

## 26<sup>th</sup> Annual International Submerged Lands Management Conference

### History, Treasure, and Resource Management: A Brief Overview of Legislation Concerning Submerged Cultural Resources

**Speaker:** John Broadwater

**Abstract:** During the 20<sup>th</sup> Century several major Federal and state laws were enacted to protect America's significant historical, archaeological and cultural resources lying beneath our ocean, coastal and riverine waters. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century has already brought increased efforts at protecting these submerged resources, and the efforts are taking place at virtually every level, from the United Nations down to local coastal communities. This presentation will summarize the legislation and provide examples from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**Speaker Information:** John Broadwater is Chief Archaeologist of the National Marine Sanctuary Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce. During 2005-2007, he was Program Manager for NOAA's Maritime Heritage Program. He was Manager of the *Monitor* National Marine Sanctuary from 1992-2005, where he directed eight major expeditions to the remains of the Civil War ironclad USS *Monitor*, which resulted in the recovery of hundreds of objects including the *Monitor*'s 120-ton gun turret.

During 1978-90, as Virginia's first State Underwater Archaeologist, he directed a study of shipwrecks from the 1781 Battle of Yorktown (Virginia) and also developed a statewide underwater archaeology program at the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. He has participated in numerous national and international underwater archaeological expeditions, including deepwater archaeology expeditions in the Black Sea and North Atlantic. In September, 2001, he descended to a depth of 12,600 feet in the *Mir 2* submersible to the wreck of the RMS *Titanic*.

He has served on numerous advisory boards, is a Fellow in The Explorers Club, and has published a variety of technical and popular articles, including "Secrets of a Yorktown Shipwreck" in the June 1988 issue of *National Geographic Magazine*. He has a master's degree in American Studies from the College of William and Mary, and a Ph.D. in Maritime Studies from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland.

Title: USS Monitor: Discovery and Preservation

Speaker: Jeff Johnston

Abstract: The *Monitor* National Marine Sanctuary was established to preserve and protect

the wreck site of the Civil War ironclad USS *Monitor*. Jeff will provide an overview of the history, recovery, preservation and conservation aspects which have taken place at the site since sanctuary designation in 1975.

Speaker Information: Jeff Johnston is a Program Specialist who has worked with the *Monitor* National Marine Sanctuary since 1995. Jeff serves as the Sanctuary historian and has over 20 years experience specializing in the fields of maritime and Civil War history. Jeff served as one of the archaeological team leaders for NOAA on *Monitor* during the recovery years and continues to work with private research groups to fulfill NOAA's efforts to preserve the USS *Monitor*.