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# **Tubal Cain Shipwreck in the Vicinity of Two Rivers, Manitowoc County Placed on the State Register of Historic Places**

**Two Rivers, Wis.** – The Wisconsin Historical Society placed the *Tubal Cain* Shipwreck (Vicinity of Two Rivers, Manitowoc County) on the State Register of Historic Places on May 19, 2017.

The *Tubal Cain*, built in 1866, and sunk in 1867, represents a unique class of vessel (barque) that was numerically one of the least common vessel types of the Great Lakes and seen early in Great Lakes shipbuilding history. Little historical documentation exists on Great Lakes barque or canaller construction and operation. Much of our understanding of this type of vessel lays on the lakebed and comes from archaeological data from the only other known barque in Wisconsin waters, the *Cherubusco*. The study of these ships, which were so vital to Wisconsin commerce, helps us understand more about the commercial trade on the Great Lakes.

State laws protect this shipwreck. Divers may not remove artifacts or structure when visiting this site. Removing, defacing, displacing, or destroying artifacts or sites, is a crime. More information on Wisconsin's historic shipwrecks may be found by visiting Wisconsin's Great Lakes Shipwrecks website.

The State Register is Wisconsin's official list of state properties determined to be significant to Wisconsin's heritage. The State Historic Preservation Office at the Wisconsin Historical Society administers both the State Register and National Register in Wisconsin.

To learn more about the State and National Register programs in Wisconsin, visit [www.wisconsinhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org).

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