



Northville Historical Society 2018 Lecture Series The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald April 25, 2018

The Edmund Fitzgerald is the largest shipwreck in the Great Lakes, broken into pieces by a November gale in 1975. 29 men simply vanished in the storm, leading researchers to puzzle over the final moments that denied the sailors a Mayday call.

Ric Mixter has visited the wreck site in person, diving 550 feet down in a small submersible in 1994. Since that time, he has interviewed investigators from the Coast Guard and Cousteau Society as well as the men who built the Fitz in Detroit. His documentary is considered the best available on the subject with exclusive construction footage Mixter uncovered as well as his spellbinding video from down below.

Ric Mixter was given an award for 20 years of maritime preservation by the Association of Great Lakes Maritime History. He has produced over 30 shows on local history for PBS and the Outdoor Channel and has appeared on the History and Discovery Channel as a shipwreck expert. Energetic and animated, he has changed the way lecturers share history.

The lecture will be at the New School Church at Mill Race Historical Village, 215 Griswold St, Northville at 7:00pm. The lecture is free of charge although donations are accepted at the door to help defray costs.