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**D I V E R S   A S S O C I A T I O N**

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Dr. Lyons  
National Maritime Museum  
Greenwich, England

Dear Sir:

On March 8th I had the opportunity to talk to Al Davis from the University of Rhode Island. He gave me your name and said that you may be of some help in trying to identify a ship sunk in the St. Lawrence River.

I am a student at Rochester Institute of Technology and Research Director of the New York State Divers Association (NYSDA) Carleton Island Project. NYSDA is a nonprofit organization of sport divers that has a permit from the State of New York's Education Department to excavate the remains of a ship sunk off Carleton Island located in the St. Lawrence River near Cape Vincent, New York.

We began our program in the summer of 1973 by mapping the remains of the ship undisturbed. During 1974 excavation began and British artifacts from the Revolutionary War were discovered. All that remains of the ship is about the bottom ten percent. Sunk in very shallow water, the heavy ice each winter has removed anything above the ship's ballist. Under the heavy ballist stone, the hull is in quite good condition allowing for accurate measurement of the remains.

What I would like to know is the following:

Are original drafts of British ships that were built on the Great Lakes, still in existence? If so, are they available to the public and at what cost? What information is needed to locate any plans or log books?

Because only a limited number of ships were on Lake Ontario, we feel that we can obtain positive identification from comparing drawings of the remains that we are working on and original drafts.

At this time, we feel that our ship could be one of the following:

Snow Halifax	built in 1756	Oswego
Snow (General) Haldimand	built in 1770-71	Ossawagatie (Ogdensburg, New York)
Snow Seneca	built in 1770-71	Ossawagatie (Ogdensburg, New York)
Snow Ontario	built in 1780	Carleton Island
Ship Limade	built in 1781	Carleton Island
Ship Onondaga	built in 1786	Raven Creek

I will be looking forward to your answer and I appreciate any help that you can give us.

Sincerely Yours:

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