

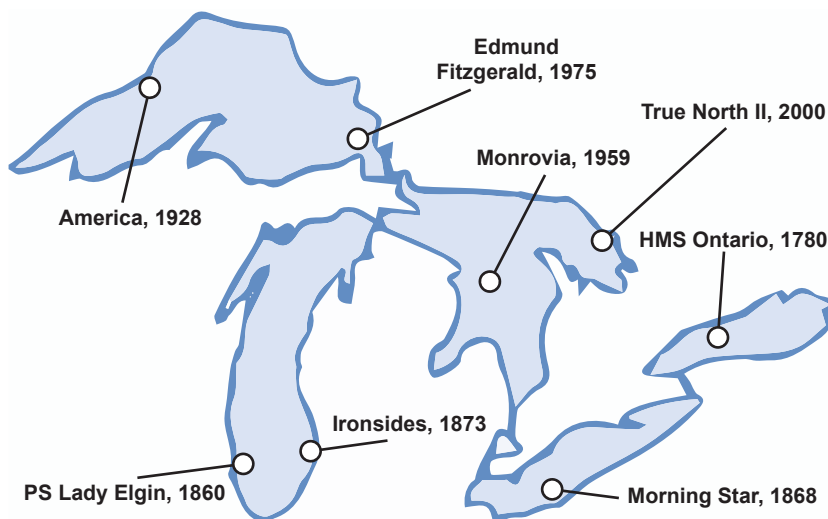
## Great Lakes of Disaster

The Great Lakes of North America are the largest inland bodies of fresh water in the entire world. They are massive bodies of water connected to each other and to the Atlantic Oceans by large canals and rivers. Their size and location has made them an integral part in connecting and supporting the economies of cities in the upper-Midwest and southern Canada.

However, shotty weather and often shallow waters has made the lakes a formidable task for experienced sailors to navigate. Given the amount of shipping traffic occuring on them for the past couple centuries, the Great Lakes has claimed many vessels, some of which still lie below to this day.

### Mapping Shipwrecks

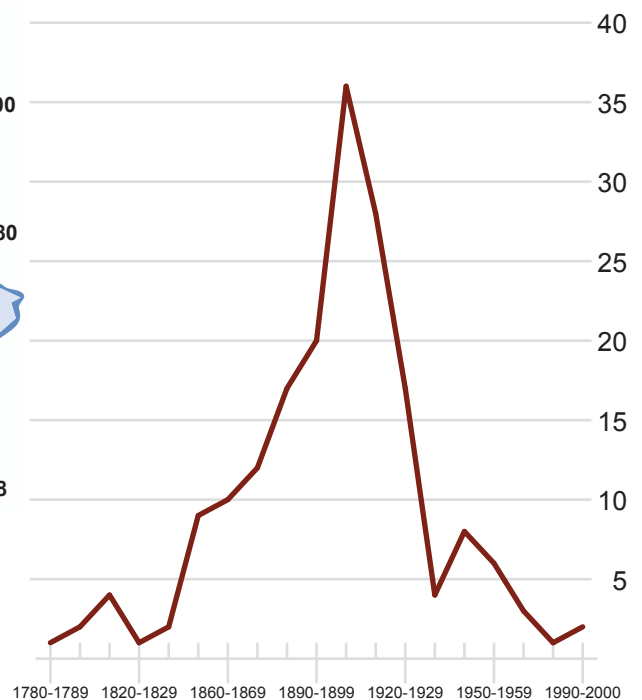
*Locations and dates of some of the lakes' most famous ship sinkings*



The deadliest shipwreck in Great Lakes history was the 275-foot steamer, Eastland in 1915. It's sinking claimed 844 lives. However, since it technically sank just inside the Chicago River, it is not accounted for on this map.

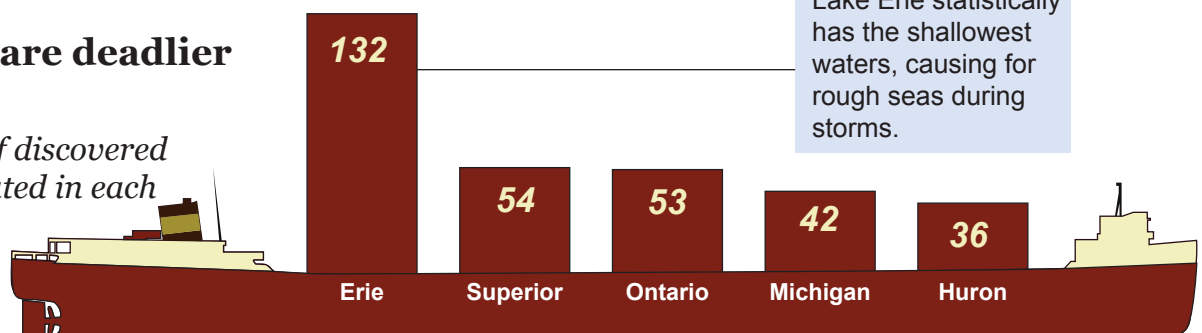
### Shipwrecks through the centuries

*Number of shipwrecks in the Great Lakes every 10 years since 1780*



### Some lakes are deadlier than others

*Total number of discovered shipwrecks located in each lake*



Lake Erie statistically has the shallowest waters, causing for rough seas during storms.