



Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Maritime Archaeology Society

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The CISMAS web site is now up and running. The site is still being developed and we hope to make a number of improvements in the coming weeks. The web site was constructed by CISMAS members, Richard Stoddern and Keith Denby, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their efforts. The site is at <http://www.cismas.org.uk>. If you have any comments or suggestions for its improvement please let us know. Most of the site is devoted to the report of last year's Colossus debris field survey undertaken by the society. There is also a personal account of the project by Honor Thorley (one of the participants) – you can go directly to this at http://www.cismas.org.uk/dive_diary04.htm

We shall be organising a training day in web site design to allow us to update the web site ourselves – anyone interested should let me know.

The society fieldwork projects for 2005 will include a geophysical survey of Colossus in late spring and the final part of the Colossus debris field survey later in the year. The DFS has been tentatively scheduled for the first two weeks in September (but this may change if participants prefer another date). These projects are being planned now so if you are interested in participating you should contact me immediately. A meeting for participants will be held in the next couple of weeks.

The society is organising a Nautical Archaeology Society training courses for interested members. These will be the Introduction to Foreshore and Underwater Archaeology (one day) and the Part I certificate course (two days). The courses will probably be held in Penzance on 12th and 19th/20th of March. Anyone interested in taking part should let me know as soon as possible. You can find out more about the NAS courses by going to <http://www.nasportsmouth.org.uk/training/training.htm>

Work is progressing on the CISMAS Colossus display, due to be exhibited in the St Mary's museum this summer. We are also producing a popular booklet on the debris field project and a short video. As always, if you are interested in helping with any of these projects let us know.

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