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Classical Shipwreck in Northern Sporades

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Programmes of 2008-2009
Preliminary Underwater Research in N.Sporades, Greece
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During the summer of 2008 the Ephorate of Underwater Antiquities conducted an underwater archaeological research in N. Sporades, which is an official archaeological and marine reserve site. The aim of the research was to map the already known shipwrecks using the photogrammetric method. In the island of Mandraka (Makinosara), southeast of the island of Alonissos, a shipwreck was discovered.

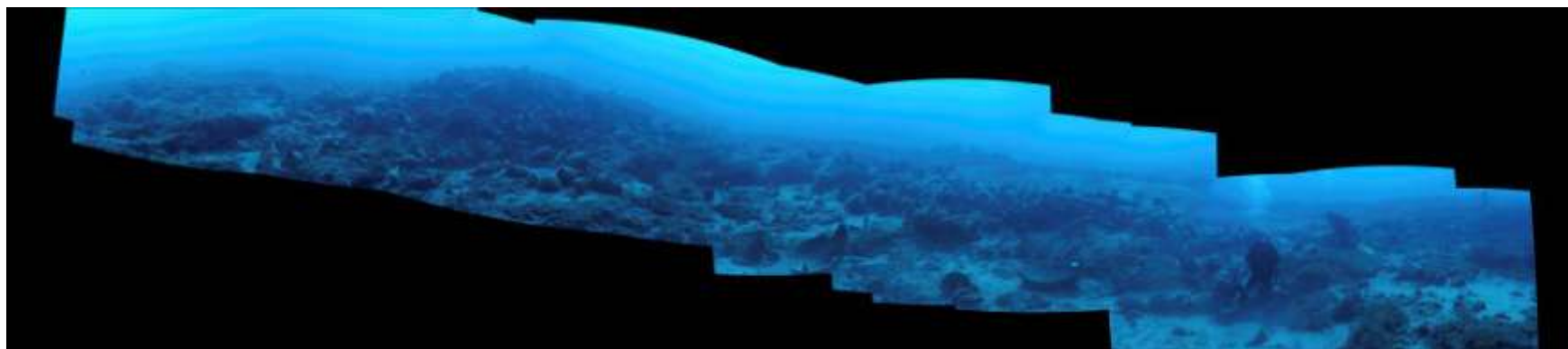
In the summer of 2009 a five-day underwater research focused on this recently discovered shipwreck.

The aim of the research was the collection of archaeological evidence in order to prepare the next year's excavation. The shipwreck is dated in the first half of 6th century B.C. The cargo of the shipwreck has a length of 35 m, and a width of 15 m. It consists of five big amphorae (two of amphora and three of transport amphora, which so far have been identified, origin unknown: Thasos, Mende, Paphlagonia). Several amphorae were also discovered. Some of the amphorae have not been identified yet. Some ceramic vessels (typical Type A, sheet of garnet type, red almost cups, black-glazed kyathoi, skyphoi and other various types) are also lying shipwreck at the shipwreck site. Furthermore, pieces of wood and lead were found. Traces of the peraluminous sands of the amphora were also detected. All these finds are set to be examined. Even though the wreck of Makinosara has been highly looted, it is still considered as one of the richest wrecks in Sporades. According to the Marine Vectors and Archaeological Data the sea area of N. Sporades is one of the best for archaeological sea routes of the ancient times.

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Classical shipwreck: a photomosaic



Excavating a classical shipwreck



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An Early Bronze Age settlement in Pavlopetri



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Underwater Research in the ancient harbour of Kythnos

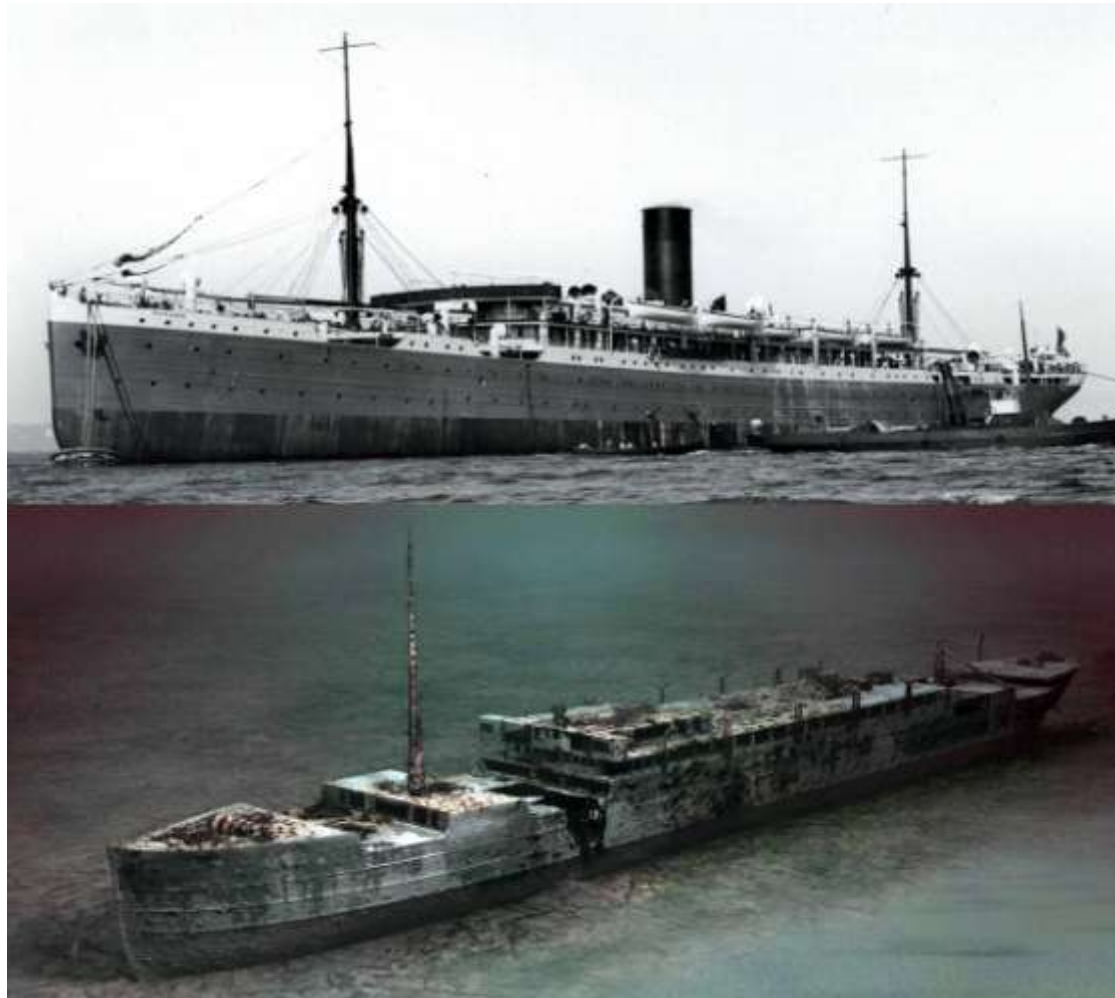


Marble herm from the ancient harbour of Kythnos



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3D representation of the *Parana* shipwreck near Karistos, Euboea



Research of the *Mentor* shipwreck in Kythera



Cooperative Research of the Ephorate of Underwater Antiquities with the Research Institute of Woods Hole in Chios



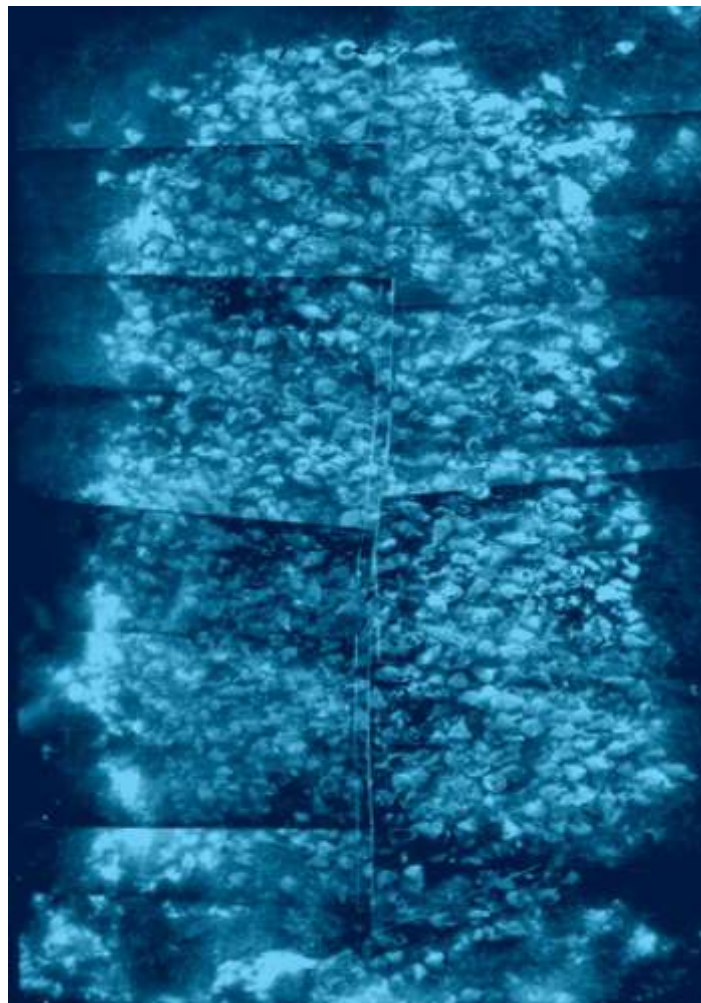
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Research in an ancient shipwreck in Samos



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One of the numerous classical shipwrecks in Northern Sporades



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A classical shipwreck from Northern Sporades



Brongze Statue of a rider of the Late Hellenistic Period



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