

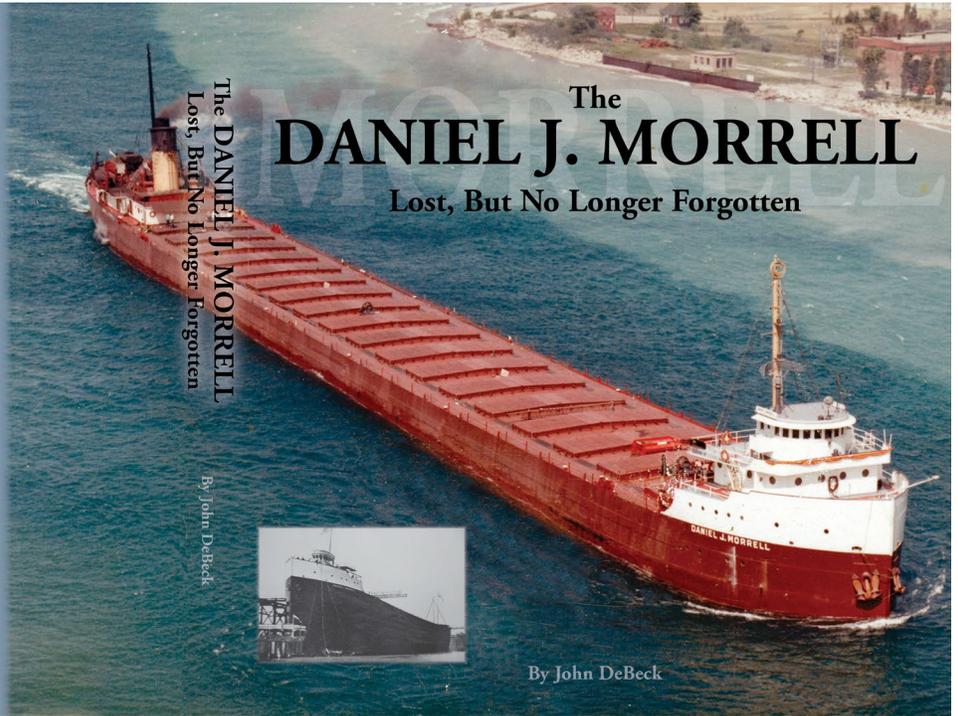


In February 2018, 50 months after the DANIEL J. MORRELL's lone survivor, Dennis Hale, had passed away, and 15 months after the fiftieth anniversary of the MORRELL's sinking on Lake Huron on November 29, 1966, Great Lakes marine historian John DeBeck met with Hale's widow, Barbara, at which point a long, ongoing discussion about what to do with all of the MORRELL related items Hale had collected over 49 years developed into an idea. The idea was to donate all of these items to a museum which would be interested in creating a first-of-its-kind exhibit on the MORRELL and the 29 crewmembers. Executive Director Bruce Lynn, of the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum, stepped up, and plans developed for an exhibit scheduled to debut in June 2020. DeBeck, whose goal was to help with research for the exhibit, wanted to locate all of the 29 families of the crew—a gargantuan task—but one which could likely provide answers and clues that have never been known about the MORRELL and the wreck. As he went through this process, each answer seemed to create two more questions,

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and a full-fledged study of the MORRELL bloomed, turning into what affectionately became known as the "MORRELL Project." It took DeBeck on research trips from coast to coast throughout the United States and Canada. Experts anxiously jumped on board at DeBeck's request, including men like David Trotter, the famed diver, explorer, and leader of Undersea Research Associates, whose team joined DeBeck for a number of weekend dives and debris field studies of the MORRELL. Vintage ship expert Bruce Halverson from Fincantieri Marine Group took data that was discovered by DeBeck and the URA team and did extensive analysis with other shipping experts. Dozens of other professionals also added to the project. Much as DeBeck suspected, and was confirmed by research, the Coast Guard Board of Inquiry report was highly inaccurate, as brittle steel was not the cause of the breakup of the MORRELL. He also uncovered facts that people lied during their testimony during the Board of Inquiry, and long suspected that there were cover-ups as well. Never before has any author gone so far as to interview each family of a Great Lakes wreck, get the stories of the crew and their loved ones, search far and wide for documentation, and do the type of analysis done to give honest answers and better postulations about the third largest wreck in Great Lakes history, and the largest ever on Lake Huron. Yet, the story is not done, as more research and data is being conducted to find additional answers and hopefully prove some of the other theories that are postulated herein.



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This new book, "The DANIEL J. MORRELL-Lost, But No Longer Forgotten," is the culmination of three years of research, interviews, and dives. The DANIEL J. MORRELL was a 603 foot long Great Lakes vessel, lost on Lake Huron November 29, 1966, with the loss of 28 of her 29 men. Only Dennis Hale, a 26 year old watchman from Ashtabula, Ohio, survived, despite spending 38 hours on a liferaft wearing nothing but his underwear and a Navy peacoat. Forty-nine years later, following his passing from cancer, Hale's widow, Barbara, approached Great Lakes Marine Historian John DeBeck about what she should do with all of Dennis's "stuff" that he had collected about the MORRELL, telling him "I can't live in a museum forever!"

After much discussion, along with interviews with Great Lakes maritime museums, Barbara donated everything to the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point, MI. DeBeck pledged his support in doing research for the new display. However, as his work began, the project snowballed and grew, to the point he wanted to relocate the families of all 29 members of the crew. He assembled a research team of investigators, divers, historians, and vintage ship experts, who all came together in an attempt to solve what truly caused the MORRELL to founder. The research team did not believe the findings of the US Coast Guard Board of Inquiry, which stated brittle steel caused the failure. Nor did they believe that the stern sank vertically. DeBeck went all over the USA and Canada, in an effort to unlock the true story of this marine tragedy. With the experience of legendary diver David Trotter and his crew of divers from Undersea Research Associates, as well as marine engineer Bruce Halverson from Fincantieri Marine Group, along with many others, DeBeck and his team have changed history and bring all of the new data to light in this 420 page book! Filled with over 550 photo and diagrams, almost 90% which have never been seen publicly, along with interviews of all 29 surviving families, this book is a must-read for any Great Lakes shipwreck enthusiast or history buff! Additional interviews with former MORRELL crewmen still alive, people involved in the MORRELL search and rescue, along with other living sailors who were present in the storm add more details to the saga.

FREE BONUS!!! For a limited time get a FREE added bonus worth an additional \$24.95. With your book, you will receive a FREE DVD that will show Dennis Hale's rescue and the activities of the search and rescue at Harbor Beach on November 30, 1966, as well as two 15 minute videos of the team's research dives on the bow and stern of the MORRELL in 2019! The books will be autographed by the author at no additional charge!

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HERE ARE REVIEWS OF THE NEW BOOK FROM OTHERS!

Garnet R.-Penetanguishene, ON

I received my "autographed" copy of "The Daniel J. Morrell Lost, But No Longer Forgotten" (and DVD) in Penetanguishene, Ontario Canada on Wednesday August 19th, 2020. It was received in perfect condition via Fedex. After a quick glance through, it is obvious Mr. DeBeck did an incredible job. I cannot wait to read it cover to cover and pass it on to many friends of mine who have worked on Great Lakes freighters. Thank you Mr. DeBeck and your research/publishing team for all your efforts.

Dan C.-Sturgis, MI

As an author of eight local history books, I can appreciate the effort going into the Morrell book. I've not had the chance to do more than a quick glance through it, but it is my opinion this will without a doubt become "the" authoritative book on the tragedy.

Martin B.-Stockbridge, MI

My book came today. AWESOME!!! John you did one hell of a job!

John D.-Rapid City, SD

Got mine--wonderful book so far! I love the deep dive you took on the crew!

Mary Seymour-Daughter of deceased MORRELL crewman

My book arrived today and let me say that I could not go through it all in one session. There is so much to take in and think about. This one is like no other book written and if you do not order one you are losing out! Thank you John for all of your hard work. I am at a loss for the words that my heart feels other than THANK YOU!

Dave M.-Curtis, OH

I received my copy today in NW Ohio. From the quick look that I was able to take, all I can say is WOW! I can appreciate the time and effort that went into this project. I cannot wait to sit down and spend some time with this latest addition to my library!

Darlene Brown.-Walbridge, OH-Daughter of deceased MORRELL crewman

I finally received the book today. Your personal message to me inside brought tears to my eyes. Thank you so much for all you've done! My daughter Mary can't wait to get hers now!

Pete G.-Pompano Beach, FL-Former MORRELL crewman

I received my book yesterday and can't wait to start reading it. John, thank you for all the work you have put into this publication and I am looking forward to meeting you.

Donna Copeland.-Dexter, ME--Daughter of deceased MORRELL crewman

4 copies arrived in Maine today. We're extremely appreciative of the time and effort put into this project, it's beautiful. I can't seem to put it down. I'm not seeing much sleep in my immediate future! Thank You to John and all the contributors.

Gary C.-Greenville, MI

Received mine in Michigan this week. Very impressive book.

Doug F.-Willowick, OH

Book received today Willowick, Ohio. Already started reading it. Well worth the money and can see it was a labor of love.

Nicki V.-Harbor Springs, MI

Just received my book today! I am overwhelmed by the size!! Thank you John for the signed copy...I'm already not able to put it down. It's fantastic and I'm very proud of all your research, hard work and tenacity that you brought to this 2 year project! The video is such an added bonus. Again...thank you from the bottom of my heart

Brendon Baillod-Great Lakes Shipwreck Research and Discovery expert-

I just received this excellent new book by John DeBeck about the Daniel J. Morrell, arguably Lake Huron's most famous shipwreck. This book is amazing in its detail, not only recounting the details of the wreck and the vessel's long career, but more importantly giving a detailed personal history of each crewman lost in the disaster. The book is amazingly comprehensive and represents an astounding amount of research.

Wayne N.-Tempe, AZ

An absolutely fantastic book! Like other readers, I can't stop reading, some chapters already twice! Such moving stories about the crew members and families and in depth interviews that are so captivating! I recommend this book to our entire nation of boatnerds and Great Lakes history lovers!

Harvey S.-St. Charles, MI

I received my book last week. Have been so busy reading it I haven't been on Facebook to post anything!!