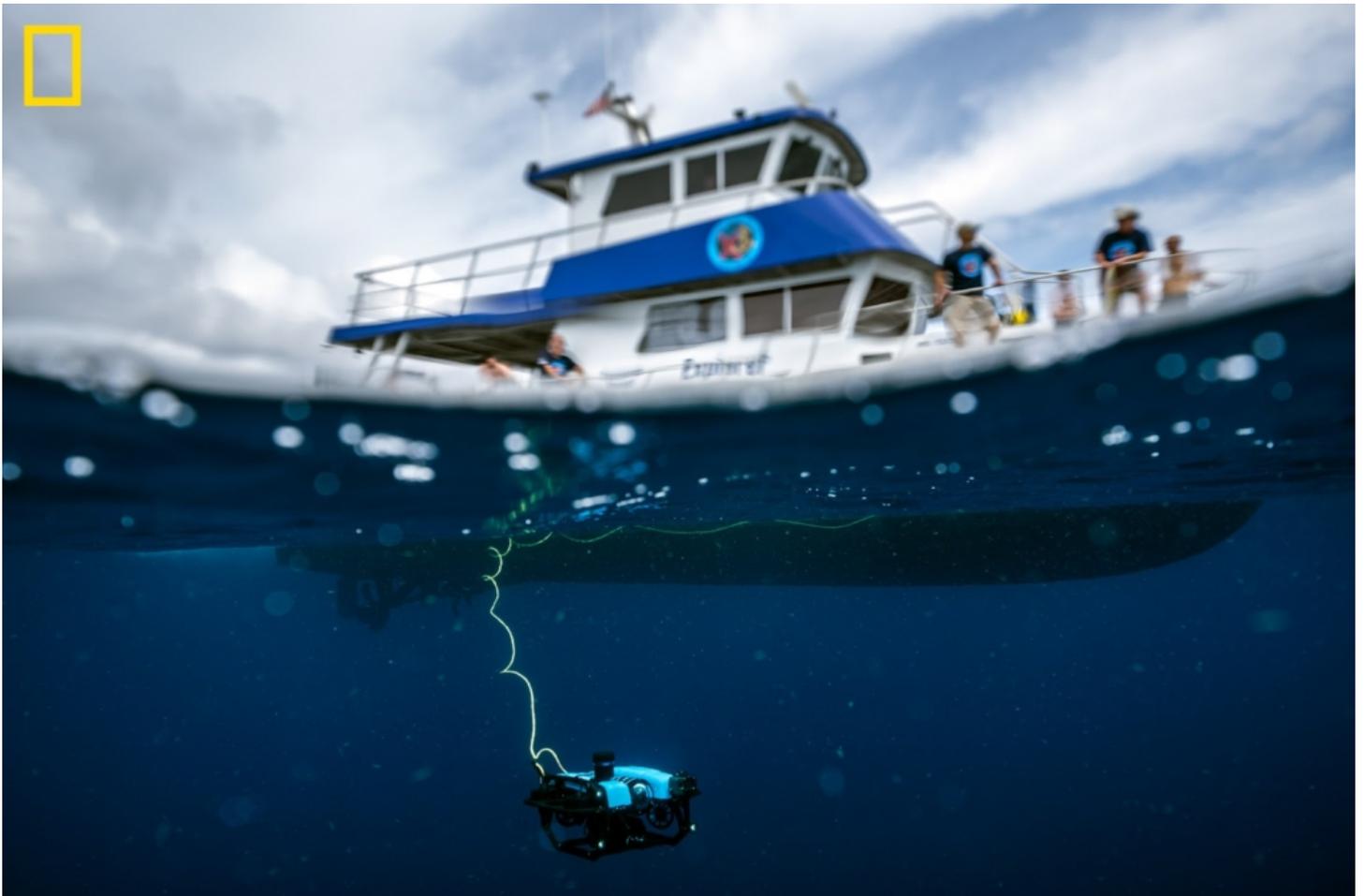


Wreck of Fabled WWI German U-boat Found Off U.S. Coast



WHAT: Sep. 30 2022– National Geographic has published an [exclusive report](#) on the discovery of the last known World War I-era German submarine wrecked in U.S. waters. The submarine, *U-111*, was discovered by Erik Petkovic on Labor Day, a century after it was sunk by the U.S. Navy in 1600 feet of water. Shockingly, it was discovered at just 400 feet of water off the coast of Virginia– a depth much smaller than expected, but still outside of the human diving range for all but a small number of experienced technical divers.

WHO: Diver **Erik Petkovic**, who was inspired by Robert Ballard’s discovery of the wreck of Titanic in 1985, began exploring the shipwrecks of the Great Lakes, eventually becoming an accomplished technical diver and author of several books on shipwreck exploration. He worked as a Secret Service agent in the White House during the Obama administration and applied the same investigative skills required in that job for hunting down shipwrecks.

WHEN: Friday, September 30 at 6am EST

WHERE: [NationalGeographic.com](https://www.nationalgeographic.com)

ASSETS: You can check out the full story from Nat Geo [HERE](#) and access high-res press visuals, along with usage requirements, [HERE](#). **PLEASE NOTE:** When using these assets, it is mandatory for a link to National Geographic’s story to be included.

SPOKESPEOPLE AVAILABLE: [Erik Petkovic](#): Erik Petkovic is an explorer, author, maritime historian, shipwreck researcher, and technical wreck diver. Erik is the author of multiple wreck diving and maritime history books. Erik has been featured in publications worldwide and is a consultant for

various production companies. He regularly presents at the largest dive shows and museums and is a sought-after presenter due to his unique storytelling and in-depth research. [Kristin Romey](#): Kristin Romey is an editor and writer covering archaeology and paleontology for National Geographic magazine and National Geographic online. She is the former executive editor of Archaeology magazine and a Fellow of the Explorers Club. Romey holds an A.B. in Greek from Vassar College and an M.A. from Texas A&M's nautical archaeology program. Before joining the National Geographic editorial staff, Romey served as the field operations director for the Society's multiyear archaeological expedition at Lake Issyk Kul in Kyrgyzstan. She was one of the first westerners to survey and excavate in the former Soviet regions of the Black Sea.

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