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The mystery ship from 19 fathoms.

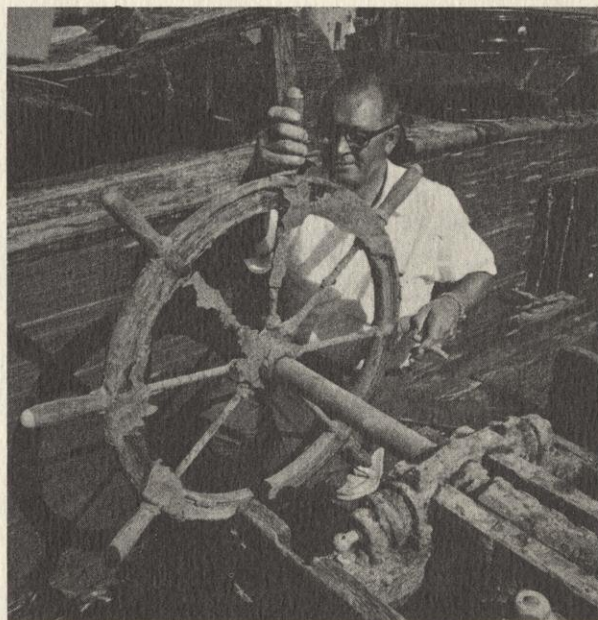
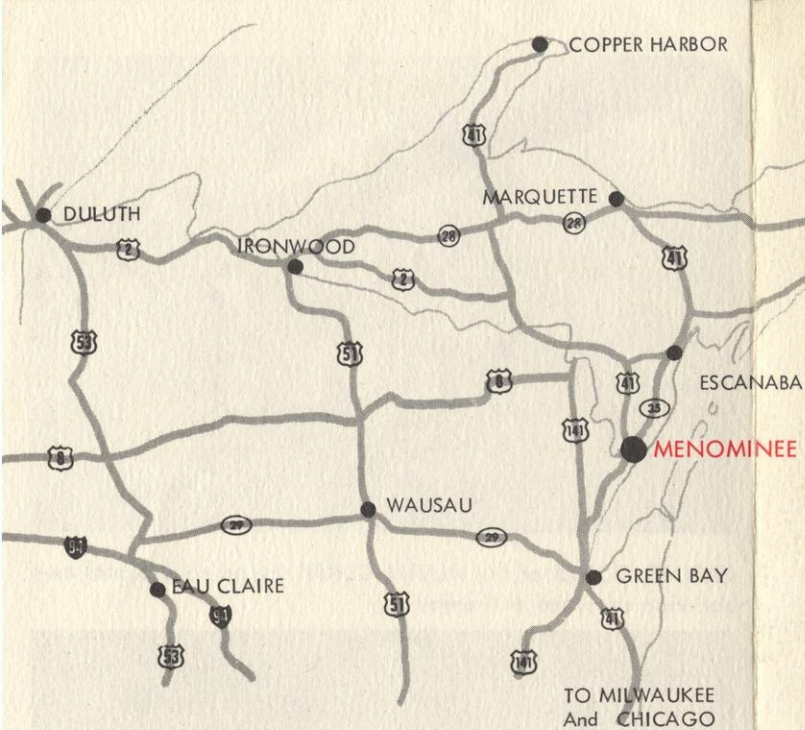
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HAROLD DERUSHA, Marinette Marine Corp., was one of the few men to believe in Hoffmann's dream. Without his assistance the MYSTERY SHIP may never have seen sunlight.

CLARK, ALVIN (1846)

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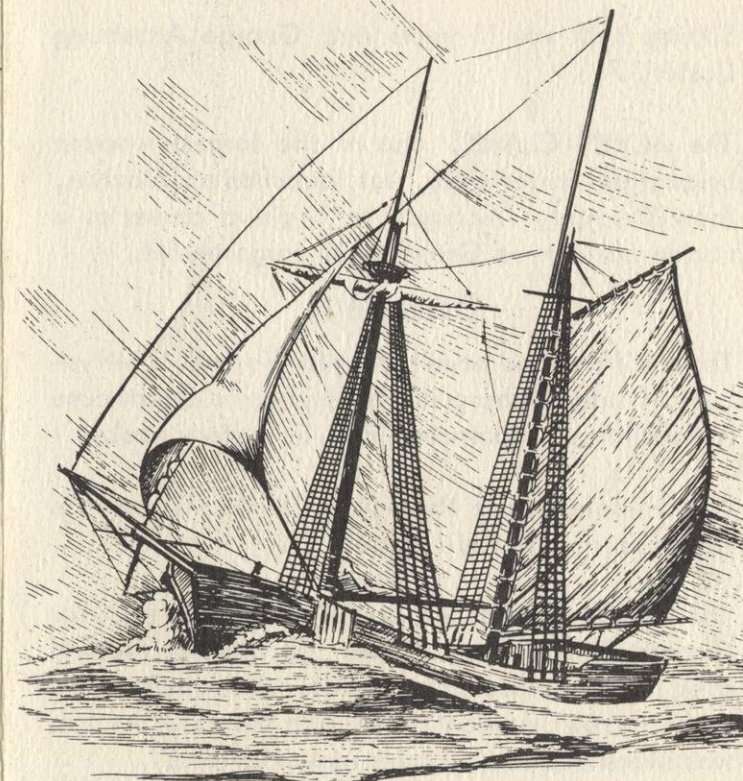
Mr. Frank Hoffmann, Mystery Ship Seaport
 Menominee, Michigan 49858.
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UP SHE COMES, 105 years overdue for Oconto, Wisconsin. Smithsonian Institute historians praised the recovery of the MYSTERY SHIP as one of the greatest accomplishments in maritime history. Cpt. Frank Hoffmann had directed diving operations since discovery of the sunken vessel two years earlier. The bowsprit they ride had tangled commercial fishing nets and the ALVIN CLARK was found---quite by accident.

The Mystery Ship

From 19 Fathoms



Built
1846

Sank
1864

Raised
1969

A treasure-trove of Great Lakes maritime history,
 her deck awaits your visit to

Mystery Ship Seaport

MENOMINEE, MICHIGAN

Just off US 41, adjacent to River Park Campgrounds

OPEN DAILY-- MAY 1 - OCT. 31

Built 1846

It would be 2 years before the Wisconsin Territory joined the Union.

Sitting Bull was 11 years old; George Armstrong Custer, 7.

The ALVIN CLARK, one of the largest wooden brigantines in her class, was launched at Truaxton, (now Trenton), Michigan to begin a career as a nation builder--a Great Lakes cargo vessel.

Sank 1864

The Civil War had been raging for 3 years. Gettysburg, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania Courthouse became bloody footnotes in U.S. history books.

Abe Lincoln paced through the White House--He would be re-elected this year.

The ALVIN CLARK was bound, under full sail, for Oconto, Wisconsin. On June 29, she capsized and sank in an unseasonable squall. Her captain and several crewmen went down with her, but her loss was overshadowed by more urgent affairs.

Raised 1969

Dwight D. Eisenhower died at 78.

A crew of amateur divers made final preparations to lift the ALVIN CLARK from the muddy depths of Lake Michigan. They had battled icy waters and expert opinions for more than 2 years.

And the U.N. voted for the 20th consecutive year to refuse a seat to Peking.

On July 29, the decks of the ALVIN CLARK saw sunshine for the first time in 105 years---She surfaced intact only 9 days after Niel Armstrong had stepped to the surface of the moon; 256,000 miles above Lake Michigan...

Today

123 years of history lies at anchor, waiting for you to walk up the gang plank for a fascinating, educational glimpse into the world of yesterday.

Enjoy an hour or a day touring the ship, studying the hundreds of artifacts displayed in the Mystery Ship Museum and learning more about "The World of Iron Men and Wooden Ships" and the building of a nation!

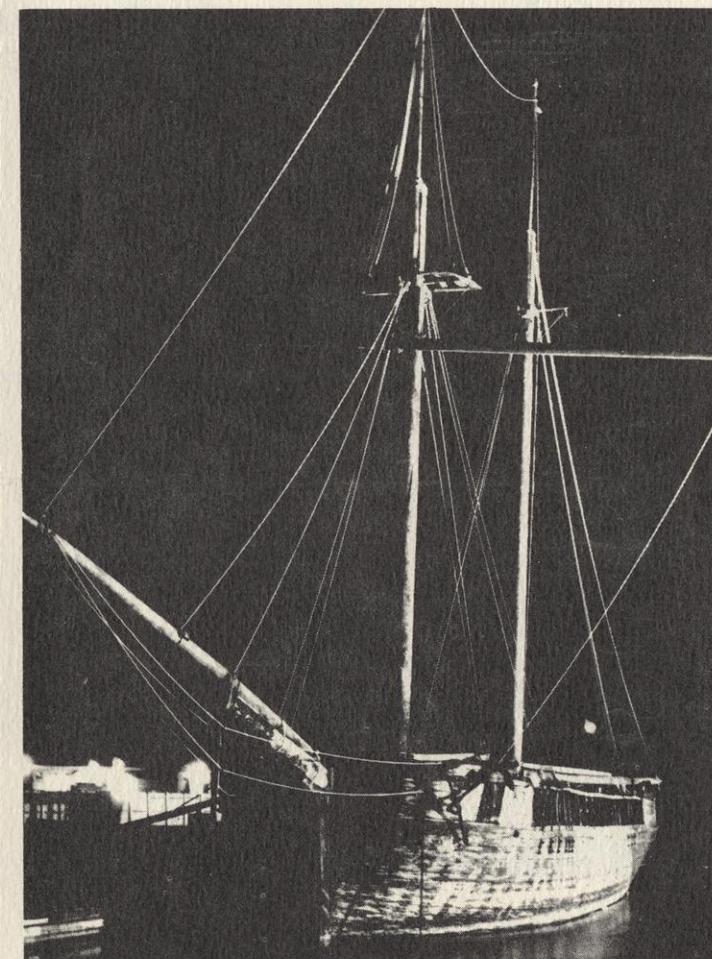
You, your family, school group or organization, are always "WELCOME ABOARD" the MYSTERY SHIP, Menominee, Michigan.



DECKS OF THE ALVIN CLARK were strewn with hundreds of maritime antiques. A thousand treasures, from cookstove to Captain's pants, are on display in the fascinating Mystery Ship Museum.



GUIDED TOURS of the ALVIN CLARK are an educational experience everyone will enjoy.



THE OLDEST WOODEN CARGO VESSEL on the Great Lakes lies proudly at anchor in Menominee. The resurrection and restoration of the ALVIN CLARK has preserved an era of American history.