ABOUT OUR AUGUST 17 SPEAKER: JOHN BROADWATER



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During 1978-90, as senior underwater archaeologist at the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Broadwater directed a study of shipwrecks from the Battle of Yorktown, 1781. He has participated in numerous national and international underwater archaeological expeditions, including deep-water archaeology expeditions in the Black Sea and North Atlantic. In September 2001, he descended in the Mir 2 submersible to the wreck of the RMS Titanic.

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