

Chris Dewey/Maritime Archaeological Society photos

More than a dozen trained Maritime Archaeological Society volunteers help survey the site of the T.J. Potter shipwreck in Astoria in the spring of 2016. The society, along with the Columbia River Maritime Museum, will be presenting on shipwrecks across the globe at its upcoming Columbia River Shipwreck Conference.



'HUMAN BEINGS AGAINST THE SEA'

Dive into shipwreck stories, research at Columbia River Maritime Museum

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FOR COAST WEEKEND

Astoria is the place to go to get a cool shipwreck discussion in February," according to Maritime Archaeological Society president Chris Dewey.

The 2019 Columbia River Shipwreck Conference taking place Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Columbia River Maritime Museum is a joint effort between the museum and the society, which was founded about four years ago and annually holds a meeting in February.

This year the group is expanding on the meeting by holding a free one-day conference.

IF YOU GO

2019 Columbia River Shipwreck Conference

When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9

Where: Columbia River Maritime Museum, 1792 Marine Drive, Astoria

Details: The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit maritimearchaeological.org/events or email info@maritimearchaeological.org



The Great Republic grounded on the Columbia River's Sand Island in 1879. While the ship will not be covered in a presentation during the Shipwreck Conference, it is in a book the Maritime Archaeological Society is working on.