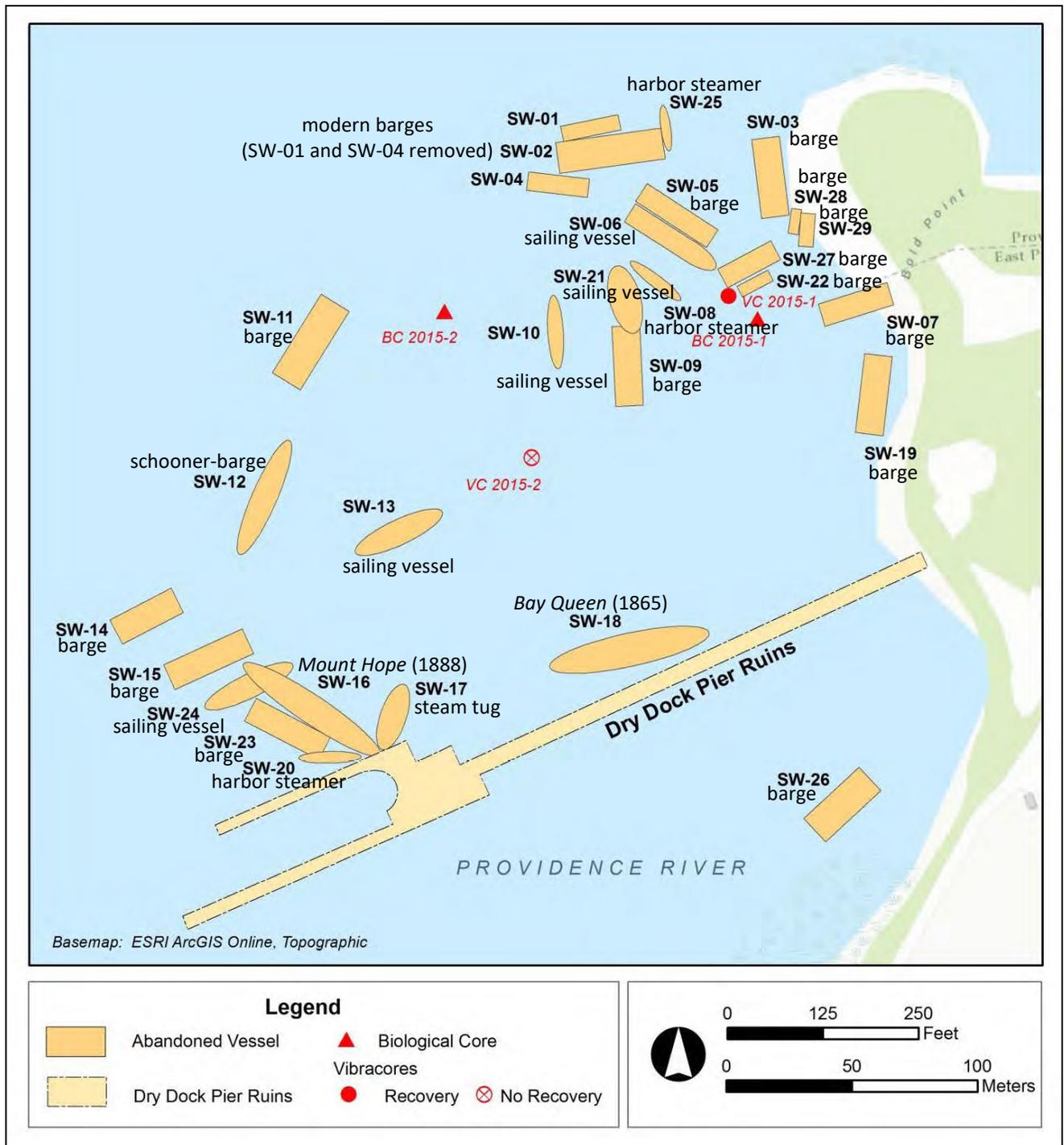


# GREEN JACKET SHOAL SHIP GRAVEYARD MAP

(w/fun facts on the flip-side for amazing your family, friends, and neighbors!)



(Map Source: after Robinson, 2016 [URI-Graduate School of Oceanography])

# GREEN JACKET SHOAL SHIP GRAVEYARD FUN FACTS

(source: David S. Robinson, URI-GSO)

- It is RI's largest ship graveyard (29 vessels, plus the remains of RI's first floating dry-dock and other elements of shipyard infrastructure)
- The site received approval by RIHPHC's RI State Review Board for evaluation & nomination to the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria D (a site that has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history)
- Vessel and floating dry-dock remains are associated with the Providence Dry-Dock & Marine Railway Company's operations on Bold Point (1884-1919) - the port of Providence's largest marine service station and the last builder of merchant wooden sailing ships in Providence
- "Green Jacket" Shoal gets its name from the abundant eel grass that used to grow on the shallow shoal and jacketed it in green
- Six different classes of wooden vessels are represented on the site: scow barges (17 - multiple types & sizes); merchant sailing vessels (4 [possibly 5]); harbor steamers (3); sidewheel steamers (2); steam-tugs (2); large unknown vessel type (1 – possible merchant sailing vessel)
- Majority of vessels are 75-125+ years old – oldest known vessel is the 1865 sidewheel steamer *Bay Queen*; three of the 26 vessels were considered "modern" barges unworthy of preservation. Two of have been removed as marine debris with removal of the large, third barge planned
- Only two of the vessels' identities are known: the sidewheel "excursion" steamers *Bay Queen* (1865-1901) and *Mount Hope* (1888-1934) – both are among RI's most beloved and most traveled steamers that provided service between shoreside recreation areas on Narragansett Bay (*Bay Queen*) and between the ports of Providence-Newport-Block Island (*Mount Hope*) for nearly half a century
- *Mount Hope* (1888) was designed by master naval architect George Pierce, renowned for developing a "new generation" of steamers between 1883 and 1905, one of which was the famous Fall River Line steamer, *Priscilla* (1894), described as the "*supreme example of American steamboat design at the close of the nineteenth century.*" The older *Mount Hope* displayed some of these trend-setting design features.
- The **Green Jacket Shoal ship graveyard is a unique non-renewable maritime heritage resource** – a maritime cultural landscape extending between land and water **that belongs to all of us and is worthy of our stewardship and protection!!!**
- For more information contact the East Providence Historical Society and checkout <http://41nmagazine.org/2016/07/11/one-mans-treasure/>

