



Please join us for a **Museums at Noon** presentation!

Speaker: Sarah Waters, Education and Outreach Coordinator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary

When: 12:00 pm on Friday, April 17

Where: UM Museum of Art Multi-Purpose Room (125)

Our National Marine Sanctuaries, Protecting America's Underwater Treasures: A Survey of Michigan's Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve

Preserved by the cold freshwater on which they once served, more than 200 shipwrecks are believed to rest in Lake Huron's Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (TBNMS). The sheer number of shipwrecks is impressive. However, it is their excellent state of preservation and what they represent—a century and a half of maritime commerce and travel on the Great Lakes—that make them truly special.

Sarah Waters, the Education Coordinator of TBNMS, will take us on a freshwater journey to a time when schooner and steamer ruled the Great Lakes. We will explore some of the nation's best-preserved shipwrecks, how the first marine sanctuary in the Great Lakes was designated and became part of the Michigan History Center's statewide system of museums and historic sites. 2020 is the twentieth anniversary of the sanctuary's designation to protect the Great Lakes and their rich history for future generations.