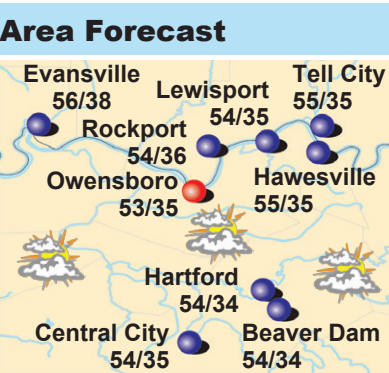


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Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
AM Shower Possible Gradual Clearing	Clear Cold	M. Sunny Pleasant	M. Clear Warmer	M. Clear Warm	M. Clear Warm
53°	35°	59° 39°	64° 46°	68° 42°	67° 48°



Local Discussion

Skies will clear throughout our Sunday, with a chilly day and cold night on the way. We will wake up to lows in the low to mid 30s Monday morning before a big warming trend gets underway.

Almanac

Temperatures (Yesterday)	Precipitation (Yesterday)
High 54	24 hours through 6 p.m. ... 0.01"
Low 46	Month to Date 0.01"
Normal High 68	Normal Month to Date 0.13"
Normal Low 43	Year to Date 46.86"
Record High ... 87 in 1987	Normal Year to Date 39.64"
Record Low 24 in 1993	

Statistics through 6 p.m., yesterday at Owensboro

Lake Levels

Lake and river levels are in feet . Change is over the past 24 hrs.

	Full Pool	Current	Change
Lake Barkley	361	355.0	+0.1
Kentucky Lake (Above)	361	354.9	0.0
Kentucky Lake (Below)	---	303.1	+0.8

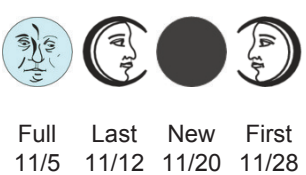
River Stages

	Flood Stage	Current	Change
Ohio River/Cannelton	16	9.9	+0.1
Upper Lower	42	12.9	+0.6
Ohio River/Newburgh			
Upper	20	10.8	-0.1
Lower	38	15.6	+0.5
Green River/Calhoun			
Upper	23	n/a	n/a
Lower	23	n/a	0.00

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:15 a.m.
Sunset.....	4:48 p.m.
Moonrise	3:01 p.m.
Moonset	2:40 a.m.

Moon Phases



National Extremes

High: 96° in Glamis, Calif.
Low: 8° in Harrison, Neb.
(For the 48 contiguous states)

UV Index

UV Index for 3 periods of the day.	
8 a.m.....	0
Noon	3
4 p.m.....	1
0-2: Minimal	
3-4: Low	The higher the UV index, the higher the need for eye and skin protection.
5-6: Moderate	
7-9: High	
10+: Very High	

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Regional Weather

Indiana: Spotty shower early, then gradual clearing through the day. Highs 55-60.
Kentucky: Skies clear through the afternoon. Highs around 60 degrees.

Regional Cities

City	Today	Mon.	City	Today	Mon.
	Hi/Lo Wx	Hi/Lo Wx		Hi/Lo Wx	Hi/Lo Wx
Akron, OH	58/38 s	57/35 s	London, KY	56/36 sh	59/35 s
Ashland, KY	62/38 ra	63/36 s	Louisville, KY	55/38 sh	60/39 s
Bowling Gm, KY	54/38 sh	62/37 s	Nashville, TN	54/37 sh	63/38 fg
Champaign, IL	56/35 s	62/37 s	Paducah, KY	56/33 mc	62/38 s
Cincinnati, OH	57/38 mc	60/36 s	Peoria, IL	55/39 fg	62/40 s
Columbus, OH	58/38 pc	60/35 s	Rockford, IL	52/39 pc	60/34 s
Dayton, OH	57/38 pc	60/35 s			
Defiance, OH	56/38 pc	59/33 s			
Evansville, IN	56/38 mc	62/39 s			
Frankfort, KY	59/36 sh	61/34 s			
Lawrenceville, IL	57/35 pc	62/36 s			
Lexington, KY	58/38 sh	59/36 s			

International Cities

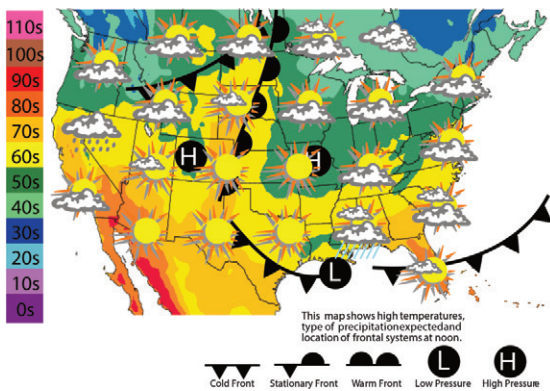
City	Today	Mon.
	Hi/Lo Wx	Hi/Lo Wx
Beijing	57/41 s	58/46 s
Buenos Aires	72/64 ra	77/63 s
Hong Kong	78/74 mc	75/70 cl
London	53/47 ra	61/48 mc
Moscow	46/41 mc	47/40 cl
Paris	58/51 ra	62/50 pc
Rome	68/58 mc	70/59 ra
Sydney	70/62 mc	81/66 mc

National Cities

City	Today	Mon.
	Hi/Lo Wx	Hi/Lo Wx
Atlanta	63/44 sh	62/45 sh
Baltimore	64/49 s	65/47 pc
Boston	54/37 s	62/45 ra
Chicago	54/43 s	59/41 s
Cleveland	57/42 s	56/43 pc
Detroit	55/41 s	59/38 pc
Las Vegas	83/59 s	82/58 pc
Los Angeles	77/57 fg	76/56 fg
Miami	81/73 pc	83/66 sh
New York	59/48 s	62/49 pc
San Francisco	71/53 pc	66/56 pc
Washington, DC	64/46 s	63/45 pc

Weather (Wx): cl:cloudy; f:fair; m:mostly cloudy; p:partly cloudy; mc:mostly cloudy; r:rain; rs:rain & snow; s:sunny; sh:showers; sn:snow; ss:snow showers; th:thunderstorms; w:windy

National Weather



Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald still resonates 50 years later

BY SCOTT BAUER
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MARQUETTE, Mich. — Spend enough time along the shores of Lake Superior and it won't be long before there's some reminder of what happened "when the gales of November came early."

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald, the largest and most famous of the estimated 6,500 ships that have gone down in the Great Lakes. But the Fitzgerald is remembered while the others are forgotten, thanks in large part to Gordon Lightfoot's haunting 1976 folk ballad that became a surprise hit.

The Fitzgerald, a 730-foot long freighter named after a Milwaukee insurance company executive, went down in Lake Superior on Nov. 10, 1975. All 29 men on board died.

'A crew and good captain well-seasoned'

The Fitz, as it's still affectionately called, was the largest ship on the Great Lakes when it launched in 1958 and kept that title until 1971.

On its final voyage, the Fitzgerald departed Superior, Wisconsin, on Nov. 9, 1975, carrying 26,000 tons of iron ore along a familiar route to Zug Island in Detroit.

Oliver "Buck" Champeau, 41, was making his first trip on "The Mighty Fitz."

The U.S. Marine veteran and experienced seaman was drawn by the higher pay that time of year due to increased risk, recalled daughter Debbie Gomez-Felder, who was 17 at the time.

"It was an honor to be on the Fitzgerald," Gomez-Felder said, speaking in her home outside of Milwaukee adorned with images of her dad and paintings of the famous ship.

Most of the crew members were born and lived in states that border the Great Lakes — Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio and Minnesota.

The captain, 63-year-old Ernest M. McSorley, intended to retire after the 1975 season. He was known for his ability to navigate storms on the Great Lakes, but the one that hit on Nov. 10 was unlike any he had encountered.



Two U.S. Coast Guardsmen move a life raft from the freighter Edmund Fitzgerald across the dock in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on Nov. 11, 1975, after the raft was plucked from Whitefish Bay by the freighter Roger Blough, a ship assisting in the search for the missing Edmund Fitzgerald, which sunk on Nov. 10, 1975, in Lake Superior.

dian shore. Gale warnings were issued the night of Nov. 9. Those worsened to storm warnings in the early morning of Nov. 10.

The crew of the nearby Arthur Anderson, which was trailing the Fitz, reported waves as high as 25 feet. The first mate radioed McSorley, who reported that the Fitz had been damaged by the storm.

"We are holding our own," McSorley said. That was the last message received from anyone aboard.

Gomez-Felder said she was called out of class the following day and told to go home immediately. Her mom told her that the Fitzgerald was missing.

"I was banging on the church doors at St. Michael's Church, our home church where I grew up, wanting answers from one of the priests as to how could this happen," Gomez-Felder said. "I didn't understand it."

'AND ALL THAT REMAINS IS THE FACES AND THE NAMES'

There are many theories as to what caused the Fitzgerald to sink so rapidly without a distress call, but the exact reason remains unknown.

Even without an answer, the wreck spurred many "incredible" safety improvements, said Frederick Stonehouse, whose 1977 book "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" was the first of dozens written about the tragedy.

Whereas a similar-sized ship would be lost on the lakes every six or seven years before the Fitzgerald, none has gone down since then, he said.

"Every sailor on the Great Lakes that's sailing

today owes a great deal of debt of gratitude to the Fitzgerald," said Stonehouse, who taught Great Lakes maritime history at Northern Michigan University, located on the shores of Lake Superior.

The Fitzgerald still sits at the bottom of Lake Superior, submerged in 535 feet of water, about 17 miles north-northwest of Whitefish Point, Michigan. No bodies have been recovered.

The wreck is protected as a grave site under Canadian law, a status that family members including Gomez-Felder lobbied for. Unauthorized dives or artifact retrieval are barred.

Gomez-Felder said she wants the wreck — and the bodies entombed within — to remain undisturbed.

'THE LEGEND LIVES ON'

Events around the Great Lakes each year remember the men killed and

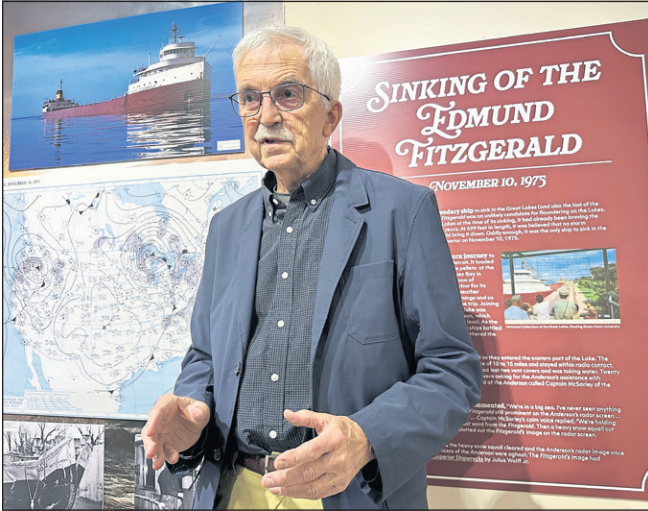
reunite their family members, and organizers say the 50th anniversary has driven public interest to a new peak.

The Great Lakes Historical Museum in Whitefish Point plans a public event on Nov. 10. A separate ceremony only for the crew's families will be livestreamed. The Edmund Fitzgerald's bell, retrieved in 1995 at the request of crew family members, is housed there as a permanent memorial.

Bruce Lynn, executive director of the Great Lake Shipwreck Historical Society, said the museum is on track to see its busiest year ever on the 50th anniversary.

"When we remember the Fitzgerald, I like to think that at the same time we're remembering all those other shipwrecks," he said.

The wreck is also remembered in Detroit



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Frederick Stonehouse, whose 1977 book "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" was the first written on the famous ship, discusses the impact of the disaster 50 years later on Oct. 25 in Marquette, Mich.

at the Mariners' Church, where Rector Richard Ingalls rang its bell 29 times in honor of the crew after receiving word in the predawn hours of Nov. 11, 1975, that the Fitzgerald had sunk.

The tolling bell helped spread the word of what had happened and was memorialized by Lightfoot when he sang "the church bell chimed til it rang twenty-nine times."

In 2023, after Lightfoot died, they rang the bell a 30th time. The bell will also be rung 30 times this year on the anniversary, with the final toll representing all sailors lost on the Great Lakes.

'FELLAS, IT'S BEEN GOOD TO KNOW YA'

On this 50th anniversary, Gomez-Felder said she wants people to remember

the Fitzgerald crew's loved ones.

"It took me a little while to recognize he's not coming back," Gomez-Felder said of her father. "He's not going to be here for my wedding, he is not going to see me graduate, he isn't going to walk me down the aisle. He has gone."

She has been comforted by traveling to Whitefish Point each year to be with other families and, for the past 30 years, ringing the Fitzgerald's bell in memory of her father and the others who died.

"That was the closest thing to my dad," she said. "That's the soul of the ship."

Associated Press reporter Isabella Volmert contributed to this report from Lansing, Michigan.

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