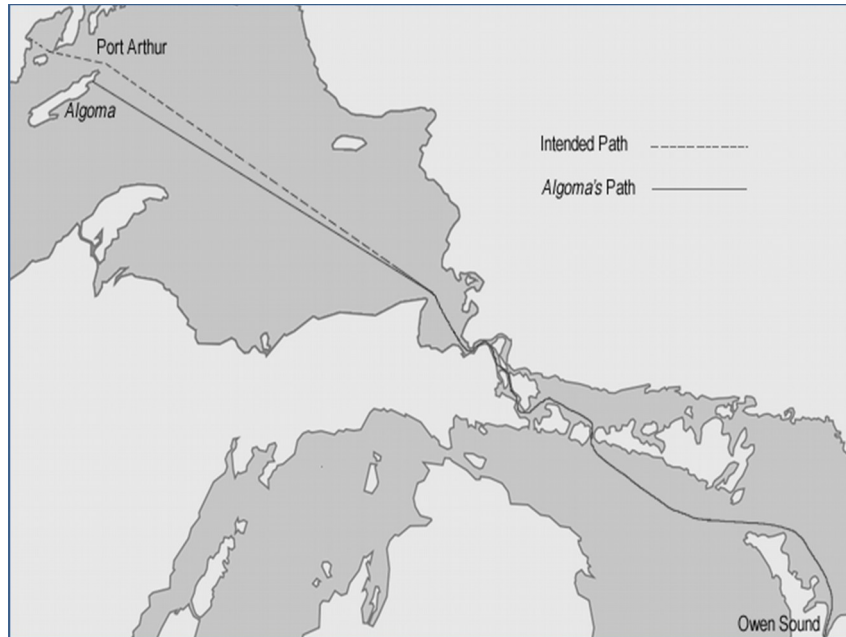


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Passenger Freighter
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Learn More About Diving at Isle Royale: <http://www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/scuba-diving.htm>



Vessel History

Launched: July 31, 1883, for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company

Dimensions: 263.5 feet in length, 38.2 ft in beam, 23.3 feet in depth

Livelihood: Vessel was built to fill the gap for the CPR company between Owen Sound and Port Arthur. The vessel was a steel-hulled passenger liner, fully outfitted in the finest luxuries of the day, including electric lights. The vessel could carry 240 first-class passengers and 600 steerage passengers. The vessel was powered by two-cylinder, 1700 horsepower engines. The vessel did not have many incidents in its short career.

Loss: November 5, 1885, *Algoma* left Owen Sound en route to Port Arthur. Gale like forces pushed the passenger freighter off course; the captain feared passing between Passage Island and Isle Royale in the storm, so he tried to re-route the vessel's path, but in minutes of turning the vessel around, the vessel crashed into Mott Island and quickly lost the first 2/3 of the vessel. Anywhere between 37-45 people died, the remaining crew and passengers were rescued by local fishermen.

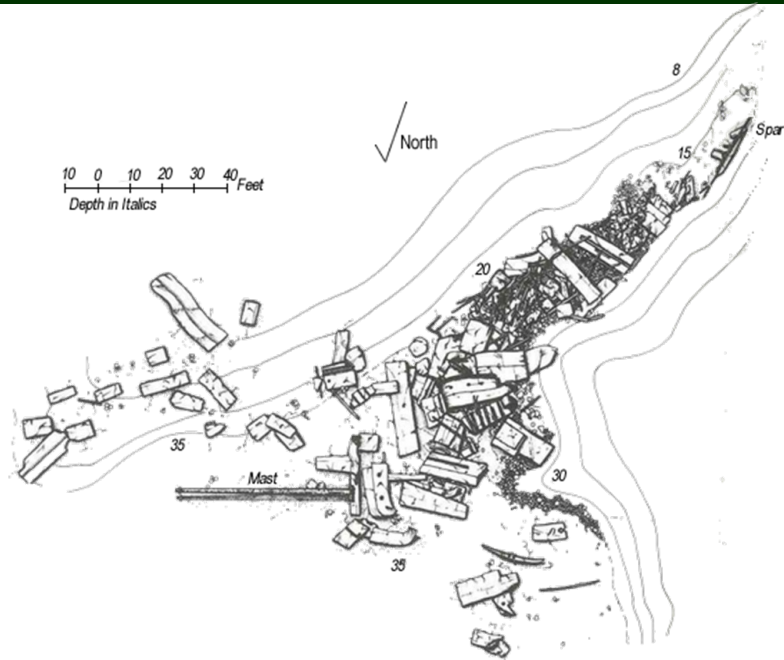
Fate: The vessel was salvaged; the engines and boiler were refitted in the vessel *Manitoba*. This remains the largest loss of life on Lake Superior.



GPS Coordinates: 48°06'41"N and 88°31'55"W
Depth: 6-50 feet main section; sections as deep as 150ft
Skill level: Beginner—Intermediate

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Archaeological Site Plan



Algoma Archaeological Site

- Algoma* is broken up in a different manner than most steel freighters; it is disarticulated and more than half of the vessel is missing.
- The vessel primarily lies in shallow waters, next to Algoma beach. Pieces of iron banding from the vessel may be seen on shore.
- Prominent features include the mast and large sections of the outer hull