



Maritime Heritage Working Group

Meeting Minutes

Date: 05/09/2011

Start Time: 3:00 PM

End Time: 3:50 PM

Meeting Method: Conference call; go-to-meeting

Attendance: Leader: Teri Leicher; Attendees: Brenda Asuncion, Larry Widhelm, Jean Souza, Jack Kittinger, Cindy Hunter, Joseph Paulin, Dick Gould, Trisha Drennan, Rick Rogers

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Meeting Minutes

- The map doesn't show what the dots actually are, it only shows whether the sites are in the sanctuary or not. Step 1: identify the yellow dots, especially the ones inside the sanctuary, get more information about them (e.g., depth, what's there, classify (modern, historic, pre-contact, etc?)).
- How to engage recreational diving industry: education is key to get support.
- Wrecks also have interest for scientific community (e.g., biological growth, artificial reefs), but the scientific perspective is not the only way to look at them.
- What kind of information do we want available (that NOAA may help gather): archaeology, history of particular wrecks
- Dive and photo clubs
- Hawaiian Island Recreational Scuba Association
- Wrecks as fishing aggregates?
- Example of how to involve the recreational dive community
 - Benthic surveys: you know the start date (when the ship sank), and you can use transects on and off the wreck to compare the surrounding seabed with regard to species presence / richness. Easy to do, sport divers could do this.
 - Adopt-a-wreck
- Recreational and scientific both contribute to stewardship
- Rick has an inventory of shipwrecks in the sanctuary (people sharing their screen: turn your speakerphone off!). Hans and Rick should talk about inventory list(s), etc.
- In making a complete list, classify where the information came from (e.g., archaeological survey, newspaper inventory, archival research).
- Possible threats to heritage resources: looting, overfishing, accidental damage (e.g., anchors, moorings), lines/nets getting snagged on wrecks, destruction during investigation, unexploded ordnance, time (i.e., investigation is better sooner than later, especially considering dynamic weather like hurricanes)

Action Items

- Distribute minutes
- Develop agenda for next meeting
- Identify the yellow dots in the sanctuary

Next meeting: 05/23/2011 at 3:00 PM