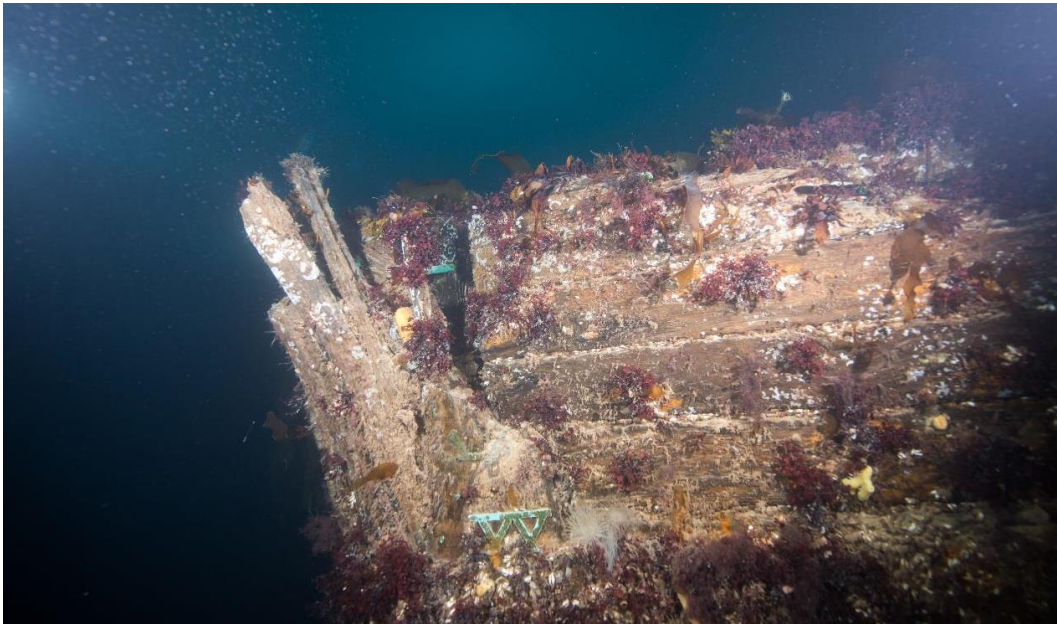


Save Ontario Shipwrecks (SOS) – Ottawa Chapter
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**“HMS Erebus and HMS Terror:
The Search for the Franklin Ships and the Impact of
Their Discovery”**



The discovery of the wreck of HMS *Erebus* in September 2014 reverberated around the world. After almost 170 years, the search was over and the mystery solved. But has it? Much of the mystery still remains. The final resting places of both *Erebus* and *Terror* accompanied by decades of Inuit oral history have perhaps created more questions than answers.

Meryl’s presentation will provide historical background on the 1845 Franklin expedition and the 19th century search. She will bring the story into the 21st century with the recent discoveries of the wrecks and the impact of those discoveries on the historical accounts. She will also present the artefacts that have been excavated to date, their conservation, and the plans for the protection of these significant shipwrecks.



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About the Presenter:

**Meryl Oliver
Historian, Archaeology and History Branch
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Meryl Oliver has supported Parks Canada's underwater archaeologists since 2011, as a cultural heritage specialist. She has developed interpretive material to help to interpret the Arctic shipwrecks and their history. This work has included the major travelling exhibition that opened at the National Maritime Museum in 2017, the first time artefacts from *Erebus* were out of conservation and on display.

**LOCATION: Clocktower Brew Pub, Bank St and the 417 (basement)
Monday May 6th, 7:00pm**