

Door County Maritime Museum

Shipwrecks Quiz 5: The Mystery Ship: Alvin Clark

- 1. What type of sailing ship was the Alvin Clark?
 - a. Schooner
 - b. Brigantine
 - c. Barque
- 2. In what year was the Alvin Clark built?
 - a. 1864
 - b. 1846
- 3. What about her cargo carrying made the Alvin Clark famous?
 - a. She was a suspected pirate ship often carrying stolen timber
 - b. She could carry 3 1/2 times her weight in cargo
 - c. She was empty on her final voyage
 - d. All of the above
- 4. How many crew served under the Captain and First Mate?
 - a. 5
 - b. 3
 - c. 6
- 5. Where did the Alvin Clark encounter the storm?
 - a. Death's Door near Washington Island
 - b. Green Bay near Chambers Island
 - c. Lake Michigan near Cana Island
- 6. What date, and from where did the Alvin Clark begin her final voyage?
 - a. 1864 Milwaukee
 - b. 1846 Chicago
 - c. No one knows, as her departure was not recorded.
- 7. Why did the captain order the crew to remove the hatches while under full sail?
 - a. To be ready to take on timber in Octonto
 - b. To clean the ship and cargo hold
 - c. To check the hatch covers
- 8. How did the sudden storm sink the Alvin Clark?
 - a. Waves smashed over the ship snapping her masts
 - b. Waves washed over the ship and flooded her cargo hold
 - c. The wind forced the ship to hit Chambers Island
- 9. How was the "Mystery Ship" AKA the Alvin Clark found?
 - a. Fishing nets got caught on the Alvin Clark's mast
 - b. In 1967 a fisherman hired a diver to untangle his nets
 - c. Both A & B.
- 10. What caused the Alvin Clark to be bulldozed into a parking lot?
 - a. In her two years as a museum ship, no preservation was done
 - b. Once raised from the lakebed, the air (oxygen) immediately started to deteriorate the wood
 - c. A lack of planning, funding, and laws to protect shipwrecks
 - d. All of the above