

The Discovery of
THE LOST ONTARIO



HMS ONTARIO

22 Guns, 120 Souls

Navy Hall, Fort Niagara - October 1780

American Revolutionary War



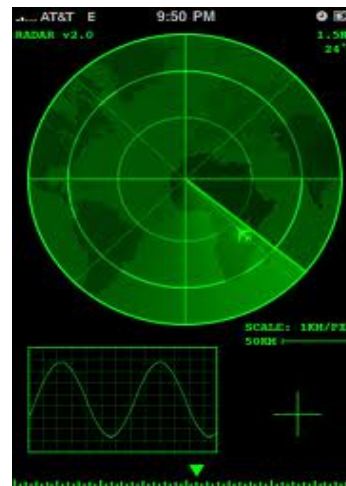
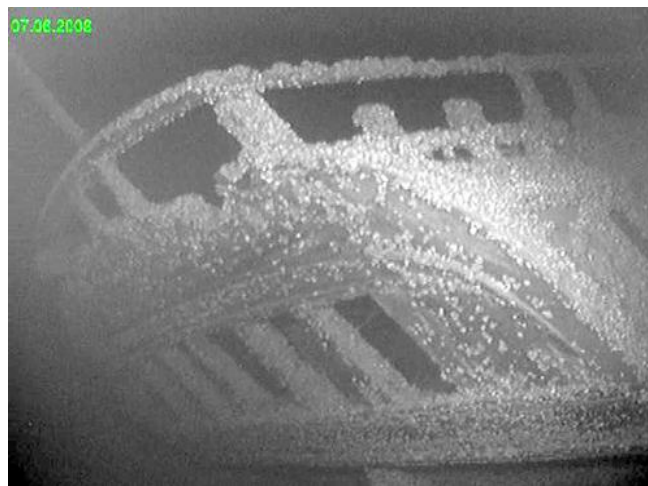
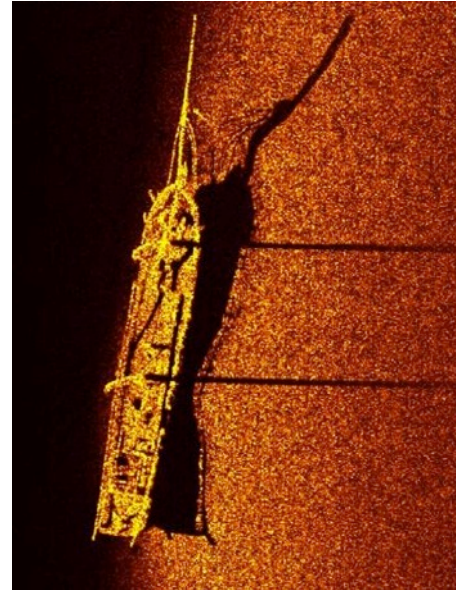
HMS ONTARIO was the most powerful warship on the Great Lakes during the American Revolutionary War, built by the British to defend Canada against an American invasion.

1780 around Lake Ontario was a time of bloody conflict – the British, French, Americans and Six Nations fighting to survive and control an endless frontier, unfolding to the west.

On Halloween 1780, HMS Ontario departed Navy Hall on her final mission to cross Lake Ontario. She would never arrive. All 120 souls on board would never be seen alive again.

Their disappearance was a 200-year-old mystery. Until *now*.

“The Discovery of the Lost Ontario”
A journey into the deep.



A Journey into the Deep

With Explorers Jim Kennard and Dan Scoville

Jim Kennard and Dan Scoville are the underwater explorers who discovered HMS Ontario, 230 years after her disappearance.

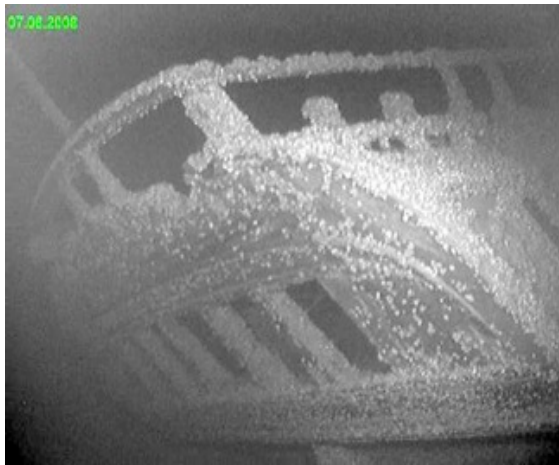
Years spent scouring the depths of Lake Ontario with sonar & ROV technology finally achieved the impossible! Equivalent to finding a needle on a football field, the “Legend of the Lake” was finally found intact and upright, as she was when she first sank over 200 years ago. **Over 60 million people worldwide** would read about their discovery.

A new EXPEDITION is now being planned to explore HMS ONTARIO as part of an exciting 4K-HD documentary.

Jim & Dan will lead audiences on an expedition into the depths of Lake Ontario on a deep water ROV dive on HMS ONTARIO. It will be the last time they visit the ship: this time to bring back a record for the world to experience.

The Discovery

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A journey back in time

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“This is a place which you may say is almost out of the world...”

Fort Niagara, British Command, 1780

Our film is a unique opportunity to *touch* history.

We will take audiences on a journey to meet the soldiers, sailors and pioneers who first built our communities. We will learn about the ship and the forces of war that created her. The film is a blend of contemporary inquiry and a window to explore crucial moments in the history of our nations, the history of our region and our community.

HMS ONTARIO was built and launched from Carleton Island on May 10th 1780. She disappeared on Halloween 1780 after leaving Navy Hall on the Niagara River. Her short six month career at a time when the fate of a continent was being decided - two EMERGING NATIONS taking their first steps in a bloody war for survival - a time when the SIX NATIONS would be see their homeland of 1000 years destroyed. This was life around Lake Ontario in 1780.

The Discovery of the Lost ONTARIO will show a first moment for CANADA - when British, French, First Nations and Canadian civilians would first stand together. This is an exciting underwater/historical adventure that will be **shared during Canada’s 150th Anniversary in 2017** with millions of students and audience members across Canada, the US and internationally.

A film journey into the deep and back in time.



Reaching Audiences **Exhibition & Outreach**

The Discovery of the Lost Ontario

Educational Exhibition

[Over 5 million students in Ontario and New York State EACH YEAR study related curriculum.](#) There is a shortage of relevant live action content to support National, State/Province and regional history, and First Nations studies. Our film and online content will be made available for educational use **on-line** and in class across CANADA & US for years to come.

Television Broadcast

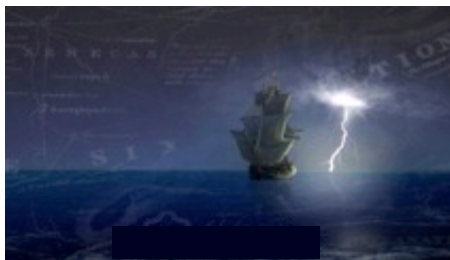
Our documentary special will be broadcast on TV in Canada and the USA following initial launch in 2017. We will solicit sales in Canada, USA, Europe, Asia & Australia. Audiences will also be reached on VOD and [online](#).

Special Event Theatrical:

Special Event theatrical screenings in Festivals and selected Museum screenings will support our TV Broadcast window. Large format theatrical screenings for students and history tourist in the region will be pursued. [We hope to partner to create special events and educational screenings at key museums & destinations during Canada's 150th in 2017.](#)

Online & Mobile

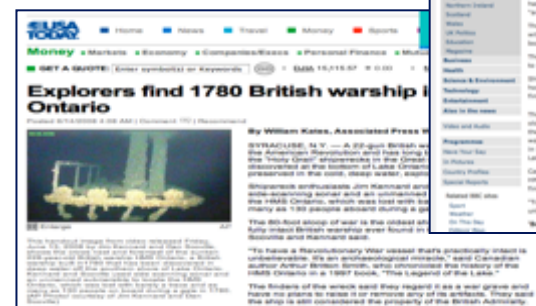
All exhibition outlets will be supported by our [interactive, rich media website](#) – built for leading Web and mobile platforms for 24/7/365 audience outreach and promo.



Media Coverage

Over 63 million people read about the first discovery.

Our exploration of HMS Ontario will target global TV, online & print media outlets for new coverage & editorial.





The Mission

The Discovery of the Lost Ontario

Empires at war. The birth of two Nations. The disappearance & discovery of a lost Ship.

Lost for 230 years, two amateur underwater explorers have found HMS Ontario- **fully intact in the darkness of the deep**. Her discovery made headline news around the globe. She is one of the oldest intact British ships in the world and an amazing naval and archaeological artifact, right here in Lake Ontario. Yet her story has never been told.

This is a foundation story in the founding of Canada and the founding of Niagara on the Lake.

What happened to The Ontario that night? How was she lost?

And what was life like for those on board, caught in a ferocious war on the edge of an endless frontier?

We will use modern dive & video technology to explore The ONTARIO - to learn what was lost and is now found. Her discovery opens a door back in time: to the moment when two nations were being born. What will we discover?

We look forward to sharing this story with millions of students, visitors, audiences in special event screenings, online, on mobile and with **special “on-site” installations and events in Niagara on the Lake, and other key story locations.**

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Navy Hall

Niagara on the Lake
Canada's 150th in 2017

Sharing the first story of Niagara on the Lake with the community & the world!
“Discovery of the Lost Ontario” during Canada's 150th Anniversary in 2017 and beyond.

Once completed, “The Discovery of the Lost Ontario” will be a feature film, specialized educational curriculum content and specialized TOURIST content. **NOTL** can reach millions of students, visitors and audiences in special event screenings, on TV, on-line and on mobile. We can create specialized “on-site” installations and **SCREENING events in Niagara on the Lake** for **Canada's 150th Anniversary in 2017** and for generations of visitors at NAVY HALL and Niagara on the Lake.

> 2017 SPECIAL EVENT SCREENINGS in Niagara on the Lake: HALLOWEEN 2017

Special event, open-air free premiere screenings in Simcoe Park, Queen's Royal Park and Navy Hall.

> A LEGACY MEMORIAL to THE ONTARIO and DIGITAL INTERACTIVE SCREEN INSTALLATION at NAVY HALL –

Create a permanent digital display at Navy Hall linking to online mobile content for tourists & students.

Create a legacy remembrance of the ship and 120 lost on board – [including Niagara on the Lake's first resident family - Captain James Andrews & wife Elizabeth.](#)

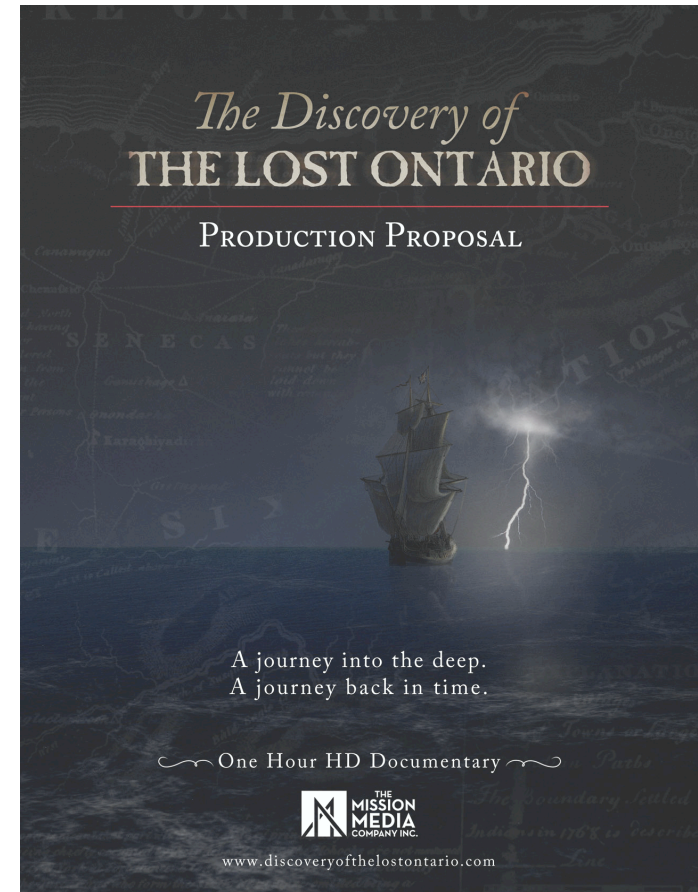
Create a night projection of the ship on the Niagara River!

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The Discovery of the Lost Ontario

Program Type	History/Adventure TV Documentary
Shooting Format	4K & 2K HD, NTSC
Delivery Format	36:00 Documentary (EDU & Special Events) Rich media ONLINE / MOBILE
Locations – Primary	Niagara, Carleton Island, Lake Ontario
Interview Locations	Toronto, Niagara, New York State (various)
Supervising Producer	Stuart Clarfield/Rebecca Snow
Director	Stuart Clarfield
Cinematographer	Doug Koch CSC
Editor	Craig Nisker
Historical Consultant	Peter Twist
Production Co.	The Mission Media Co.
Funding Sources	Sponsorship, Government Grants
Proposed Production	Winter/Spring/Summer 2017
Delivery / Premiere	Halloween 2017: Canada's 150th Anniversary TV & Education: Q1 2018
Distribution	Festivals, Special Event Screenings Broadcast, Education – Schools & Museums, Online Content, DVD & VOD distribution

Exec Summary



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