

# Maritime Archaeology Field Schools in the University of Cyprus: limitations and perspectives



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## Maritime Archaeology classes



**ARX 360: Underwater Archaeology: basic research aspects**

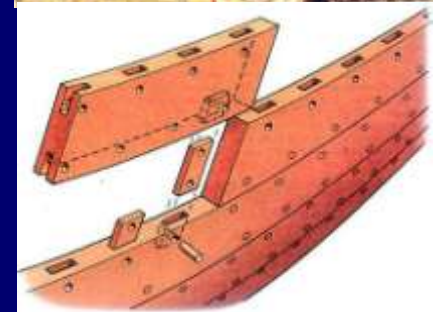
**ARX 271: Ships and harbours in classical times**

**ARX 272: The nautical tradition in Cyprus during antiquity**

**ARX 273: Ships, harbours and trade in byzantine times**

**ARX 274: Sea traveling in antiquity**

**ARX 285: Methods and techniques of underwater archaeology**



# ARX 285: Methods and Techniques of Underwater archaeology

## Course Structure

• **Lessons in the classroom: 8 weeks**

**Written exams**

• **Diving lessons**

**Maritime Archaeology Field school:  
12 full working days (2 weeks)**

**Course Assessment:**

Written exams (60%) + oral presentation (10%) = 70%

Field School Performance = 30%

# ARX 285: Methods and Techniques of Underwater archaeology

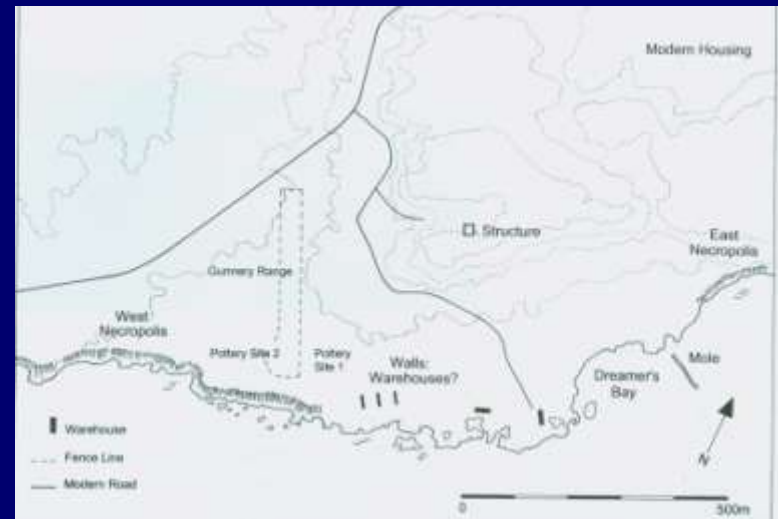
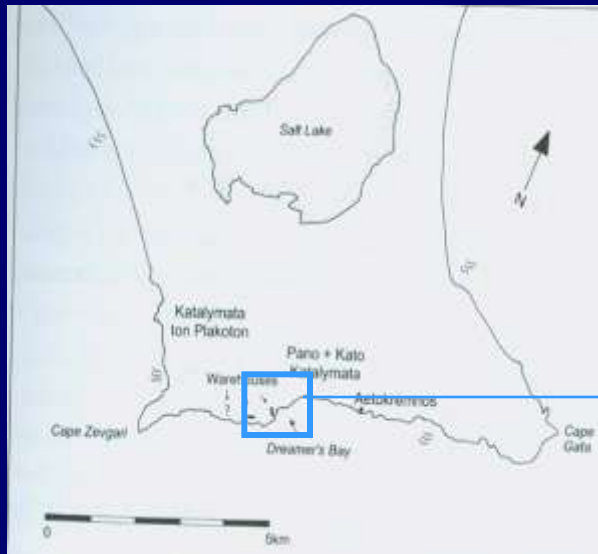


# A SITE for training



- a known archaeological site
- with some diagnostic architectural or pottery remains
- at a safe depth for novices
- in an area without crowds of tourists but with the basic facilities available

# Ακρωτήρι, *Dreamer's Bay*



# AKROTIRI Project 2007





## Dreamer's Bay, Akrotiri, 2007





# DIVING





Diving from the coast ...



Diving from the boat ...

# Students visiting the geophysical survey\* at the Mazotos wreck

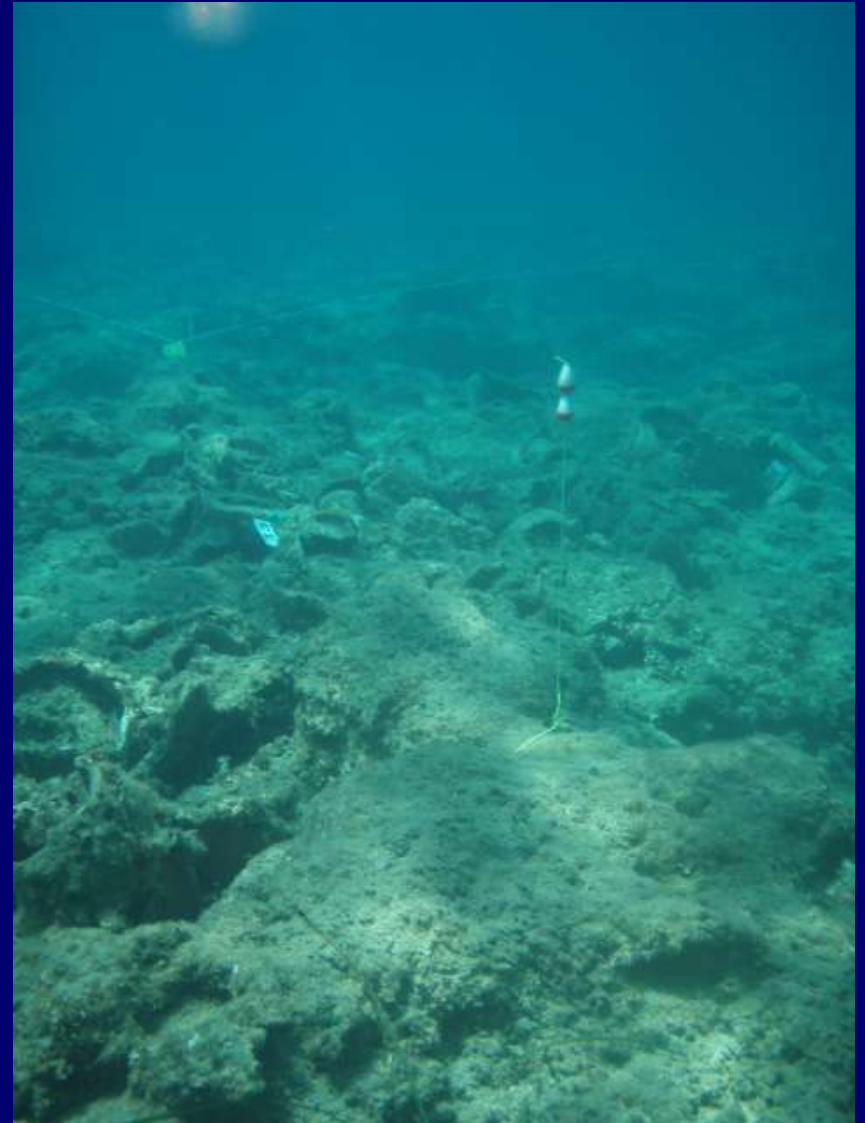


**\*The University of Cyprus and THETIS Foundation, in collaboration with the Laboratory of Marine Geology and Physical Oceanography, Department of Geology, University of Patras, Greece (director: Prof. G. Papatheodorou).**

# Cape Kiti 2008



# Cape Kiti, 2008





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# Human Resources and Funding

## Maritime Archaeology

**Average number of students in the class each year: 6**

**Academics: 1**

**Research Students: 0**

**Average cost of each field school: 15.000 Euros**

# Ancient Seafaring Seminar Kyrenia-Liberty 2009



# Introduction to the ship



# Sailing the Kyrenia-Liberty





# Limitations



**Training Sites, Human resources, Funding**

# Perspectives



## Join Forces:

Variety of Training Sites (settlements, harbours, shipwrecks)

Human Resources (academics, experts, research and undergraduate students)

Funding



Thank you!