

## The Cyprus Underwater Archaeology Field school 2016

Applications open from 11th January-26th February 2016.

The Cyprus Underwater Archaeology Fieldschool 2016 is open to anyone interested in learning about underwater archaeology (no degree required / diving qualifications required, see below) with applications specifically encouraged from technical divers on Cyprus and from the Eastern Mediterranean region (including Lebanon, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Turkey) with scholarships (up to 90% of the fees) available to help support their attendance.

The 2016 fieldschool will be held on the Mazotos Wreck in 45m of water off the coast of Cape Kiti. Participants will be able to contribute to genuine research on this important site, which is being studied by the University of Cyprus Maritime Archaeological Research Laboratory.

### The Mazotos Wreck

Since November 2007 an underwater project has been carried out by the Archaeological Research Unit of the University of Cyprus, in collaboration with the Department of Antiquities, at a shipwreck on the south coast, 14 miles south-west of Larnaca. Its cargo consists mainly of Chian amphoras and has been provisionally dated to the 3rd quarter of the 4th century BC. The good state of preservation of the site gives an opportunity for studying amphora stowage and the wreck-formation process. Moreover, it can shed new light on sea-routes and trade between Cyprus and the Aegean during the late Classical period.

More on the Mazotos Wreck here

<https://www.ucy.ac.cy/marelab/en/research/mazotos-shipwreck>

NAS IJNA members can read an article by Dr Stella Demesticha on the Mazotos Wreck published in 2011.

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/enhanced/doi/10.1111/j.1095-9270.2010.00269.x/>

### The Fieldschool

The fieldschool will be taught in English by NAS and University of Cyprus staff and will include underwater excavation, surveying, photography, artefact illustration and post-fieldwork artefact handling. NAS certifications will be awarded.

Minimum diving qualification required TDI Deco Procedures, SSI Extended Range, PADI Tech 45 or equivalent. Decompression diving will be undertaken using 100% Oxygen. DAN Insurance required. Cost £1,750 (UK Pounds). Cost includes all tuition, certification, all internal travel, accommodation, food, diving air, cylinder hire, and excursions. Price does not include travel to Cyprus or any additional equipment hire.

### Applications

[http://www.nauticalarchaeologysociety.org/sites/default/files/u9/Applications%20Form\\_Cyprus%20fieldschool%202016\\_final\\_0.docsee online\]](http://www.nauticalarchaeologysociety.org/sites/default/files/u9/Applications%20Form_Cyprus%20fieldschool%202016_final_0.docsee%20online)

The deadline for applications is the 26th February 2016.

Completed application forms should be returned via email to

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