

MARINE ARCHAEOLOGY SPECIALIST INTEREST GROUP

Tuesday 11 November 2025, 11:00 – 12:00
Teams Meeting

Minutes

Present: Cara Burton (CB, ClfA), Victoria Boothby (advisor), Iro Camici (IC, advisor), Jasmin Folland (JF, OCM), Alison James (AJ, treasurer), Mark James (MJ, Chair), Lauren Tidbury (LT, OCM), Stephanie Said (SS, secretary), George Stewart-Phillips (GSP, OCM), Hefin Meara (HM, OCM), Terence Newman (TN, OCM), Christian Dalton (CMD, OCM)

Agenda Point		Actions (Initials)
1	Apologies N/A	
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting Accepted without change	
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offshore development - Conference <p>CB - Currently we have 68 attending</p> <p>VB – will circulate any news / updates as needed for support.</p> <p>LT – suggested all organisations to circulate information on event amongst their teams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Terms update <p>Chair position will be taken on by George.</p> <p>Secretary position will be taken on by Terry.</p> <p>Iro to step up as OCM.</p> <p>Christian will remain as OCM.</p> <p>Mark to step down as Chair and sit as an OCM.</p> <p>The above updates will be announced at the AGM.</p>	ALL
4	Advisory Council Feedback SS to remain on Advisory Council until new roles commence.	CB
5	<p>Group Documentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media <p>CMD - Nothing to update. To get Bluesky up and running.</p> <p>Schedule a post once a month and anything that needs promoting can also be sent to TN to circulate in HE's newsletter.</p>	CMD

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletters and feeding into other publications <p>AJ – Suggested introducing new MASIG committee at as part of NAS newsletter (next submission FRIDAY 09 JANUARY).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stand-alone events/practical sessions <p>Programme to deliver quarterly online session on relevant topic</p> <p>AJ - Nothing to update. Something to allow new members to set up with her support. These would be like the ClfA lunch and learn type, 1hr short CPD session, and could include Heritage Crime, special skills etc. To occur every other month e.g. Maritime Monday, from January onwards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidance documents <p>The Standard and guidance for nautical archaeological recording and reconstruction available on the hub for comment.</p> <p>SS – no updates.</p> <p>Updating or reviewing Slipping the Net</p> <p>https://www.archaeologists.net/sites/default/files/2025-03/slippingthenet.pdf</p> <p>AJ – this was a MASIG project, a document of its time and Julie was involved this. For the time being to keep as is, and possibly something to work on in the future.</p>	CHAIR
6	<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultations and consultation responses - Nothing to update. <p>Email was issued to ask members to sign up to the register of archaeological divers / supervisors on MASIG / ClfA directory, however, only 10 applied so far, maybe one to circulate to a wider audience.</p> <p>CB to update the website and use HE's newsletter to promote this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JNAPC representation (AJ/LT) <p>AJ - Nothing to report. Taken on the responsibility to update the JNAPC blue notebook, along with diving agencies. Help flag underwater heritage to diving agencies.</p> <p>LT – mentioned the UK blue shield questionnaire. This questionnaire aims to explore public awareness, perceptions, and attitudes toward underwater cultural heritage (UCH) in the United Kingdom.</p> <p>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfOjYe41Qtz51nY5f20VHfXhwbeEx2StTHvnimk17QOPgOV7w/viewform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers (ALGAO) representative (VB) <p>Nothing to update.</p>	HM & CB
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>LT – reminder of 'Women in Maritime Archaeology' project funded by HE. Second workshop happening on the 1.12.2025.</p> <p>Survey link can be found here: https://maritimearchaeologytrust.org/womenma/survey.html</p>	ALL

	<p>AJ- Wreck Weekend – an event for all maritime archaeologists at the start of August 2026 in Gloucestershire. Sending details in the New Year.</p> <p>VB- Lots of associated activity related to development led marine archaeology (e.g. IKUWA), the workshop with Uni of Bradford & Haskoning (focus on palaeolandscapes), along with OWEKA guidance note being issued / for the marine historic environment. There is a big appetite for a global working group to share best practice globally. Something to be aware of and engage when it becomes live.</p>	
8	Date of next committee meeting and future events Next meeting is the AGM scheduled for 2 December 2025 12:00-13:00.	