



**Save Ontario Shipwrecks
Nautical Archaeology Society
NAS Introduction and Part I
Information and Registration Form**

June 1, 2009

Dear NAS candidates:

Thank you for expressing your interest in the Nautical Archaeology Society's (NAS) Introduction and Part I Certificate in Foreshore and Underwater Archaeology. For more information about the NAS program, please visit the NAS website at www.nasportsmouth.org.uk.

When: Friday, July 3 to Sunday, July 5, 2009
Registration will begin at 5:30 pm on Friday.

Where: **SIR WILFRID LAURIER RECREATIONAL CENTRE**
60 Albright Road
Hamilton, Ontario
(905) 546-4853

Cost: \$150 (SOS Membership not included)

Please complete the attached registration form and send a cheque for the course fee (\$150) payable to "Save Ontario Shipwrecks – Hamilton Chapter" to:

SOS – Hamilton
c/o Walther Irie
169 Victoria Street
Ingersoll, Ontario
N5C 2N2

Eligibility: YOU MUST BE AN SOS MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS NAS PROGRAM. If you are not a member of SOS, please complete the attached membership form and send it with your registration form and a separate cheque for the membership fee payable to "Save Ontario Shipwrecks."

DIRECTIONS

Parking is available at the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Recreation Centre. We will provide maps and directions to the shipwreck site in Hamilton for Sunday's dives on Friday evening.

From London: Take the 401 East to the 403 East Exit 235 towards Brantford/Hamilton. Merge onto the Lincoln M Alexander Parkway East via EXIT 64 and follow the Parkway till it becomes Red Hill Valley Parkway North. Take the Greenhill Avenue exit and then turn left onto Harrisford Street. Turn right onto Albright Road.

From Toronto: Take the QEW West towards Hamilton/Niagara Falls. Take Exit 90 (Woodward Avenue) and turn left on Barton Street. Merge onto Red Hill Valley Parkway South via the ramp on the left. Take the Greenhill Avenue exit and turn left onto Harrisford Street. Turn right onto Albright Road.

From Niagara Falls: Take QEW to Toronto and Merge onto Red Hill Valley Parkway South via exit 88/89 toward the airport. Take the Greenhill Avenue exit and turn left onto Harrisford Street. Turn right onto Albright Road.



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ACCOMMODATIONS

There are several options convenient to the course facilities. These can be found on the internet using Mapquest.

EQUIPMENT

All participants must bring their own dive gear (including tanks and weights). You should also bring:

- One tank for Saturday's pool session and two tanks Sunday's survey dives. Students are responsible for getting their own air fill.
- Your scuba certification card.
- A notebook. This is for taking notes to take home at the end of the course. We will provide booklets for the field notes and sketches that are required for your NAS certification and that must be submitted before you leave on Sunday. These booklets will need to be submitted to receive your certification.
- Other: drinking water, towel, lawn chair, sunglasses, sunblock, hat, cash for meals, snacks.

We will provide the specialized equipment you need for the course, such as tape measures, dive slates, drafting sets, and waterproof paper.

DIVE SITE

The site we will be surveying on Sunday is located at Confederation Park in Hamilton. We will provide maps to the site on Friday night.

FOOD

All meals are your responsibility.

SAFETY

A certified dive master and a safety diver will be at the site during Sunday's open water dives. 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 Walther Irie of SOS – Hamilton at wirie@sympatico.ca.



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COURSE SCHEDULE

The classroom, land training, and pool sessions on Friday evening and Saturday will be held at the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Recreation Centre. The open water training on Sunday will take place in Confederation Park. We will provide maps and directions on Friday evening.

There are three goals for this weekend:

1. to introduce you to the concepts and ethics that are the foundation of archaeology,
2. to introduce you to underwater mapping and recording techniques,
3. to provide you with an opportunity to develop mapping and recording skills under supervision.

Friday (Sir Wilfrid Laurier Recreation Centre)

07:00 PM	Assemble, registration, paperwork, brief introductions
07:15	Introduction to SOS and NAS
07:30	Practical Exercise on Archaeology
08:00	Introduction to Ships and Ship Construction
09:00	End of Day 1

Saturday (Sir Wilfrid Laurier Recreation Centre)

09:00 AM	Introduction to the Scope of Foreshore and Underwater Archaeology
09:20	Site Types and Basic Dating Methods
10:00	Practical Exercise
10:15	Break
10:30	Area Search and Survey Methods (Diver and Geophysical Methods)
10:50	Diving Safety
11:10	Underwater Survey: Fundamentals, Principals and Techniques
12:00	Lunch
01:00 PM	Dry Practical Survey
02:00	Practical Exercise Conclusion
02:50	Field Notes
03:15	Pool Briefing and Preparation of Material
04:00	Pool Practical Survey
06:00	End of Practical (Small Class) Dinner Break
07:00	Drawing Up Session and Debriefing
08:45	End of Classroom Portion

Sunday (Confederation Park)

09:00 AM	Open Water Dive, Survey and Field Notes
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Field notes and maps are to be submitted before leaving on Sunday evening. It is much better to get this out of the way while there is someone available to help you.



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SUMMARY

SOS thanks each of you for your interest in marine 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 from the weekend 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 through the support of the Ministry of Culture, and 100% of your registration fees are used to pay for the course facilities or to support SOS activities.



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**REGISTRATION FORM
NAS INTRODUCTION AND PART I COURSE
HAMILTON, JULY 3-5, 2009**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Email address: _____

Phone Number: _____

SOS Chapter Affiliation: _____

Scuba Certification Level and Agency: _____

OUC Membership Number: _____

Please note that your spot is not reserved until paid in full. Send your registration form and a cheque for the course fee (\$150) payable to "Save Ontario Shipwrecks – Hamilton Chapter" to:

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If you are not already a member of SOS, please complete the membership application on the next page and send it along with this registration form with a separate cheque for the appropriate membership fee payable to "Save Ontario Shipwrecks". Your membership application will be forwarded to the Membership Director.

