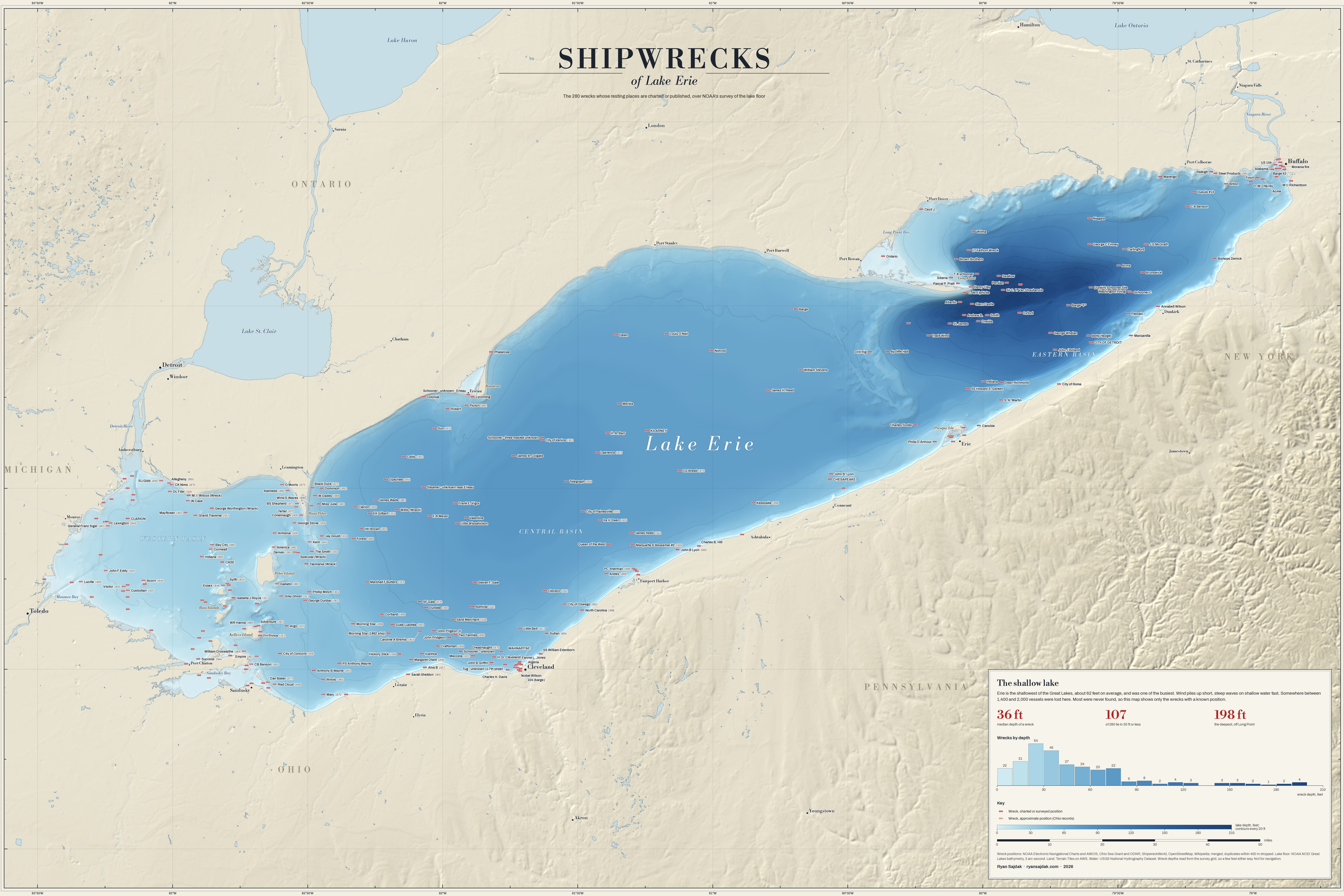


SHIPWRECKS

of Lake Erie

The 280 wrecks whose resting places are charted or published, over NOAA's survey of the lake floor



The shallow lake

Erie is the shallowest of the Great Lakes, about 62 feet on average, and was one of the busiest. Wind piles up short, steep waves on shallow water fast. Somewhere between 1,400 and 2,000 vessels were lost here. Most were never found, so this map shows only the wrecks with a known position.

36 ft
median depth of a wreck

107
of 280 lie in 30 ft or less

198 ft
the deepest, off Long Point

Wrecks by depth

Depth Range (ft)	Number of Wrecks
0-10	22
10-20	31
20-30	64
30-40	45
40-50	27
50-60	24
60-70	20
70-80	22
80-90	5
90-100	6
100-110	2
110-120	4
120-130	3
130-140	3
140-150	3
150-160	2
160-170	1
170-180	2
180-190	4

Key

- Red cross: Wreck, charted or surveyed position
- Red dot: Wreck, approximate position (Ohio records)

lake depth, feet:
contours every 20 ft

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 110 120 130 140 150 160 170 180 190 200 210 miles

Wreck positions: NOAA Electronic Navigational Charts and AWCIS, Ohio Sea Grant and CONR, ShipwreckWorld, OpenStreetMap, Wikipedia, merged, duplicates within 400 m dropped. Lake floor: NOAA NCEI Great Lakes bathymetry, 3 arc-second. Land: Terrain Tiles on AWS. Water: USGS National Hydrography Dataset. Wreck depths read from the survey grid, so a few feet either way. Not for navigation.

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