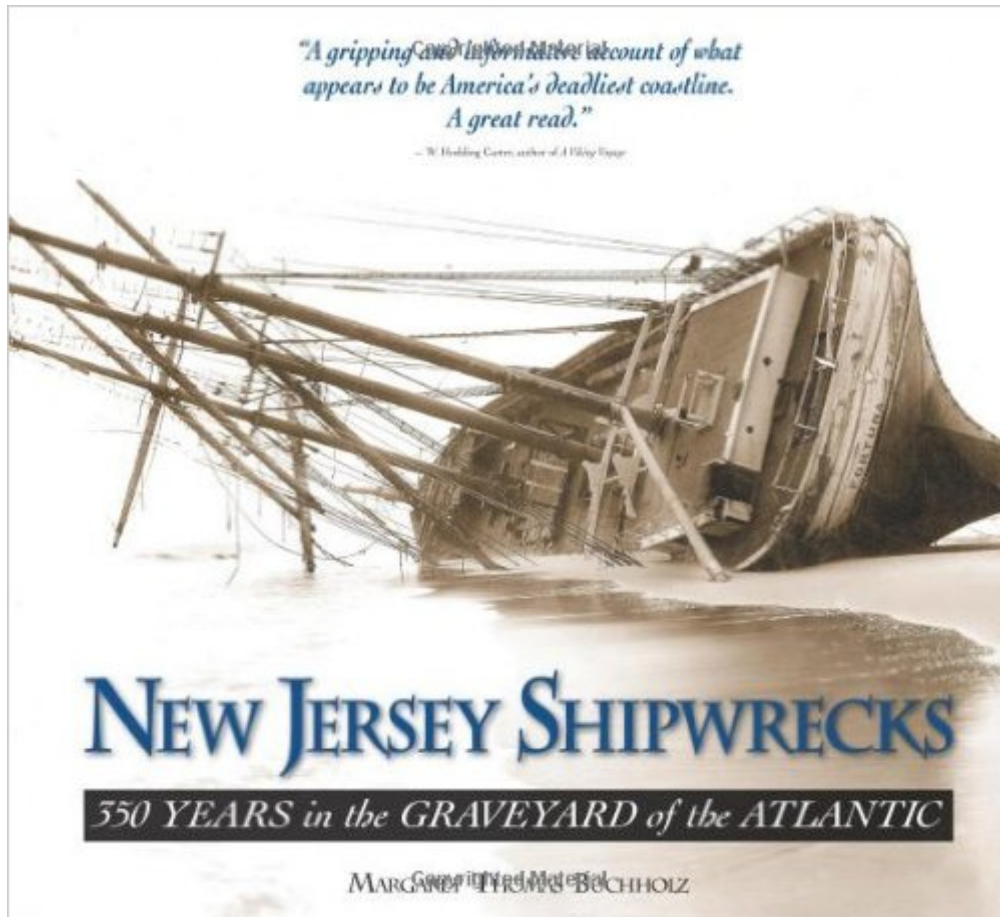


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New Jersey Shipwrecks: 350 Years In The Graveyard Of The Atlantic



Synopsis

New Jersey Shipwrecks takes us on a gripping voyage through the Graveyard of the Atlantic, a name bestowed upon the state's treacherous shoals and inlets. Before this coastline became a summer playground of second homes and resort beaches, it was a wild frontier of uninhabited and shifting sandbars. From the days of sail to steam and oil, ships (and submarines) have been drawn to this coast. And, for thousands of vessels, it became their final resting-place. From the early wrecks of the 18th century to the present day, the life-and-death drama of maritime disasters is captured in Shipwrecks, along with the history of the U. S. Lifesaving Service (later to become the Coast Guard), lighthouses, legends, and true accounts of heroism. 142 historic photographs and illustrations are displayed in this large-format, coffee-table book, which includes a listing of hundreds of other wrecks along the New Jersey Shore. Winner of the Foundation for Coast Guard History's 2005 award for "a brilliantly researched chronicle of shipwrecks along the New Jersey Shore from 1642 to the present day."

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Shipwrecks are a conundrum. The sight of one easily sets the mind adrift into the carnal, squalid recesses of tragedy. At the same time, however, it stimulates the curious and romantic parts of the mind as well. Although shipwrecks, in reality, are often devastating, life-robbing events, the sight of a tall-masted ship sitting unnaturally along a lonely beach can be equally bizarre and quixotic. Centuries ago, shipwrecks became headlines in newspapers and brief tourist attractions for shore

visitors. But, those days are over. Shipwrecks today are more often than not economic and natural disasters that play out for the masses on videos and television. But there was a time when the stories of shipwrecks involved heroism, courage, and a passion to triumph over death, when the odds were staggeringly against the human beings on board. Now, beating time and tide, a new book brings back those stories and images and combines them in a startlingly vivid way. When you pick up *New Jersey Shipwrecks*, the latest book from Jersey Shore author Margaret Thomas Buchholz (who, along with Larry Savadove, penned *Great Storms of the Jersey Shore*), it is immediately recognizable as one from Down the Shore publishing. New Jersey history buffs will surely notice the similarity in the design of this cover and the set of popular historical hardbound by John Bailey Lloyd, *Six Miles at Sea and Eighteen Miles of History*. If the book was forgettable, at the very least it would look great next to the other two on a shelf. Fortunately, the book is anything but forgettable. It is a spellbinding mix of text and visual texture that will surely please both the casual and serious reader alike.

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