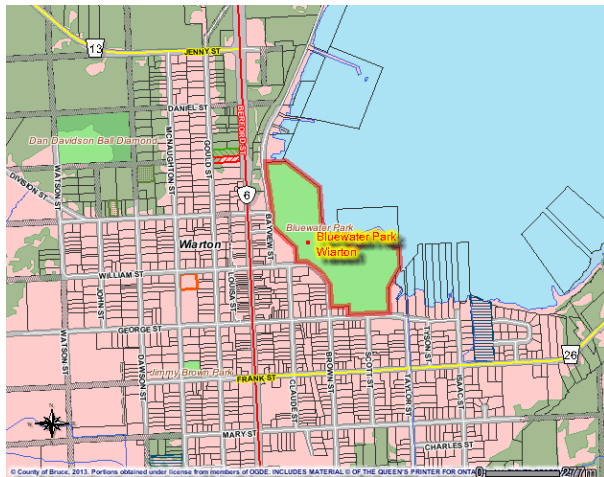
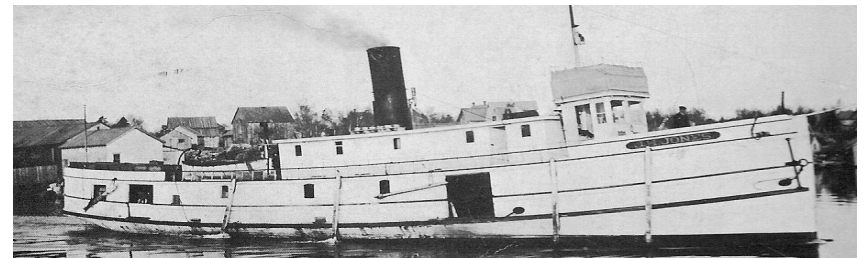


Bluewater Park is located on the shore of Georgian Bay, in scenic Wiarton Ontario. Just a few short blocks from Highway 6, at 400 William Street, Wiarton ON N0H 2T0.



Tragedy Strikes the J.H. Jones



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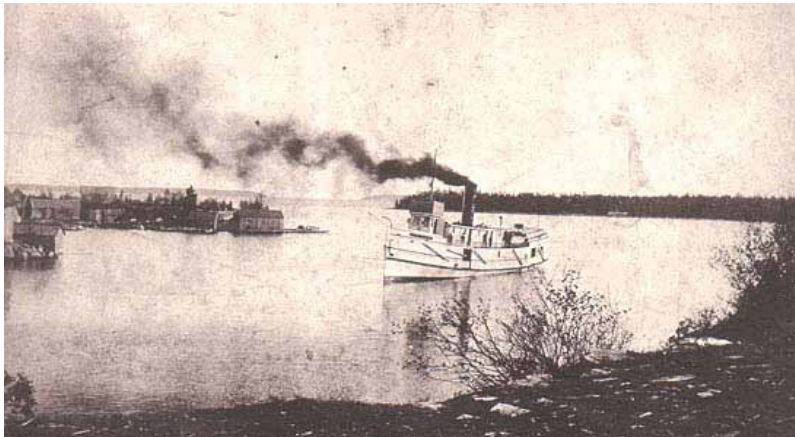


J.H. Jones

The J.H. Jones was built as a large tug in 1888 in Goderich, Ontario.

On November 22, 1906 at 1:00pm, she departed from Owen Sound for the last trip of the season, fully laden with winter supplies of kerosene and staples. Her destination was Lion's Head, Tobermory and North Shore to collect the fish boxes from the various fishing stations.

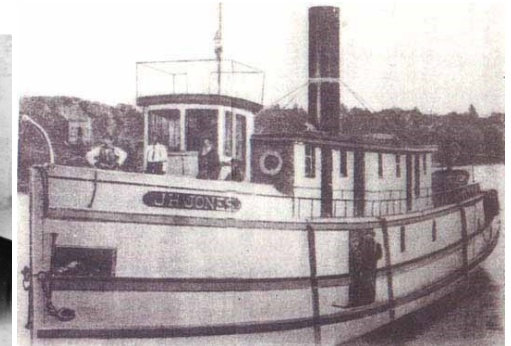
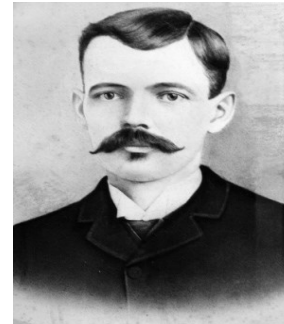
The weather was stormy with heavy seas being stirred up on the open sections of Georgian Bay.



The J.H. Jones became overwhelmed and foundered in a huge northerly storm, with waves built up over some 65 miles of open water.

The steamer was last seen off Cape Croker by light keeper Richard Chapman as she passed the Cape Croker light. He noted that she was having trouble in the treacherous conditions caused by the severe weather.

Wreckage continued to wash up on the Christian Islands a few days later and the diminishing hopes that any of the victims would ever be recovered was suddenly boosted in the first week of January of 1907 when a body still wearing a Jones life preserver was discovered in the Christian Islands.



An interpretive plaque has been placed in beautiful Bluewater Park as a memorial to those who perished in the tragic sinking of the J.H. Jones. The Jones was captained by James V. Crawford of Wiarton.

On July 1, 2018, the shipwreck was located by American divers Kenneth E. Merryman and Jerry Eliason, with the help of Canadian researcher and historian Chris Kohl.

The J. H. Jones shipwreck is a registered marine archaeological site and is protected under the Ontario Heritage Act.