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Mark Gordon believes in following one's dreams. Starting in childhood he dreamed of a career in ocean and shipwreck exploration. Today he is among the fortunate few who make their living pursuing their passion.

Mark is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Odyssey Marine Exploration, a NASDAQ traded company engaged in the exploration and archaeologically-sensitive recovery of deepwater shipwrecks. Odyssey utilizes innovative methods and state-of-the-art technology to conduct extensive deep-ocean search and recovery operations. The company has numerous shipwreck projects in various stages of development throughout the world.

Odyssey's discovery and excavation of the Civil War-era shipwreck the SS Republic made international headlines, was featured in National Geographic, and resulted in the recovery of over 51,000 U.S. gold and silver coins as well as nearly 14,000 artifacts.

Odyssey again made international headlines with its recovery of a Colonial period treasure from a site code named "Black Swan". Odyssey's initial archaeological excavation of this site has resulted in the recovery of over 500,000 coins weighing more than 17 tons. This is believed to be the largest recovery of treasure coins ever made from a deep-ocean site.

One of the world's greatest maritime mysteries was solved by Odyssey when they announced the discovery of Balchin's flagship HMS Victory, which perished in a storm 1744. Two bronze cannon were recovered from the site including a 42-pdr, the only of its kind in existence on dry land.

In 2011, Odyssey had a landmark year by discovery two shipwrecks the SS Gairsoppa, a WWII-era ship, and SS Mantola, a WWI-era ship, both torpedoed by U-Boats in the respective wars. Historical sources indicated the Gairsoppa was carrying as much as seven million ounces of silver and the SS Mantola was carrying as much as 600,000 ounces when each was sunk. The United Kingdom (UK) Government Department for Transport awarded Odyssey, through a competitive bid, the exclusive salvage contracts for cargoes from the SS Gairsoppa and Mantola. In the summer of 2012 Odyssey announced it had recovered 48 tons of silver bullion from the SS Gairsoppa, the heaviest and deepest recovery ever performed on a shipwreck site.

Odyssey's exciting discoveries have been the subject of a prime-time Discovery Channel TV series called Treasure Quest which premiered 12 episodes worldwide in 2009. The public once again had the opportunity to share in the excitement of Odyssey's record-breaking 2012 recovery operations featured in a three episode series called Silver Rush now airing on Discovery Channel in the United States and Channel 5 in the United Kingdom.



Mark's path to his dream has been deliberate. During his college days and through his MBA program at American University, Mark worked as a shipwreck diver with the National Diving Center in Washington, D.C. where he conducted hundreds of dives and explorations on shipwrecks along the Atlantic Coast and off the island of Bermuda. His underwater adventures include being the first person to discover and dive on the SS Proteus, a ship that had been missing since the early 1900s.

Prior to joining Odyssey, Mark owned and managed four different start-up companies, selling his most recent venture, Synergy Networks, to the Rockefeller Group. The experience of building, operating and selling multiple business ventures is another aspect that Mark blends into his talks.

As a longtime friend of Odyssey CEO and Co-founder Greg Stemm, Mark was asked to help mobilize Odyssey's 251' search and recovery vessel, Odyssey Explorer, leading him back to his true passion, the ocean exploration business.

Inc. Magazine selected Mark for the exclusive three year, MIT "Birthing of Giants" program. He has held several positions on the Executive Board of the D.C. Chapter of the Young Entrepreneurs' Organization (YEO). Currently he is an active member of the Young Presidents' Organization (YPO) where he has also served as an Executive Board Officer.

Mark lives in Tampa, Florida with his wife Sue and two daughters.