

## The Discovery of THE LOST ONTARIO

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Toronto documentary producer **The Mission Media Company** is taking an expedition into the deep and a journey back in time to explore the lost HMS ONTARIO.

**The Discovery of the Lost Ontario** is a feature documentary that tells the story of HMS Ontario, the most powerful British warship on the Great Lakes during the American Revolutionary War. She disappeared on Halloween 1780 and was not seen again until 228 years later, when she was found in Lake Ontario by two amateur shipwreck hunters.

This summer Mission Media is working with the ship's discovery team, Jim Kennard & Dan Scoville, to mount an expedition to dive on the ship and explore her as she now sits, upright and intact in the darkness of Lake Ontario. The ship is one of the world's rarest naval archaeological sites and still shelters 120 souls lost on the ship. The discovery offers a window back in time to experience what life was like around Lake Ontario in 1780, when two empires and two emerging nations would fight a brutal war for control of a continent. It is a moment in time few learn about, yet still impacts us over two centuries later.

The Mission Media Company is inviting the public to support the expedition by participating in their crowd-funding campaign on **Kickstarter.com**, on until the end of April. Sponsors can help underwrite the costs of equipment to dive on the ship with full HD video capabilities and the film crew needed to capture the process. The results will be spectacular and provide an exciting foundation for the film. The film will be completed for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017.

## To support the project, please visit: www.kickstarter.com/projects/1810257925/discover-the-lost-ontario

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