

MARITIME ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Ethics Statement

The Maritime Archaeological Society (MAS) is organized for the purpose of promoting public education in maritime cultural heritage, historic shipwreck preservation, and the science of maritime archaeology. In pursuit of this objective, members may come in contact with unique information and cultural material associated with terrestrial and underwater sites containing evidence of the history of humankind. To protect these sites from destruction by commercial salvors and amateur souvenir hunters, the MAS seeks to encourage its members to abide by the highest ethical standards. Therefore, as a condition of membership, the undersigned executes this statement of ethics acknowledging adherence to the standards and policies of the MAS, and further agrees to the following:

1. Know and comply with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations applicable to the Maritime Archaeological Society research and activities, and report violations to proper authorities.
2. Protect critical information concerning the Maritime Archaeological Society projects, including site location and description.
3. Refuse to knowingly be involved in the recovery or excavation of artifacts for commercial exploitation or personal gain, or knowingly be employed by or knowingly contract with an individual or entity that recovers or excavates archaeological artifacts for commercial exploitation.
4. Will not operate unauthorized photography, video, or electronic location equipment while onsite or publish the products of such equipment.
5. Refuse to comply with any request or demand which conflicts with these ethical standards.

Any member who violates the standards and policies shall be subject to sanctions and possible expulsion.

_____ Date: _____
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Application for Membership

Membership in the Maritime Archaeological Society is open to all who are interested in maritime archaeology and history, whether or not they choose to dive with us. To join MAS, please complete the information below. Next, print and sign the above ethics statement. Last, mail the form with a check made out to the Maritime Archaeological Society for your selected level of membership to: MAS P.O. Box 332 Astoria, OR 97103.

Name (Please Print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Do you wish to receive our quarterly newsletter Yes No

Membership Rates: Regular: \$30 per year. Students: \$15 per year. (Please include proof of current student enrollment for the student rate) Couples: \$45 per year (two members in the same household).

Regular Student Couples

Please tell us your interest in volunteering. Use this link to see descriptions of the volunteer positions:

<http://maritimearchaeological.org/get-involved/>

Historical Research

Remote Sensor Operator

Shore-Based Archaeological Technician (non-diving)

Conservation Technician

Underwater Archaeological Technician (diving)

Support Personnel

Maritime Archaeology Crew Chief

Other interests _____