



*Association for Great Lakes Maritime History*

**The Richard J. Wright Publication Award  
For Great Lakes Maritime History**

**Guidelines for Entrants**

The Richard J. Wright Award is sponsored by the Association for Great Lakes Maritime History (AGLMH) to recognize recently published works that show exceptional merit in providing new interpretative perspectives on any aspect of Great Lakes maritime history.

Submissions will be accepted from any person(s) involved in Great Lakes maritime history regardless of formal training.

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**Requirements for Entrants**

1. Authors must be able to attest that submissions are within two years of publication date and be publicly available.
    - a. Submissions must: Be original interpretative work, not a translation or collection of works of others (i.e., collection of articles from the past, diaries/journals of others, etc.) that do not include significant interpretation of the history presented.
    - b. Be based on a significant number and variety of primary sources.
  2. Appropriate submissions include:
    - a. Books
    - b. Articles
    - c. Chapters in anthologies, presuming that the entire anthology is not and will not be submitted as a book for the award
    - d. Media productions, web sites, podcasts, etc.
    - e. Exhibits
    - f. Other as deemed appropriate by the committee
  3. Inappropriate submissions include:
    - a. Technical reports that include “gray literature” that are not publicly available (e.g., archaeological site reports, theme studies, etc., that are not made available to the public)
    - b. Archival or exhibit catalogs that list the scope and content of a collection or an exhibit without providing significant historical treatment and interpretation
    - c. Conference proceedings
  4. Submissions by both established and emerging scholars are accepted. The standards of scholarship and primary source research are the same for both.
  5. Authors must use appropriate citation of primary and secondary sources using a standard reference system.
  6. A self-addressed, stamped envelope should accompany submissions if the authors wish to receive submissions back.
  7. Entries may be submitted in hardcopy or electronically (Microsoft Word or compatible program).
  8. AGLMH will not assume responsibility for loss of or damage to manuscripts or published works.
  9. **Entries must be emailed to [awards@AGLMH.net](mailto:awards@AGLMH.net) or postmarked by May 15.**
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## **Judging**

Each entry which meets the above guidelines will be judged by a panel of readers who will not know the authorship of the manuscript. Judges will rate each entry on the following:

1. Accuracy of the information.
2. Analysis of the subject.
3. Readability of the prose.
4. Documentation of sources as well as a good selection of primary and secondary material.
5. Originality of the contribution.
6. Contribution to the larger field of Great Lakes maritime history.

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## **Subject Matter**

Entries must address an aspect of Great Lakes maritime history.

Examples of subject areas follow. This list, however, is not meant to restrict entrants to these topics alone.

1. Commerce and trade on the Great Lakes
2. Harbor or port development
3. Shipbuilding and design
4. Women's studies
5. History and influence of governmental agencies such as the Life Saving Service, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Marine Inspection, etc.
6. Vessel or fleet history
7. Biography of Great Lakes mariners, shipbuilders or promoters of waterborne commerce
8. Passenger service on the lakes
9. Technological advances affecting Great Lakes shipping
10. Great Lakes fishing industry
11. Lighthouses, light ships, navigational aids
12. Work of marine artists on the lakes
13. Underwater archeological findings
14. Environmental studies
15. History of yachting, racing or pleasure boating
16. History of public policy affecting shipping on the Great Lakes
17. History of immigration via the lakes
18. Military vessels and military activities on the Great Lakes
19. Aboriginal craft
20. Editing and interpretation of significant ship's logs
21. Great Lakes exploration and mapping
22. Shipwrecks on the Great Lakes

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## **The Award**

- A plaque noting the author(s) name and year of award that will be presented at the AGLMH's annual conference.
  - Winner will receive a one-year membership in the organization with the hope that they will thereafter continue as an active member.
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**Address for Inquiries and Physical Submissions**

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***All entries must be emailed or postmarked no later than May 15***