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Technical Lecture

Wreck Preservation

Matt Skelhorn, Salvage and Marine Operations



Date: Monday 19/02/2018

Time: Refreshments at 19:00, start at 19:25

Venue: Lecture Theatre 1N05, Building N, University of the West of England, BS16 1QY.

Organiser: Phil Redhead

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Summary:

Matt Skelhorn works for Salvage and Marine Operations (SALMO) and manages the environmental and safety concerns associated with the MOD's inventory of around 5500 post-1870 legacy shipwrecks. Most of these date from the First and Second World Wars with those from the latter conflict often still containing large quantities of oil. The potential for such wrecks to release pollutants as a result of natural decay are now well recognised and a number of countries are pursuing programmes to address the risks. Matt will discuss the MOD's efforts to manage the problem and will highlight several case studies both in UK waters and further afield including the battleship HMS ROYAL OAK in Scapa Flow and the tanker RFA DARKDALE off St Helena.



Image: RFA Darkdale



Speaker:

Matt Skelhorn has worked for SALMO since 2010. He has participated in numerous assessments of First and Second World War legacy wrecks as well as the removal of the oil from the tanker RFA DARKDALE off St Helena. Matt is currently focused on efforts to extract further oil from the battleship HMS ROYAL OAK in Scapa Flow and on assessing several tanker wrecks off the UK coast.



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Next event: Alternatives to Domes as Pressure Hull End Closures

Date: 19/03/18 **Time:** Refreshments at 19:00, start at 19:25

Venue: Lecture Theatre 2.3, Building 5 West, University of Bath, BA2 7AY.

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