

## NAS Recorder Day

### *Aims and objectives*

The following aims and objectives explain what will be covered in both an *Intertidal* and *Underwater Recorder Day*. Please refer to the timetable for a breakdown of how the day will be spent.

The *NAS Recorder Day* aims to teach participants the following:

- The aims of the NAS
- To be aware of the basic principles of maritime archaeology
- To introduce the wide variety of site types worked on by maritime archaeologists
- To appreciate that maritime archaeology is not just the study of shipwrecks and is not always underwater
- To recognise types of finds and how they should be dealt with
- To understand the basic principles of survey/recording and monitoring and some of the common methods used on archaeological sites
- To become familiar with the site and produce a sketch plan that can be used for further project planning
- To demonstrate field techniques discussed in the classroom lectures

By the end of the day the participants will have met the aims by the following objectives:

- Appreciate the differences between maritime and terrestrial archaeology, history and salvage, and the different types of maritime archaeology (e.g. coastal, intertidal and underwater)
- Define key terms in maritime archaeology such as site, artefact and context
- Describe the differences in preservation that are likely to be found between wet and dry sites
- What to do with their finds in the UK (reporting process)
- Photographing finds and site features
- Videoing finds and site features
- Site sketching
- Using a map to plot features and find scatters (intertidal only/site dependant)
- Using app(s) to plot the site in a wider context (intertidal only/site dependant)

### **Learning outcomes**

By covering the learning objectives for the day participants should be able to understand what the NAS is, how they can get involved further and where to go for help. They will also understand how to be safe on site and how archaeological sites are linked. They will also be able to show an awareness that maritime sites are not only underwater and will be able to demonstrate the practical skills required to record a site.

### **Looking for more information to complement your *Recorder Day*?**

To increase your knowledge of the practices you learned on site you could complete the online course: *Introduction to Maritime Archaeology*.

