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/