



## SHIPWRECK PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR INC.

### Nautical Archaeology Society NAS Part I Course, July 1 & 2, 2018 Information Package

May 14, 2018

Dear Participant,

Thank you for your interest in our upcoming Nautical Archaeology Society's (NAS) Part I Course in Foreshore and Underwater Archaeology. For more information about the NAS program, please visit the NAS website at: <http://www.nauticalarchaeologysociety.org/>

**When:** Sunday & Monday, July 1 & 2, 2018  
Course begins at 9:00 am sharp on Saturday

**Where:** Saturday  
Town Hall / Fire Hall  
Cpl Jamie Murphy Memorial Drive  
Conception Harbour, NL  
(please do not block the garage doors of the fire hall when parking)

Sunday  
Town Hall / Fire Hall  
Conception Harbour, NL

**Instructors:** Senior Tutor Ken Keeping and/or Assistant Tutor Neil Burgess

**Total cost:** \$100 for SPSNL members, \$150 for non-members  
Special price for SPSNL members for both NAS Introduction & Part I courses: \$150

#### Equipment

Please bring a pen and paper for taking notes during the course. You must bring the NAS Training Record Card that you received during your NAS Introduction course. Divers need to bring their scuba certification card. All specialized survey and drawing equipment and supplies will be provided. Other things you might want to bring include drinking water, towel, sunglasses, sunblock, hat, lunch, snacks and appropriate outdoor clothing as Sunday will be held outside.

For those diving during the course, you need to provide all your personal diving gear for the Sunday open water dives. You will need 2 tanks for the open water dives. If you need to rent dive gear, you can rent it from:

**Ocean Quest Adventures**  
40 O'Leary Avenue  
St. John's, NL  
tel. 709-834-7234

Arrange for any rental gear at least 2 weeks before the course.

## Goals

There are three main goals for this course:

- to build your knowledge about conducting a shipwreck archaeology project,
- to introduce you to open water wreck recording and mapping techniques,
- to provide you with an opportunity to develop your project planning, recording and mapping skills under supervision.

## Tentative Schedule (subject to change)

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
9:00-9:15	Welcome/Course Introduction & Objectives	Town Hall
9:15-9:45	Case Study: Carrying Out a Shipwreck Project	Town Hall
9:45-10:15	Project Planning Session	Town Hall
10:15-10:30	Break	Town Hall
10:30- 11:15	Area Search & Survey Methods	Town Hall
11:15-12:00	Project Safety & Logistics	Town Hall
noon	Lunch	Town Hall
12:30-1:00	Open Water Survey Briefing 1 (sketching the wreck)	Town Hall
1:00-1:30	Develop Plan for Dive 1	Town Hall
1:30-2:00	Introduction to the Dive Site & Review Dive Plan	Wreck Site
2:00-4:00	Open Water Survey Dive 1	Schooner Wreck
4:00-4:30	Debrief	Town Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
9:00-9:45 am	Dealing with Artifacts	Town Hall
9:45-10:30	Introduction to 3D Survey Methods	Town Hall
10:30-10:45	Break	Town Hall
10:45-11:15	Post-Fieldwork – Analysis, Interpretation & Reporting	Town Hall
11:15-11:45	Open Water Survey Briefing 2 (measuring the wreck)	Town Hall
11:45-noon	Review Plan for Dive 2	Town Hall
noon	Lunch	Town Hall
12:30-2:30 pm	Open Water Survey Dive 2	Schooner Wreck
2:30-4:00	Draw Up the Survey Map	Town Hall
4:00-4:30	What's Next?- NAS courses, SPSNL Projects, etc.	Town Hall
4:30-5:00	Course Wrap-up & Evaluation	Town Hall

Field notes and maps will be submitted by each team before the conclusion on Sunday afternoon.

## Meals

SPSNL will provide sandwich fixings and drinks for a do-it-yourself lunch. If you have special dietary needs, please bring your own lunch.

## Dive Site

The diving portion of this course will take place on a shallow schooner wreck in Conception Harbour, so you should expect cold water (around 6 - 10°C) in early July. We recommend a double 7mm wetsuit or a drysuit. You will be relatively stationary in the water for the wreck survey sessions. You will need one tank for each dive (one dive Sunday & one Monday)

## Safety

A certified dive master will be present while diving takes place. We will also have oxygen and a first aid kit on site.

## For More Information

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact either:

Neil Burgess [neil.burgess@nl.rogers.com](mailto:neil.burgess@nl.rogers.com) tel. 743-3960 or

Ken Keeping [kkeeping@maritime-ss.com](mailto:kkeeping@maritime-ss.com) tel. 730-0188

## Summary

SPSNL thanks each of you for your interest in shipwreck archaeology and the NAS program. A considerable amount of organization and planning goes into each course, and it is hoped that everyone will enjoy and benefit to the fullest. The NAS course curriculum covers a lot of material in a small amount of time, so please allow some flexibility if the course exceeds the proposed schedule. Don't forget to thank the people who are volunteering their time to coordinate and facilitate the course!

The course is taught on a non-profit basis and 100% of your registration fees are used to pay for the course expenses and to support SPSNL activities.

Special thanks from SPSNL to the Town of Conception Harbour for providing the venue for this course.

For more information on the goals and activities of SPSNL, please visit our website:

[www.ShipwrecksNL.ca](http://www.ShipwrecksNL.ca)

or our Facebook group for the Shipwreck Preservation Society of Newfoundland & Labrador

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For those wanting to learn more, we highly recommend the following book:



### Underwater Archaeology: The NAS Guide to Principles and Practice

Both comprehensive and authoritative, this handbook contains extensive advice and information, including how to get involved, basic principles, essential techniques and approaches, project planning and execution, and publishing and presenting results. As well as explaining fundamental archaeological principles, this book provides a general introduction to underwater archaeology, detailing techniques and practices as they are applied in an underwater context. It provides the tools appropriate to tackle a variety of sites, in different environments and emphasises that archaeology is not just a set of techniques. 226 pages.

You can buy the paperback from us (see registration form) or you can buy the Kindle ebook online at:

[https://www.amazon.ca/Underwater-Archaeology-Guide-Principles-Practice-ebook/dp/B005UQLIQ/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=digital-text&ie=UTF8&qid=1494778267&sr=1-1&keywords=underwater+archaeology](https://www.amazon.ca/Underwater-Archaeology-Guide-Principles-Practice-ebook/dp/B005UQLIQ/ref=sr_1_1?s=digital-text&ie=UTF8&qid=1494778267&sr=1-1&keywords=underwater+archaeology)



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