

# Dive the Sunken Barges of Seneca Lake

Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>

The opening of the Erie Canal and construction the 20-mile Cayuga-Seneca Canal made Seneca Lake part of the “superhighway” of the era. The Erie (1825), Chemung (1833) and Crooked Lake (1833) canals made the lake commercially accessible from north, south and west, with hundreds of canal boats each year plying the 38-mile lake carrying cargoes of corn, coal, lumber, whiskey and other goods. But winds and storms on Seneca Lake posed a threat to such lake traffic, sometimes sending canal vessels to the bottom.

We'll do 2 dives and visit a number of these sunken barges and other features at the south end of Seneca Lake.



## The Details:

When: Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM

Where: Glen Harbor Maria in Watkins Glen NY. 517 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St, Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Directions: From Geneva, drive South on Route 14 until you come into Watkins Glen. Turn left onto Ct. Rt. 414 (E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street). Just after you leave town you pass a Walmart on your right. After that there is a small bridge over an inlet. Take the next right onto Boat Launch Road. A short way down the road you see an open parking lot on the right with the boat launch down at the inlet. There is a little white booth as you turn right into the parking lot.

Cost: \$45.00 per person

Depth and Visibility: The Barges we'll visit sit between 30 and 70 feet deep. The visibility in the lake is generally very good, however weather and other factors can impact that. There are also thermoclines in the lake that will make depths below 40 feet cool – even in the early autumn.

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