

## DFD Newsletter – Fall/Winter 2007

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Greetings,

It doesn't seem possible but it's been a year since my last letter. What a busy time. Even though I wasn't on the road with DFD as much in '07 as I had been in '06 my days were just as hectic with work, study, research, promotion and, yes, writing the next book (more on that later). As for *Descending from Duty*, I continue to be blessed with great reader response and the occasional surprise.

### Wooden Boats

I think the highlight of the year in regards to DFD would have to be the signing I attended at the Wooden Boat Show in Hessel, MI back in August. [Safe Harbor Books](#) set up an authors table under a big white tent overlooking the bay. It was the most scenic location I've ever been in for a signing, and I got to sit next to Santa Claus all day (a.k.a. author [Jeffrey Schatzer](#)). The people I met were great, the weather was perfect, the antique Chris Craft boats were fabulous, and the flyover by a squadron of bi-planes put a big smile on my face. What a perfect cap to the 2007 book tour.

### Coins Under the Cushions

Nice little surprises keep popping up too, like the September issue of Great Lakes Boating Magazine in which *Descending from Duty* was featured in the Portside Reading column. Then just this week the Grand Rapids Visitors and Convention Bureau informed me that DFD is included on their regional book reference page. And finally, just in time for the Christmas season, the retail giant [TARGET](#) has listed DFD for purchase on their official Web site. Hey all you Targeteers, does this mean I've arrived?

### Submarine News

Along the way I discovered an all-submarine news Web site ( [www.thesubreport.com](http://www.thesubreport.com) ) and made contact with Eric Ryle, the site administrator. He reviewed DFD and put up a post for it as part of his content. That's great because The Sub Report is a very popular news-blog site. By the way, I saw this picture on The Sub Report the other day. There's something familiar about it. A submarine. A Tall Ship. Hmm...I'm sure it will come to me.



### The Hunt is On

At last, I've begun writing the new book. Seven chapters are on the page but I haven't settled on a title yet. As with *Descending from Duty* it's a Great Lakes thriller. This time I delve into Michigan's rich history to craft a contemporary treasure hunt story. A missing shipwreck, a wildcat bank and a buried ghost town are the keys to a fortune in lost coins, but unraveling the past is just the beginning. Competing forces are after the trove, and some are willing to go to any length to recover it.

The hero's shoes are filled by Jack Sheridan, a maritime salvager with a knack for walking headlong into extraordinary situations. While hunting the coins Jack discovers just how dark greed and desperation can become, and that the cost of redemption is higher than he ever imagined.

I'll keep you informed as writing progresses. I might even send a special bulletin when I dream up a title.

Stay well and be sure to visit [www.jryanfenzel.com](http://www.jryanfenzel.com) for current news and information.

Sincere Regards,  
J. Ryan Fenzel