

Sunken Voyage: Exploring Five Maritime Disasters from the 19th and 20th Centuries

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Course Information

Mondays from 1:30–3:30 p.m. for six weeks beginning September 30 through November 4.

In-Person – Lecture/Discussion – Maximum 40

Course Description

Together, we'll explore five individual true-life events captured in the annals of maritime history. We'll read first hand accounts, study historical records, look at news coverage, and watch Hollywood depictions of these actual events. Over the course of six weeks we'll dig into these gripping and heart-wrenching events.

Course Schedule

Weeks	Topics
Week One	Introduction, Overview, and Brief History of Life on the Sea
Week Two	“Thar She Blows:” The Wreck of the Whale Ship Essex 1820
Week Three	“Iron Clad:” The Monitor and the Merrimac 1862
Week Four	“Torpedo in the Water:” Sinking of the RMS Lusitania 1915
Week Five	“Hell Afloat:” Fire and Mystery on the SS Morro Castle 1934
Week Six	“The Perfect Storm:” The Loss of the Andrea Gail 1991

Leader

Dr. Rich Hendrickson is a retired United Methodist Elder living in Moorestown, New Jersey. He is an avid reader with a special interest in seafaring stories, especially historical maritime disasters.