

## Save Ontario Shipwrecks: History, Organization And Operation

### Foreword

The prime purpose of this handbook is to provide Members of the Board, Local Chapter Committee Chairs, the Executive Committee and the general membership with a background of their organization and sufficient knowledge of the SOS program delivery so that each volunteer may best pursue their own area of interest towards preserving Ontario's marine heritage.

The Handbook also serves as a source of information on SOS and its evolution, and will therefore be of value to anyone interested in learning about our organization, desiring to become involved, or volunteering for one of its many important positions.

This particular handbook is one of the several publications by SOS and, as the main one, may be augmented by the following:

- a. Save Ontario Shipwrecks Bylaws
- b. Save Ontario Shipwrecks Policies
- c. SOS Projects and Dive Standards
- d. SOS Plaque Handbook

Amendments or suggestions for content should be forwarded to the SOS head office. Copies of the above are available to any interested member.

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*Mission Statement*

*The mission of SOS is the preservation and promotion of marine heritage through research, conservation and education.*

**History of SOS**

During the late 1970's, two far sighted individuals, Rick Jackson and Gain Wong, began to realize that the most effective means of putting an end to wreck stripping in Ontario would be to educate and involve divers in conservation projects. They also recognized the need for an organization dedicated to preserving Ontario's marine heritage. In February of 1981, Save Ontario Shipwrecks (SOS) was incorporated with Rick Jackson, Andrew Garay and Gain Wong as the first directors.

The following individuals have served as President (Pres.) or Board Chair (B.C.):

Gain Wong	Pres.	1981 to 1981
Rick Jackson	Pres.	1981 to 1982
Jim Lockart	Pres.	1982 to 1983
Rick Jackson	Pres.	1983 to 1984
Fred Gregory	Pres.	1984 to 1989
Ron Stenson	Pres.	Part 1987
Eric Sharpe	Pres.	Part 1989
Tim Legate	Pres.	1989 to 1990
Les Pullen	Pres.	1990 to 1995
Barry Lyons	Pres.	1996 to 1997
Greg Way	Pres.	Part 1999
Tim Legate	Pres.	1999 to 2001
Jim Hopkins	Pres.	2001 to 2006
Brian Prince	Pres.	2006 to 2010
Mike Hill	Pres.	2010 to 2011
Bryan Thomas	Pres.	Part 2011 to 2012
Chris Phinney	Pres.	2012 to present

In the beginning SOS was centred in Toronto. The first Chapters were Toronto, Niagara, Peterborough and Ottawa. In 1985, SOS Quinte was formed primarily to continue work on the Annie Falconer. This project, the wreck of a late eighteen hundreds schooner near Picton (Pt. Traverse) was the first to involve amateur divers and professionals and stands today as an example of the quality effort that can be achieved by the dive community. It was the project originally started by Preserve Our Wrecks in Kingston (see Section 2.5) in 1984. With the assistance of the Ministry of Culture, which was then known as the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, SOS offered an increasing number of marine archaeological seminars which in turn promoted the evolution of more local Chapters. Also in 1984 we saw the formation of SOS Ottawa Valley, Sault Ste Marie, Superior, London and Sudbury, and Oshawa came on board in 1985, followed by Ohio in 1986. SOS Ohio consisted of a group of divers working on an Ontario wreck in Fathom Five Park, and assisted the State of Ohio in organizing their own marine heritage groups. 1986 saw the formation of Chapters in Windsor, Ingleside (which was closely affiliated with the Lost Villages Historical Society) and Thunder Bay.

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For many years SOS managed on its own momentum and funding, which came mostly through membership and the personal financial commitment of those in charge. In 1986, SOS was awarded a Core Funding grant by the Ministry of Culture. This in turn forced SOS to develop a more structured fiscal operating system, and reorganized to manage our affairs in a more professional manner. In 1986, we finally evolved to the position where we had a definite Board of Directors, with Officers and an Executive Committee to manage the day to day affairs of the corporation. In 1988, to overcome the problems associated with a large, pervasive Board, a Management

Committee was formed to take care of the Board's ongoing responsibilities. It was also decided to establish the position of an Executive Director in that year. In June 1992, the position of Executive Director was abolished and the administration of the day to day business of the Corporation was contracted out to Harold L. Taylor Enterprises Ltd.

The use of Taylor Enterprises was helpful, but given the increasing cost, it was decided in 1999 to find volunteers amongst the executive and members to fill the role of membership, book keeping and mailing address. For about 3 months in 1999 head office was in Smiths Falls at the president's address.

With great appreciation, SOS has accepted the offer of Roy Pickering a long time SOS member and owner of R.J. Equipment in Blenheim Ontario, to use his business address as head office. Both Roy, his wife Joan and his administrative assistant Judy have been very responsive and conduct the function of head office very well. This has allowed SOS to channel more funds in to out-reach programs. Head Office has been in Blenheim from 1999 to present. We thank Roy for his on going support and dedication to our cause.

In 2003 SOS embarked on a provincial wide campaign to provide mooring buoys to SOS chapters and affiliated organizations like the NDA, POW, ErieQuest. The a funding grant from the Trillium Foundation as well as a large investment from SOS, SOS evaluated site submissions and worked with the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) to have them evaluated for placement on Shipwrecks in the St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes. Buoys were supplied for all approved sites and local chapters and organizations deploy, maintain and remove them for the season. Notice to Shipping is provided to the CCG as required under the Private Aids to Navigation Act. The SOS website hosts a status list of the sites. To date, SOS has purchased over 80 buoys for initial deployment and maintenance purposes for this program.

In 2005 SOS created the Dive To Preserve program with an additional website at <http://www.DiveToPreserve.org>. This program outlines many of the things that people can do to get actively involved in Marine Heritage preservation. Such as Low Impact diving, site stewardship, ad-hoc reporting of site conditions or changes.

In 2006 SOS updated the organization's by-law to reflect the current organization and laws that affect how nonprofit organizations must run. By-law #2 was voted to be accepted by ballot at the 2006 AGM without modification. This new document, enclosed in this package, was the work of a dedicated committee with many reviews by the Board of Directors and with the paid assistance of legal counsel.

### The Purpose of SOS

The purpose of SOS is marine heritage conservation, as this excerpt from the Letters Patent shows:

*"To further public knowledge and appreciation of Ontario's marine heritage by such means as may be expedient and, in particular, but without limiting the foregoing:*

- a. By assisting museums and public archives in acquiring information and displaying artifacts pertaining to Ontario maritime history;*
- b. By undertaking public education projects in furtherance of the objectives of the Corporation;*
- c. By surveying, documenting and encouraging the preservation of shipwrecks in Ontario's lakes and rivers as a resource of historical and recreational value to the public in the Province and Canada."*

### The Role of SOS

Save Ontario Shipwrecks is a not-for-profit organization, dedicated to Marine Heritage Conservation. In order to carry out this purpose, four long term goals have been set out:

- a. To stop the destruction of marine heritage sites;
- b. To identify, evaluate and monitor marine heritage sites;
- c. To conduct projects which contribute to the knowledge and understanding of Ontario's maritime history; and
- d. To provide the diving community and general public with the opportunity to learn and understand more about Ontario's maritime history, and the value of our marine heritage resource.

A major task facing SOS is to stop the stripping and damage, whether intentional or otherwise, of shipwrecks by sport divers and others. This can best be accomplished by a shift in attitude. The old attitudes of "finders keepers" and "if I don't take it, someone else will" need to be replaced with an appreciation of the rewards of visiting sites which are preserved intact for all to use and enjoy.

All levels of SOS have a very important role to play in getting the conservation message across to the divers of the Province. At the Provincial level, SOS lobbies to various training agencies to include shipwreck conservation in all diver training courses. The Provincial level of SOS also develops and distributes educational support material to assist in delivering this message.

At the local level of SOS, Chapter Committee Chairs and others actively seek out opportunities to attend classes and other dive related meetings to discuss shipwreck and other marine heritage conservation topics. This gives the added benefit of recruiting new members to the Chapter thus increasing the ability to practice heritage conservation field work.

Local Chapters also work with charter boat operators and dive shop owners to encourage an active conservation attitude by pointing out the advantages which accrue to the commercial operators from quality dive sites.

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That this multi-directional approach works well was first demonstrated in the Kingston area, where an associated organization, Preserve Our Wrecks (POW) made such an impression on the local dive community, that to be caught stripping a wreck in the area, is to be branded as a pariah - a social outcast. If SOS is to accomplish its goal, this attitude needs to be driven home throughout the Province, and into the northern United States.

The alternative to education and persuasion is enforcement. The Province of Ontario claims ownership of all bottom lands and any object on them (unless true ownership can be proven in court). Clearly, wreck stripping or site destruction in Ontario is illegal, and indeed, there exist several statutes which can be used to protect sites from looting. These range from selections of the Heritage Act, to Criminal Code offenses such as theft, break and enter, and possession of stolen property.

While SOS believes in the educational approach, we recognize that not all individuals will respond positively. Where circumstances warrant, and the evidence exists, the appropriate authorities should be contacted and, if necessary, charges laid. Those appropriate authorities, in order of priority are:

- a. The nearest detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police,
- b. Crimestoppers, or
- c. The Ontario Ministry of Culture.

As underwater sites are discovered, they should be reported to the Ontario Ministry of Culture. Archaeological licenses and shipwreck evaluation forms are available for this purpose from the Ministry. The site should be evaluated in terms of its susceptibility to damage by both natural and human causes. This allows proper prioritization for further study to be given to those sites in imminent danger of disturbance. A casual watch should be kept over such sites to ensure they remain undisturbed. In this way, if conditions at the site change, action can be taken before serious damage can occur.

SOS heritage conservation projects are covered fully in a separate SOS handbook titled "A Diver's Guide to Ontario's Marine Heritage". In choosing a project and setting out research objectives, the purpose and goals of SOS should be kept in mind.

A major goal of SOS is the education of divers and the general public. We have, and will continue to seek out opportunities to further this goal, for it is the cornerstone of our conservation effort. Several forms of communication are available to us:

- a. The SOS Newsletter - widely read by historians, archaeologists, divers, and others with an interest in marine heritage, this publication is rapidly becoming recognized as a leader in the field and a research document in its own right;
- b. Miscellaneous Publications - articles by SOS members appear regularly in several widely distributed publications and other periodicals. This has served to heighten the awareness of our marine heritage;
- c. Seminars in Marine Heritage Conservation - SOS sponsors training events on underwater archaeology using the Nautical Archaeology Society's (NAS) curriculum which include project planning, resources, recording, and report preparation. SOS members may also attend SCUBA courses to give new divers an insight into the conservation ethic;



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- d. Education - Chapters are also to be deeply involved in the education goals of SOS. The following are a variety of projects which can influence the public and divers.
  - I. Placing information plaques on popular dive sites;
  - II. Preparing information pamphlets about these sites;
  - III. Writing articles for dive club newsletters and giving talks about SOS to dive clubs, new divers on courses and interested non-diving organizations; and,
  - IV. Improving dive sites through such activities as locating and returning artifacts to their original place on a wreck, developing interpretative trails, etc.

The role that SOS plays in marine conservation in Ontario is a vital one both in the academic and practical sense. Academic in that we seek to learn as much as possible, to record this knowledge for future study, and to pass our knowledge along. Practical in that much of our study is in active field work, and in actual preservation of existing endangered heritage and recreational resources.

### **Preserve Our Wrecks (POW), Kingston**

At approximately the same time that Save Ontario Shipwrecks was forming, sport divers from around Kingston became concerned with the removal of artifacts from the many fine wrecks of the Kingston and Bay of Quinte areas. To deal with the situation, they formed an organization called Preserve Our Wrecks (Kingston) and launched an intensive campaign against wreck stripping. This campaign was so successful that wreck stripping in the area has almost ceased. The charter boat operators, dive retailers, and SCUBA instructors all actively promote conservation, and discourage the destruction of heritage and recreational resources.

POW is an affiliate of SOS as their goals are much the same as ours. Indeed, SOS and POW were formed at about the same time, and used identical By-Laws. Because of this closeness, and our mutual beginnings, SOS is proud to count POW as one of our closest allies in the cause of preserving Ontario's marine past.

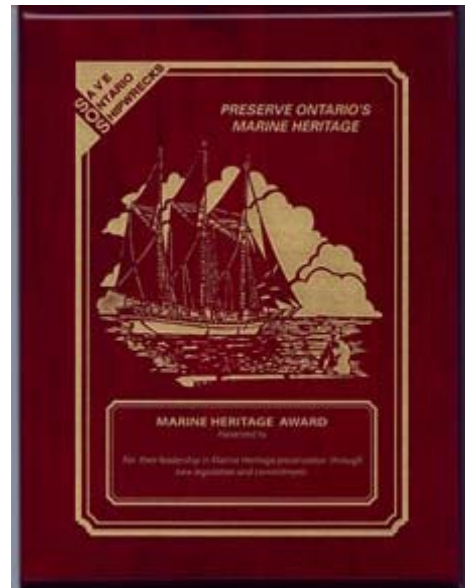
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### The SOS Marine Heritage Award

There are many individuals involved with marine heritage but it was recognized that there were a select few who were dedicated to the point that some special recognition was in order. To that end, SOS has an award which is presented yearly to an individual who dedicated a special effort to marine heritage conservation. The SOS Award is normally presented at the annual SOS Marine Heritage Forum. The master copy with each awarded person's name engraved on it is on display in the SOS Head Office or a designated location, and a personalized Plaque is given to each recipient.

To date the SOS Award for Marine Heritage Preservation has been presented to the following individuals:

- 1981 Audry Rushbrook and Barbara Carson
- 1982 Stan McClellan
- 1983 Peter Engelbert
- 1984 Fred Gregory
- 1985 Rick Jackson
- 1986 Bill McNeil
- 1987 Dr. Richard Wright (posthumously)
- 1988 Natalie Parsons
- 1989 Richard Tatley
- 1990 not given
- 1991 The Ontario Heritage Foundation
- 1992 Dr. Patricia Ryan (posthumously)
- 1993 not given
- 1994 not given
- 1995 Marine Museum of the Great Lakes at Kingston
- 1996 POW - Preserve Our Wrecks - Kingston
- 1997 Town of Leamington
- 1998 not given
- 1999 not given
- 2000 not given
- 2001 not given
- 2002 not given
- 2003 not given
- 2004 not given
- 2005 not given
- 2006 Ministry of Culture in recognition of new legislation and regulations to further protect marine heritage
- 2007 not given
- 2008 Robert Grenier – Leadership in Canadian and International Underwater Archaeology
- 2009 Rick Neilson & Walter Lewis – Database Compilation of Nautical Records
- 2010 Paul Carroll
- 2011 not given
- 2012 Peter Rindlisbacher – Artistic Contribution to Marine Heritage



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### The SOS Directors' Achievement Award

From time to time, the Board recognizes members for their outstanding contributions and commitment to the preservation of Ontario's marine heritage by awarding them the Save Ontario Shipwrecks Directors' Award.

To date, the award have been given to the following members:

- 1997 Joyce Hayward
- 1999 Grant Black
- 2003 Roy Pickering
- 2006 Jim Hopkins
- 2007 Joyce Hayward
- 2008 Bob Lighthart
- 2009 Bernie Roy
- 2010 Brian Prince
- 2011 Marg Barker
- 2012 Raimund Krob



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### **The SOS Volunteer of the Year Award**

The volunteer of the year award is intended to highlight individuals in the organization who have gone above and beyond with their dedication to marine heritage as recognized by their peers.

This award is presented at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the corporation as a certificate for the previous year. More than one award per chapter may be given out as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

Nominations are to be called for via the website, newsletter and social media beginning November 1st and sent to any member of the Board of Directors. Nominations must be received no later than 30 days prior to the AGM.

Nominations should consist of the member name and a brief synopsis of the reason for nomination.

The board will choose which nominations are to be awarded at the monthly meeting prior to the AGM.

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### Ontario's Marine Heritage: The Resource

Ontario's waterways have had a major impact on the habitation and trading patterns of her peoples. The abundance of small lake and river systems across the Province, the Great Lakes, St. Lawrence, and Ottawa Rivers combined with dense forests to ensure that water was the most efficient means of transportation available to the inhabitants from the pre-historic aboriginals, to the fur-trade explorers and almost up to the present day. It is only since the early nineteenth hundreds, with the completion of excellent highway and rail systems, that water transportation has lost its supremacy.

In light of the importance of water transportation in Ontario's development, it is reasonable to expect that the volume and quantity of published historical material should reflect the importance of water transportation, but such is not the case. Surprisingly little has been published about our sailors, ports, ships and the host of ancillary industries. The neglect of our marine heritage has been costly in terms of the loss of much source material. Documents have been destroyed in the normal course of business. Photographs have been lost and what history was recorded through folklore diminished with each generation or became distorted beyond recognition.

Although published works of historical value to the marine heritage of the Province are few and far between, there remains a wealth of source level material available for study sources such as:

- a. Archival Material – documents, reports, photographs, letters, log books, etc.;
- b. Historical Material – books, diaries, newspapers, etc.;
- c. Anecdotal Material – personal interviews, eyewitness accounts, etc.; and,
- d. Material Remains – wharfs, buildings, canoe spills, inundated sites, refuse sites and shipwrecks.

Not only have we suffered a loss of historical data in the past several years, but the material remains of our main heritage have also suffered serious and largely irreparable damage. Much of this damage was from natural process of degradation, but much more has occurred from thoughtless and short-sighted acts of humans. A lot of the material remains are located underwater and are remarkably well preserved due to our cold, dark fresh-water conditions. As a result, degradation due to the elements has been very slow compared to many other areas of the world. Unfortunately, beginning with commercial salvage operations, and then with souvenir hunting by ever increasing numbers of sport divers, degradation of sites – primarily shipwrecks, due to human activities – has been swift. Most known shipwrecks which are accessible have been severely looted during the past 25 years in the search for "goodies" – even to the point of blowing wrecks apart with dynamite.

All this would be bad enough had the recovered items been properly conserved and then made their way into museums or other repositories. This was not the case. Most divers were not aware of the need for conservation, and as a result, the items simply fell apart and were discarded as junk - truly one of the great shames of our times.

Ever increasing pressure is being brought to bear on our marine heritage resources. Increases in the number of sports divers coupled with new and better diving and location technologies have led to more and more shipwrecks being discovered each year. Many of these sites are valuable historic and recreational resources. It is vital

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that the sport diving community be educated to treat this resource in a proper and reasonable manner.

With over 4,000 estimated shipwrecks and very cold water to protect them, the Great Lakes provide one of the richest resources of inland marine history in the world. A resource that holds sunken time capsules of an important era from our maritime past.

Save Ontario Shipwrecks is working through a process of diver education and peer pressure towards the day when we will see an end to the destruction of our heritage for the sake of a rusty lawn ornament.

Letters Patent

What follows is a copy (the original is with the official Minute Book held by the Secretary) of the Letters Patent for Save Ontario Shipwrecks (Ontario Corporation Number 469961). They outline our Mission Statement as it was, and the long term objectives SOS undertook when it first became a corporation.



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Letters Patent

WHEREAS an application has been filed to incorporate a corporation without share capital under the name

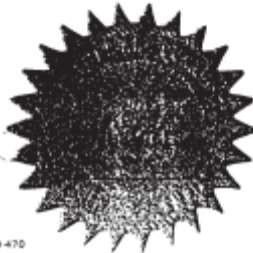
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AND WHEREAS the Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations is the member of the Executive Council to whom the administration of The Corporations Act is assigned.

THEREFORE I, by virtue of the aforesaid powers vested in me, do by these Letters Patent issue a charter constituting the applicants named in the application which is attached hereto and which forms part of these Letters Patent, and any other persons who become members of the corporation hereby created, a corporation without share capital in accordance with the provisions of the said Act.

AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND DECLARED that the Letters Patent shall also contain and be subject to the following terms, conditions and provisions:

- (a) The corporation shall be carried on without the purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the corporation shall be used in promoting its objects.



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Given under my hand and seal of office at the City of  
Toronto in the said Province of Ontario this 11th day  
of February 19 81 A.D.

*Frank Shea*  
Minister

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CORPORATIONS ACT,  
.974

APPLICATION FOR INCORPORATION OF A  
CORPORATION WITHOUT SHARE CAPITAL

TO THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO

FREDERICK LYND JACKSON (names in full) OF THE City OF  
Toronto IN THE County OF York (county or district) film editor (calling)

ANDREW RICHARD GARAY (names in full) OF THE City OF  
Toronto IN THE County OF York (county or district) teacher (calling)

GAIN WONG (names in full) OF THE City OF  
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WE, THE APPLICANTS, HEREBY APPLY TO YOUR HONOUR TO ISSUE, BY LETTERS PATENT, A CHARTER UNDER THE  
CORPORATIONS ACT CONSTITUTING US AND ANY OTHERS WHO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION WITHOUT  
SHARE CAPITAL THEREBY CREATED A CORPORATION WITHOUT SHARE CAPITAL AND IN SUPPORT THEREOF STATE  
THE FOLLOWING.

- 1. EACH OF THE APPLICANTS IS EIGHTEEN OR MORE YEARS OF AGE.
- \*1. THE NAME OF THE CORPORATION TO BE INCORPORATED IS SAVE ONTARIO SHIPWRECKS

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1. THE OBJECTS FOR WHICH THE CORPORATION IS TO BE INCORPORATED ARE

SUBJECT to the Charities Accounting Act, the Charitable Gifts Act  
and the Mortmain and Charitable Uses Act:

(a) TO further public knowledge and appreciation of Ontario's  
marine heritage by such means as may be expedient and, in particular,  
but without limiting the generality of the foregoing: 1. by assisting  
museums and public archives in acquiring information and displaying  
artifacts pertaining to Ontario marine history; 2. by undertaking  
public education projects in furtherance of the objects of the  
Corporation; 3. by surveying, documenting and encouraging the  
preservation of shipwrecks in Ontario's lakes and rivers as a resource  
of historical value to the public in the province and Canada;

(b) FOR the furtherance of the aforesaid objects to purchase,  
lease, erect, construct, build or otherwise acquire, own, operate or  
use buildings and any other facilities necessary to conduct the aforesaid  
purposes and activities;

(c) FOR the furtherance of the aforesaid objects to purchase,  
lease or otherwise acquire equipment and services necessary to conduct  
the aforesaid purposes and activities;

(d) FOR the furtherance of the aforesaid objects to employ staff  
where necessary;

(e) FOR the furtherance of the aforesaid objects, to collect  
moneys by way of fees, donations or otherwise;

(f) TO invest the moneys of the corporation not immediately  
required for the objects of the Corporation in any securities in which,  
under The Trustee Act or any other Act, trustees may invest in trust  
funds;

CONTINUED ON ATTACHED SHEET

4. THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION IS TO BE SITUATE Municipality OF  
Metropolitan Toronto IN THE County OF York  
(name of municipality) (county or district)  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

OBJECTS continued...

(g) IF it is made to appear to the satisfaction of the Minister, upon report of the Public Trustee, that the corporation has failed to comply with any of the provisions of The Charities Accounting Act, the Charitable Gifts Act or The Mortmain and Charitable Uses Act, the Minister may authorize an inquiry for the purpose of determining whether or not there is sufficient cause for the Lieutenant Governor, in his discretion, to make an order under section 347(1) of The Corporations Act to cancel the Letters Patent of the Corporation and declare it to be dissolved.

(h) AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED AND DECLARED that the directors shall serve as such without remuneration and no director shall directly or indirectly receive any profit from his position as such: provided a director may be paid reasonable expenses incurred by him in the performance of his duties;

(i) AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED AND DECLARED that, upon the dissolution of the corporation and after the payment of all debts and liabilities, its remaining property shall be distributed or disposed of to charitable organizations which carry on their work solely in Canada;

(j) AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED AND DECLARED that the borrowing power of the corporation pursuant to any by-law passed and confirmed in accordance with section 60 of The Corporations Act shall be limited to borrowing money for current operating expenses, provided that the borrowing power of the corporation shall not be so limited if it borrows on the security of real or personal property;

(k) AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED AND DECLARED that the corporation is incorporated exclusively for the objects herein set out and none other.

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3. THE NAMES OF THE APPLICANTS WHO ARE TO BE THE FIRST DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION ARE  
FREDERICK LYND JACKSON, 22 Erindale Avenue, Toronto, Ontario

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 GIVING STREET ANDREW RICHARD GARAY, 577 Bedford Park Avenue, Toronto,  
 NUMBER Ontario M5M 1K4  
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 POSTAL CODE GAIN WONG, 710 Spadina Avenue, Apt. 607, Toronto, Ontario  
M5S 2J3

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DATED THIS TENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY 1981.

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS	SIGNATURES OF APPLICANTS
<i>Ruth Rochester</i>	<i>Rick Jackson</i>
<i>Ruth Rochester</i>	<i>A.R. Garay</i>
<i>Ruth Rochester</i>	<i>Gain Wong</i>

\*SECTION 9 OF THE ACT IS AS FOLLOWS:

9. ON AN APPLICATION FOR LETTERS PATENT, SUPPLEMENTARY LETTERS PATENT OR AN ORDER, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MAY GIVE THE CORPORATION A NAME DIFFERENT FROM ITS PROPOSED OR EXISTING NAME, MAY VARY THE OBJECTS OR OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE APPLICATION AND MAY IMPOSE SUCH CONDITIONS AS HE DEEMS PROPER.

\*\*SUBSECTION 10F SECTION 127 OF THE ACT IS AS FOLLOWS:

127 (1). A CORPORATION, EXCEPT A CORPORATION TO WHICH PART V OR VI APPLIES, SHALL BE CARRIED ON WITHOUT THE PURPOSE OF GAIN FOR ITS MEMBERS AND ANY PROFITS OR OTHER ACCRETIONS TO THE CORPORATION SHALL BE USED IN PROMOTING ITS OBJECTS AND THE LETTERS PATENT SHALL SO PROVIDE. AND WHERE A COMPANY IS CONVERTED INTO A CORPORATION, THE SUPPLEMENTARY LETTERS PATENT SHALL SO PROVIDE.

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## Charitable Status Confirmation

This is a copy of the official government document attesting to SOS's charitable status, including the Charity registration number 88616 4193 RR0001 effective date January 1, 1984. Tax receipts are issued by the head office. Any questions about whether a donation (monetary, service, product or "in-kind") qualifies for a tax receipt should be directed to the Board.

DEC. 5. 2002 11:19AM CCRA/ADRC 613 952 8591 NO. 122 P. 2  
Canada Customs and Revenue Agency Agence des douanes et du revenu du Canada

Mr. Roy Pickering  
Secretary Treasurer  
Save Ontario Shipwrecks  
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Your file / Votre référence

Our file / Notre référence

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December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2002

Dear Mr. Pickering:

Subject: CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION

We are writing to confirm that Save Ontario Shipwrecks is registered with the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency as a Charitable Organization.

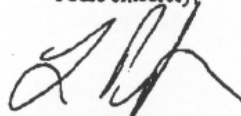
BN/Registration Number: 88616 4193 RR0001

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We hope the foregoing is satisfactory.

Please do not hesitate to contact Client Assistance, at 1-800-267-2384 if you wish to discuss this matter further. You can also write to us at the Charities Directorate, Canada Customs and Revenue Agency, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0L5.

Yours sincerely,



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