

In Search of: What Lies Beneath Seneca's Waters

You may have seen this boat in Sampson State Park Marina, or out on Seneca Lake.



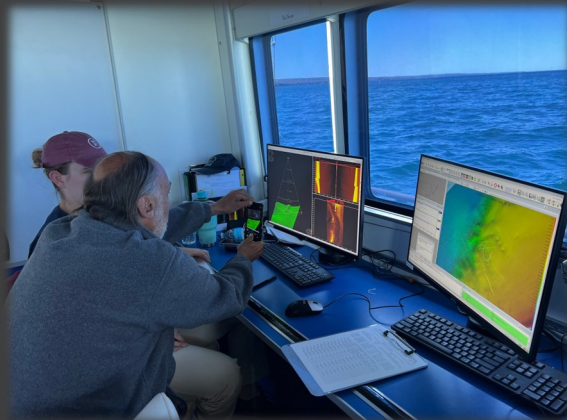
R/V David Folger

Researchers connected with the Finger Lakes Boating

Museum in Hammondsport are working on the lake this June, mapping the bottom with high-tech "multi-beam sonar." Along the way, the sonar finds "anomalies" which sometimes turn out to be real shipwrecks. The wrecks found so far are from the 1800's and have proven to be from the canal era—barges, workboats and

even a canal packet boat. The packet is an exciting find as it is the only one known to exist at this point, although there are certainly more waiting to be discovered someplace.

The boat is full of computers, servers, transducers, navigation



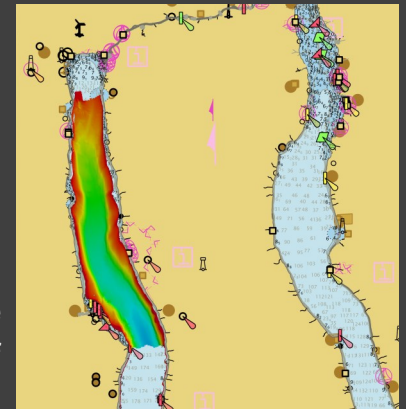
equipment and software, multi-beam and side-scan sonars and more. It will spend the month of June at Sampson State Park and in Watkins Glen to finish the work. Stay in touch with the Finger Lakes Boating Museum to learn more! <https://www.flbm.org/underwater-archaeology>

Scan this QR code to go directly to the site, and please do visit the museum in Hammondsport, at the south end of Keuka Lake.



So far this season, the **David Folger** has logged hundreds of miles, crawling back and forth across the lake. This is the first, full sounding and mapping of the lake's bottom since the 1870's !

The picture to the right shows the amount mapped on Seneca as of 5:30 pm on June 5, 2022.



The Seneca Lake Discovery and Archeological project is publicly and privately funded through:

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. NYS Canal Corporation and Power Authority. NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. Seneca Lake Resorts, Stiver's Marina, Watkins Glen Yacht Club, Casella Corporation, Finger Lakes Boating Museum and a number of individual and other corporate sponsors.

The Finger Lakes Boating Museum is a 501c(3) corporation. Donations to the project can be made directly through them and should be marked for "underwater Archeology."