

NAS Part III Recording Module

Understanding & Recording Iron & Steel Shipwrecks

Aims:

This course will provide an introduction to the recording and analysis of modern steel and iron shipwrecks (post 1900). The course is aimed at individuals undertaking the NAS Training programme, as well as professional archaeologists wanting to develop skills in the recording and analysis of modern shipwrecks.

Course Outline:

- Introductory to the UK's shipwreck record and the development of iron and steel shipping from c1850.
- Navigating and recording iron and steel shipwrecks, detailing the basic layout of such wrecks and what should be recorded from them
- Field visit to a local an iron or steel shipwreck (dependent on tides and weather) to consider on site recording approaches
- Practical session based on drawing up and analysing the results of the above.
- recording a local an iron or steel shipwreck
- Field visit to a local an iron or steel shipwreck (dependent on tides and weather) to consider more detailed recording approaches

Teaching Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course participants will have been introduced to modern iron and steel shipping and their place within the archaeological record. Through a combination of classroom presentations and practical sessions participants will have experienced such a structure, learnt how to understand it and how to record those features that are required to characterise the site and connect it with the historical record.

NAS Part III point allocation:

Recording module: 11 points maximum

National Occupational Standards for Archaeology Units:

Unit 5 (AC3) Contribute to non-intrusive investigations

Suggested Reading:

Gardiner, R. 1994 *The Golden Age of Shipping, The classic merchant ship 1900 – 1960* Conway History of the Ship

Gardiner, R. 1994 *The Advent of Steam, The Merchant Steamship before* Conway History of the Ship

Parham, D 2009 *Archaeology of The Battle of The Atlantic Europe's Deadly Century: Perspectives on 20th Century Conflict Heritage* Forbes. N. Page, R. Guillermo (eds) English Heritage

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Suggested Course Timetable

Day One

09.30 Meet at classroom. Welcome and Introduction to course
10.00 The Chronological development of modern shipping
11.15 Recording Iron and Steel Shipwrecks
12.30 Lunch
14.00 Field Visit One – Unidentified Wreck
16.30 De-brief
17.00 Finish

Day Two

09.30 Drawing up and discussion of results of Field Visit One
11.00 Case Study – *Archaeology of the Battle of the Atlantic*
12.00 Lunch
13.00 Field Visit Two – Known Wreck
15.30 Drawing up and discussion of results of Field Visit Two
17.00 Course End