



# Comet (1848 - 1861)

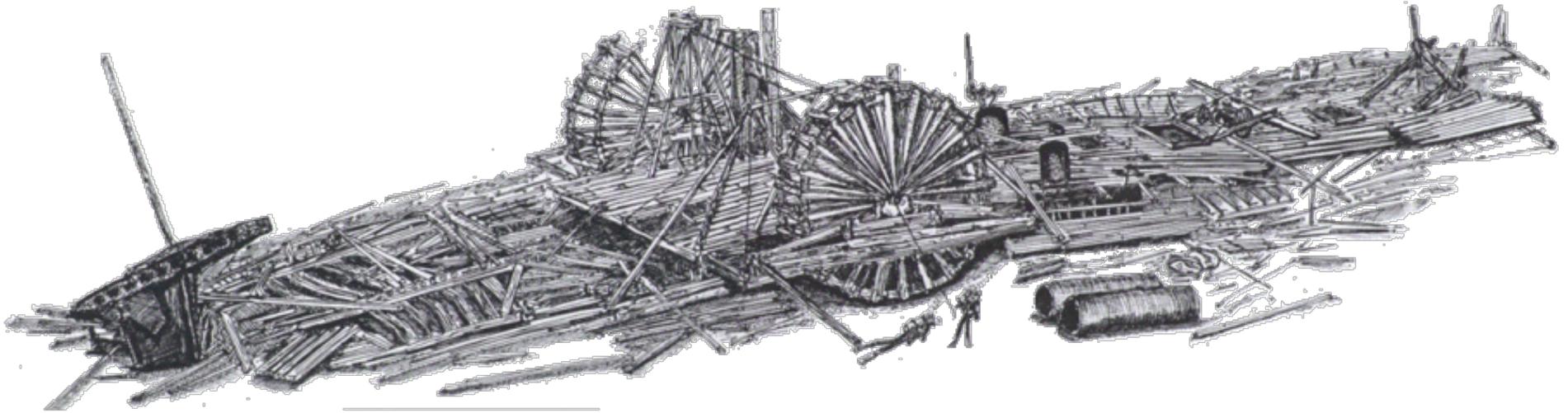
Ship Type: Twin Paddle Wheeler

Length: Length 174 ft (53.5m)

Depths: to 80 ft (24.6m)

Location: 2 miles off Simcoe Island, Lake Ontario, Canada

GPS N44.08.319 W76.35.042



The Comet lies in 90 ft (28m) of water, with her paddlewheels still upright, though much of the top decking has collapsed. For those trained and experienced, penetration below deck is possible at the stern for a view of the boilers and the engines. Good buoyancy is important as silt can be stirred very quickly making it difficult for the next diver to see. There are also some plates and cups left on the decking, completing the underwater museum.

The Comet is a spectacular example of ships of her time and is a special favorite of divers who visit her. Of consideration to the recreational diver is time because of her depth. There is little current on her, and visibility is usually 20 to 50 ft (6-16m), with upwards of 80 ft (25m) in the spring and fall.