

Saving Shipwrecks Through Education

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Training to survey and protect Ontario's underwater heritage just got easier. Save Ontario Shipwrecks (SOS) announces today it has entered into a partnership with the Nautical Archaeology Society (NAS) of Portsmouth UK. As a training partner, SOS has been empowered to deliver a world class maritime archaeology education program, developed by the society.

A committee of instructors has been established. Training will begin in 2009. NAS courses are in high demand by divers in Ontario - previously limited instructors were available. SOS aims to provide opportunities for training across the province to fill this need. Course scheduling and availability will be posted on the SOS web site as soon as possible at www.SaveOntarioShipwrecks.on.ca.

Save Ontario Shipwrecks, a provincial heritage organization founded in 1981, is run strictly by volunteers. It has 10 chapters, is funded through membership, fundraising and in part by a grant from Ontario Ministry of Culture as well as private donations. Key initiatives include: a mooring program; above and below water informative plaques; public information displays; workshops and seminars as well as shipwreck surveys / monitoring.

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Further information about SOS is available on the website:
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