

## Submerged NC – Exploring North Carolina’s Underwater Cultural Heritage

# Hidden Beneath the Waves Meet the Presenters

### Tane Casserley, Resource Protection and Permit Coordinator, Monitor National Marine Sanctuary



Tane joined the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries in the spring of 2001. As the Resource Protection and Permit Coordinator, Tane is responsible for the development of policies and programs to address commercial and recreational uses and impacts in and around the sanctuary. Tane’s specialties include interagency communications, public outreach, and exhibit design, as well as 19th-century warships and deep-water archaeology. Tane holds a graduate certificate in maritime archaeology from the University of Hawaii and a master’s degree from the Program in Maritime Studies at East Carolina University. He has led NOAA archaeological expeditions in the Florida Keys, the Great Lakes, California, the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, Alaska, and the USS *Monitor*. He’s participated in projects including a sunken Boeing B-29 Superfortress in Lake Mead, a Civil War blockade runner in Bermuda, USS *Arizona*, and was most recently part of an expedition to RMS *Titanic*. Tane’s focus now is on the maritime landscape of World War II’s Battle of the Atlantic off the coast of North Carolina.

### Chris Southerly, Deputy State Archaeologist – Underwater, NC Office of State Archaeology



Chris Southerly joined the Underwater Archaeology Branch of the North Carolina Office of State Archaeology as a staff archaeologist in 2000. As the Deputy State Archaeologist-Underwater, Chris is responsible for supervising professional staff in the identification, inventory, evaluation, and management of terrestrial and submerged archaeological resources throughout the state, and the curation of associated archaeological artifacts and data. He serves as co-principal investigator for the Queen Anne’s Revenge Shipwreck Project and as the UAB Diving Safety Officer managing the equipment, logistics, and training of the OSA scientific diving program.

Chris did undergraduate work in biochemistry at Virginia Tech before earning his BS in anthropology from James Madison University. He also did graduate work in historical archaeology at the College of William & Mary before turning his focus to underwater archaeology and completing his MA in maritime history with the Program in Maritime Studies at East Carolina University.

Chris has worked on and supervised terrestrial and underwater projects from prehistoric to modern times in the mid-Atlantic and southeastern United States, and abroad, conducting contract, research, and regulatory archaeology. Between 2003 and 2010, he directed archaeological fieldwork and diving operations on the Queen Anne’s Revenge Shipwreck Project, including serving as lead instructor for the DiveDown program, teaching recreational scuba divers about North Carolina’s underwater cultural heritage.

In 1974, North Carolina Division of Archives and History (NCDAH) began a collaboration with NOAA that has continued for over 45 years. (L-R): 1974 photomosaic of USS *Monitor*; Gordon Watts (NCDAH) in 1979 conducting a research dive; Gordon Watts (right) and Richard Roesch in decompression chamber in 1979. All photos courtesy of the *Monitor* Collection, NOAA.

