

The H.M.S Hazardous Project Site Report.

October 1995.

Because of the death of Norman Owen early this year, it was decided to limit diving operations to periodic visits to the site, for monitoring purposes only for this season. This was carried out on five separate occasions only, due mainly to very poor visibility in the bay up until mid June.

The north end of the site has seen a continuation of the silt build up from last season thereby protecting still further the gun carriage and bow section. The gap between the guns that have parted remains at approximately 5cms.

There has been some continued erosion of the sea bed south and west of the cannon ball mound, the clay-bed in this area now has an average covering of sand/silt between 5 & 10cms deep.

On the first dive of the season there was some damage to datum posts at the south end of the site i.e. bent & pulled over (since re-positioned). On the last dive before the writing of this report further damage was noted, this included the loss of a section of the covering concretion on the muzzle of cannon 'A' & the displacement of a number of the few remaining timber frames at the south end. It is felt this damage is most likely to have been caused by the hauling of a trawl or the like through the site. Lack of breathing air allowed a preliminary inspection only at this time.

Site Plan

The site sketch plan shows the general area of damage to frames etc.

Artifacts

No artifacts were uncovered by natural erosion, therefore none were raised from the site this season.

A concerted effort has been made this year by team member Peter Jolly to obtain a permanent position locally for the display of those artifacts already in a stable condition, this has now been achieved at least for 1996 and the necessary preparation will be carried out over the winter months.

Diving Schedule.

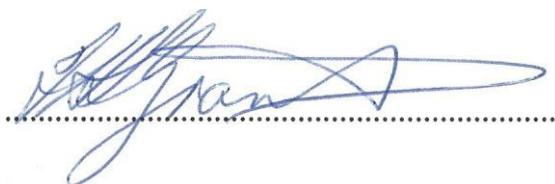
Diving was carried out on five separate days & resulted in twelve man hours spent on site by the following divers Iain Grant, Peter Jolly & James Edwards. The dates of diving days were as follows 15th. April, 11th. June, 25th. June, 9th. July, & 22nd. October.

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Intention for 1996.

We feel that as the sea bed at the north end of the site seems at this time to have stabilized it should be left alone at least for next season, but due to the continued sea bed movement over much of the south end we propose excavating the remaining sand/silt covering over the clay-bed from the middle of the site, working towards the south end and the remaining frames, recording & lifting artifacts & small concretions before they are lost to the sea bed erosion now taking place in this area of the site.

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Archaeological Director

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H.M.S. HAZARDOUS - SOUTH H FRAMES
 SKETCH PLAN SCALE 1-20
 DRAWN BY IAIN GRANT 1995

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///	GENERAL AREAS OF DAMAGE

