



Maritime Archaeology on the Cape: the Nautical Archaeological Society (NAS) Introduction to Foreshore and Underwater Archaeology

This one-day workshop provides people an introduction to the field of maritime archaeology, an afternoon of hands-on activities learning how archaeologists map a shipwreck, the opportunity to help with future projects documenting actual shipwrecks, and an international certification in Nautical Archaeology – *All without getting wet!*

In August 2017, Bridgewater State University partnered with the Nautical Archaeology Society (NAS) to provide hands-on training in the field of maritime archaeology – both above and below the waves. NAS is an international non-profit organization, dedicated to promote the preservation of maritime history and heritage for the benefit of current and future generations. Based in the United Kingdom, NAS has programs in 30 different countries that bring professional maritime archaeologists together with students of all ages and backgrounds to learn the discipline's history, scope, and methods. Bridgewater State University is the *only* university in New England licensed to offer NAS certifications.

Upon completion, participants will have opportunities for further NAS training and assisting the Commonwealth in shipwreck preservation efforts. With thousands of shipwrecks near and on the shorelines of Massachusetts, there is a real need for documentation and preservation efforts! This one-day course does not involve diving, so everyone is encouraged to participate.

Date:

Saturday, December 9, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Instructor Bio: Dr. Calvin Mires is a Professor of Maritime Archaeology in the Department of Anthropology at Bridgewater State University. He has led and worked on more than 30 maritime archaeology projects around the world, including Greek and Roman shipwrecks and harbors, Sweden's iconic warship, *Vasa*, Confederate Blockade Runners in North and South Carolina, ship graveyards in Bermuda, and various sites in the Caribbean Sea, Pacific Ocean, and the Great Lakes. Before coming to Massachusetts, he was the staff archaeologist at East Carolina University, which is one of only four graduate programs in the United States in maritime archaeology. He taught, trained, and led 100 graduate students. From 2015 to 2016, he was Director of Bridge Programs for the PAST Foundation, a 501(c) non-profit, nationally recognized by U.S. Department of Education as a leader in STEM education. He is co-founder and instructor of SEAMAHP, a training program that leverages the concept of a ship's life-cycle to provide hands-on, experiential learning to the public in maritime archaeology, and has documented the shipwreck, *Ada K. Damon*, a 19th-century schooner wrecked on a beach near Ipswich. His current research focuses on nearshore and foreshore sites, vernacular watercraft, public outreach and citizen science, and qualitative and quantitative approaches to public perceptions, attitudes, and values towards preservation of maritime cultural resources.

Registration Fee: \$75

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