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**Ford Seahorses Scuba Diving Club presents
the 29th Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival Saturday, February 27th
at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor**

The **Ford Seahorses Scuba Diving Club**, in conjunction with the **Detroit Historical Society's Dossin Maritime Group** and the **Dossin Great Lakes Museum**, presents the 29th **Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival** on **Saturday, February 27th** from **9 a.m. to 6 p.m.** at **Washtenaw Community College's Morris Lawrence Building**, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, in Ann Arbor.

This year's program features two historic Civil War wrecks -- ***The Hunley***, presented by **Ralph Wilbanks**, and the ironclad, ***U.S.S. Monitor***, presented by **Sue Smith**. The *Hunley* was the first submarine to sink a ship in combat in 1864, but never returned to port. The *Monitor* battled the *C.S.S. Virginia* (formerly known as the *Merrimac*) in March of 1862 in the first ever combat between ironclad ships.

Daytime programs between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. feature a wide variety of sessions on Great Lakes shipwrecks, international dives and technical diving and equipment, as well as a variety of book signings and exhibits from local maritime artists, the Dossin Great Lakes Museum and local dive shops. The evening concludes with a "Cayman Island Beach Break" party at 6 p.m.

Tickets for the event are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For ticket information or program details, visit www.shipwreckfestival.org, call (734) 485-0492, or e-mail glstickets@aol.com.

The Ford Seahorses Scuba Diving Club, established in 1957 as a member of the Ford Employees Recreation Association (FERA), is one of the most active dive clubs in Michigan. The club is a non-profit organization dedicated to the enjoyment and advancement of the sport of scuba diving.

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