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Dear friend of Delaware history:

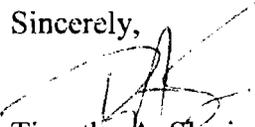
In keeping with the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs' celebration of Delaware Archaeology Month, we are pleased to send you the enclosed copy of the recently completed report entitled, *Underwater Archaeological Investigation of the Roosevelt Inlet Shipwreck*. Enclosed also is a companion brochure about the shipwreck and the process by which it was located and studied. Both of these documents are available electronically on the Division's website at <http://history.delaware.gov>.

The Roosevelt Inlet Shipwreck provides an intriguing look into commerce and trade in the late-eighteenth-century Atlantic World. Based on artifact analysis and historical research, the wreck appears to have been a merchant vessel, loaded with cargo inbound for Philadelphia, that ran aground and became stranded in the shallows off Roosevelt Inlet in Lewes, Delaware sometime between 1772 and 1800. The study of items recovered from the shipwreck has revealed artifact types unknown or unrecognized in North American historic archaeology prior to this discovery.

Archaeological investigations of the Roosevelt Inlet Shipwreck and the subsequently produced research reports were sponsored by the U. S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration; the Delaware Department of Transportation; and the Delaware Department of State.

We hope that these materials will make interesting additions to your collection. If you are in need of any additional information, please contact Alice Guerrant of my staff at 302-736-7412 or via e-mail at alice.guerrant@state.de.us.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

