

## Underwater Cultural Heritage Unit

### Rules and Regulations for Diving On Historical Shipwrecks

#### Instructions for boat skippers

- Do not anchor on shipwrecks
- Use moorings wherever possible
- Locate the wreck using a depth sounder, if it's unmarked
- Drop the anchor upwind, or up-current, of the wreck site and lay back on the anchor line until the boat is over the wreck

#### Instructions for dive leaders

- Respect measures that protect sites
- Do not tie marker buoys or access lines directly to a wreck or relic
- Keep diving groups small
- Follow up and observe the group at any time through the dive
- Be a role model
- Strictly respect the rules of no contact and no penetration inside the wreck
- Stay safe

#### Instruction for divers

- Obey legal protection of archaeological sites
- Do not penetrate the wreck, instead observe from the outside
- Look but don't touch
- Avoid touching and disturbing any animals or plants
- Ensure that all diving equipment — such as gauges and regulators — are secured firmly and not dragging
- Be aware of your fins
- Exercise proper buoyancy control
- Avoid contact with the wreck when taking photographs or filming video
- Stay safe

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