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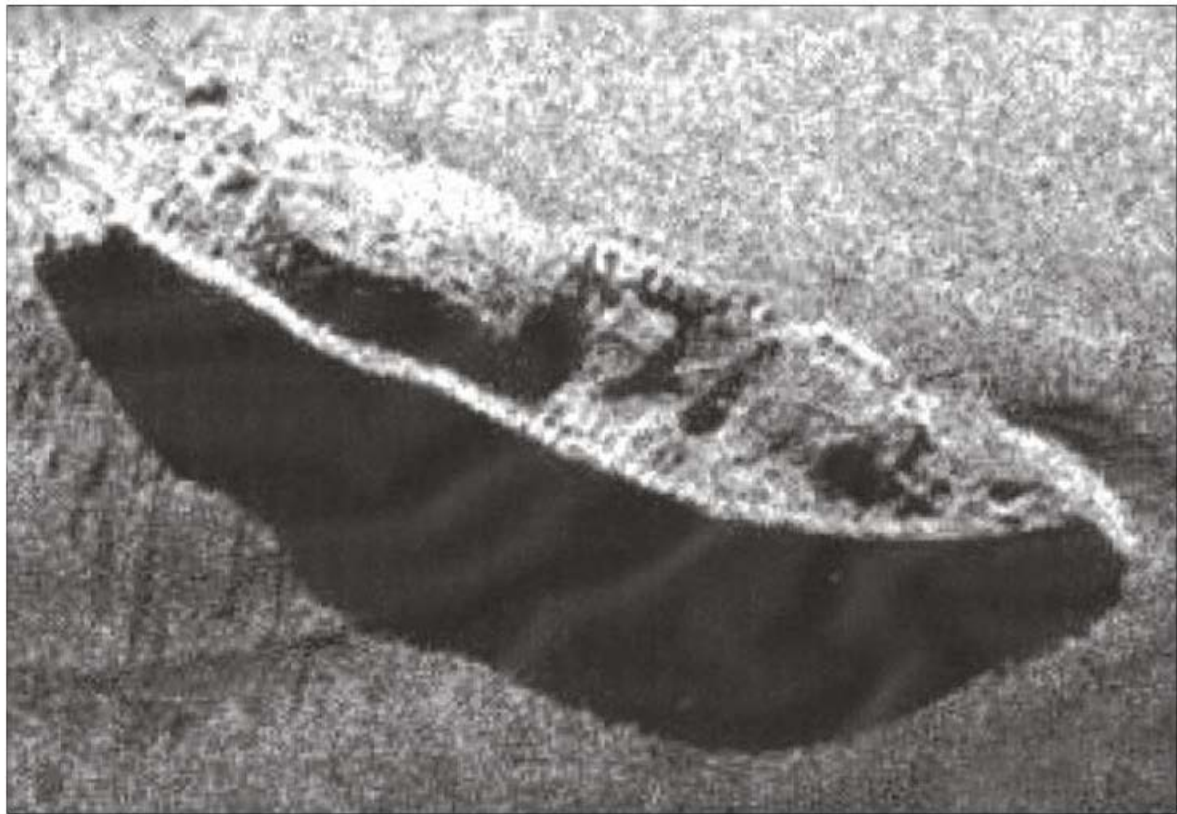


The Epic Battle, Calamitous Loss and
Historic Recovery of the USS *Monitor*

Paul Clancy

NEW EDITION





Wreck of the Monitor. (NOAA)



Image taken from control shack monitor shows diver descending on wreck. (Steve Earley)

About the Author



The author at the helm of the Schooner Virginia. By D. Kevin Elliott

Paul Clancy has been a journalist for over forty years, part of the time in Washington where he covered national politics and wrote biographies about Watergate Chairman Sam Ervin and House Speaker Tip O'Neill. He worked for *The Charlotte Observer*, *USA Today* and *The Washington Star*. When the *Star* folded in 1981, Clancy co-founded a weekly newspaper, *The Reston Connection*, which expanded into a small chain of Fairfax County

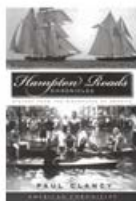
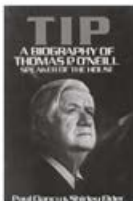
weeklies that survives today.

In 1993, Clancy moved to Norfolk and became editor of *Calypso Log*, the magazine of the Cousteau Society. He wrote extensively for the magazine, from coral reefs in the Florida Keys to crushing poverty in Haiti. He traveled with Jacques Cousteau to Madagascar and wrote about conditions there. In the mid-nineties Clancy went to work for *The Virginian-Pilot*, covering water-related issues – sailing adventures, diving, sunken treasure and sunken ships, to mention a few. His coverage of the excavation of the turret of the ironclad ship Monitor led to his writing *Ironclad: The Epic Battle, Calamitous Loss, and Historic Recovery of the USS Monitor*.

In 2007, he began writing *Our Stories*, a weekly column on local history for the newspaper. He touched on the history of just about everything, from the first settlement at Jamestown to the last burlesque house in Norfolk, from naval heroes to prize fighters. Recently, History Press published *Hampton Roads Chronicles*, a collection of these columns. He has also written *Historic Hampton Roads: Where America Began*.

Paul Clancy works and lives in Norfolk Virginia with his wife, Barbara.

Other books by Paul Clancy





FACEPLATE

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USS MONITOR TURRET RECOVERY



During this Operation:

- 429 surface supplied dives were conducted in up to eight foot seas and four knots of current
- 201 hours of bottom time were achieved by Surface Supplied Diving
- 465 hours of bottom time were achieved by Saturation Diving
- 1139 hours of decompression were endured
- 216.8 man-days in saturation were completed
- 40 Navy divers made their first mixed gas dive, 6 made their first saturation dive
- 11 personnel qualified as Fly Away Mixed Gas System Operators
- 2 people qualified as Unlimited Mixed Gas Diving Supervisors



Working under the guidance of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) archaeologists and divers from Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit Two and 24 other Navy diving commands raised the steam engine of the USS MONITOR.



Electronics technician Chief Petty Officer (DV) Terry J. Breaux rigs a chain fall from the wreck site of the USS MONITOR.