

## The new NAS Education Programme

November 2015

### History

The Executive Committee of the NAS has been undertaking a review of the Training Programme for the last four years. This is the first official review of NAS Training that has been undertaken since the inception of the programme in 1986. The aim of the review was to update and revise the content of NAS training by consulting with leading practitioners, academics and non-professionals in the field of maritime archaeology as well as NAS members and tutors. The new NAS Education Programme has been developed in response to the results of this review.

### Summary

The new programme emphasises modularity, allowing people to decide how they are involved: on site, in the classroom, at home, or in a library. Courses and fieldwork can be mixed and matched to fit members' needs. A greater emphasis has been placed on our ability to provide expert teaching in both terrestrial and underwater environments. The programme remains open to everybody and most of our courses still require no prior learning or qualifications. We continue to offer certifications, but we emphasise that these are not required to continue involvement with NAS projects and courses.

### Key changes

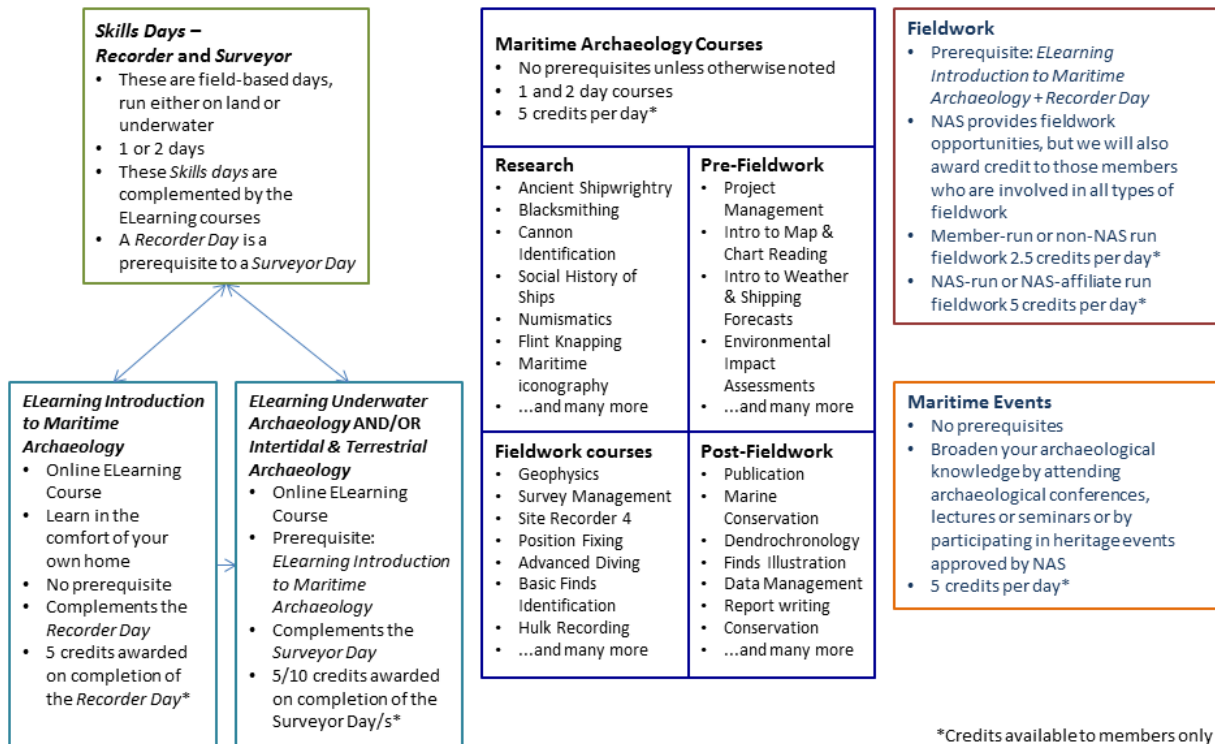
In the new programme the key change is how we deliver our courses. With a growing demand for non-traditional learning, we have divided our former *Introduction* and *Part 1* courses into field-based and internet-based courses via our *Skills days* and *ELearning*. We have updated and improved course content to reflect changes in the field of modern maritime archaeology. These changes will be reflected in both site-based and *ELearning* courses, which will begin in March 2016. The credit system has also been amended and credits are now only available to members.

### Chart

In the following charts we describe the new Education Programme and NAS certifications. Individual courses are also described below.

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There is no requirement to work towards a Certificate or Award, but members automatically accrue credits for being involved. In this new system you must be a member to accrue credits for your involvement.



## NAS Certifications

### **NAS Certificate in Maritime Archaeology**

- This certificate can state 'with an emphasis on...' if the member has accumulated more than 50% of their credits in one Maritime Archaeology Course category
- Certificate is achieved from accumulating 100 credits in 1 of 2 ways:

- 5 from *ELearning Introduction to Maritime Archaeology + Recorder Day*
- 5/10 from *ELearning Intertidal & Terrestrial Archaeology* **or** *Underwater Archaeology + Surveyor Day*
- 85/90 credits from *Maritime Archaeology Courses*, undertaking *Fieldwork* and attending *Maritime Events*

**OR**

- 5 from *ELearning Introduction to Maritime Archaeology + Recorder Day*
- 15 from *ELearning Intertidal & Terrestrial Archaeology* **and** *Underwater Archaeology + Surveyor Days*
- 80 credits gained from *Maritime Archaeology Courses*, undertaking *Fieldwork* and attending *Maritime Events*

### **NAS Award in Maritime Archaeology**

- This award is achieved from accumulating 300 credits
- Same requirements as the Certificate plus...
- ...200 credits (c. 12 weeks) extra credits from completion of *Maritime Archaeology Courses*, *Fieldwork* or attending *Maritime Events*
- ...a 2,000 word archaeological report

## The new NAS Education Programme Detailed course descriptions

### NAS Skills Days

#### ***Recorder Days and Surveyor Days***

- These days are for divers and non-divers and take place either on underwater or intertidal sites
- The *Recorder Day* complements the *ELearning Introduction to Maritime Archaeology* course
- The *Surveyor Day* complements the *ELearning Intertidal & Terrestrial Archaeology* and the *ELearning Underwater Archaeology* courses
- These field-based Skills days are either 1 or 2 days
- Credits are only issued when a member undertakes the Skills day and the complementary ELearning course
- The *Recorder Day* is a prerequisite for the *Surveyor Day*

### ELearning Courses

#### ***ELearning Introduction to Maritime Archaeology***

- Do online anytime, anywhere
- Participants have 1 year to complete this course
- There is no prerequisite for this course
- This course complements the *Recorder Day*
- 5 credits awarded to members on completion of the *Recorder Day*

#### ***ELearning Underwater Archaeology***

- Do online anytime, anywhere
- This course furthers your knowledge gained from the *ELearning Introduction to Maritime Archaeology* course
- Participants have 1 year to complete this course
- Prerequisite: *ELearning Introduction to Maritime Archaeology*
- This course complements the *Surveyor Day* which takes place underwater
- 5/10 credits awarded to members on completion of the *Surveyor Day/s* (dependent on number of days)

### ***E*Learning Intertidal & Terrestrial Archaeology**

- Do online anytime, anywhere
- This course furthers your knowledge gained from the *E*Learning *Introduction to Maritime Archaeology* course
- Participants have 1 year to complete this course
- Prerequisite: *E*Learning *Introduction to Maritime Archaeology*
- This course complements the *Surveyor Day* which takes place on an intertidal site
- 5/10 credits awarded to members on completion of the *Surveyor Day/s* (dependent on number of days)

### **Maritime Archaeology Courses**

Anyone can take these courses and members can gain credits toward a certification if they wish. There are no prerequisites unless noted (mainly in the Fieldwork category).

- The courses fall into four main categories: Research, Pre-Fieldwork, Fieldwork (practical and classroom-based) and Post-Fieldwork

#### **Fieldwork**

For more information on how to get involved with fieldwork, see our 2016 Timetable and visit our website

- The NAS encourages participation by awarding members credits for non-NAS run fieldwork (2.5 credits pd) and NAS-run and NAS affiliate-run fieldwork (5 credits pd) (eg CITiZAN, TDP, SCAPE etc.)
- To take part in NAS fieldwork you will need to take the *E*Learning *Introduction to Maritime Archaeology* + *Recorder Day*

#### **Maritime Events**

This is your opportunity to broaden your archaeological knowledge by attending archaeological conferences, lectures or seminars, museum tours or by participating in heritage events suggested by NAS

- There are no prerequisites to attend maritime events
- Members can gain 5 credits per day for participating in maritime events

#### **Certification and Award**

- A member can achieve a *Certificate in Maritime Archaeology* once they have obtained 100 credits, presented at the NAS Annual Conference
- A member can achieve an *Award in Maritime Archaeology* once they have achieved 300 credits and completed an archaeological report, presented at the NAS Annual Conference