



BERMUDA GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION SERVICES

**WRECKS INVESTIGATION
LICENCE APPLICATION**

Section 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Date _____

Name in full _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Telephone Number (s) _____ **Fax Number** _____

Nationality _____ **Occupation** _____

Local Contact _____

Section 2: PROPOSED SITE INVESTIGATION INFORMATION

Name of site (if known) _____

Official Finder of Record _____

Location of Site _____

Coordinates (decimal degrees) _____

Type () Shipwreck () Marine Heritage () Other _____

Historic Context _____

Section 3. LICENCE REQUEST

(1) Pre-disturbance Survey Licence ()

This authorises the licensee to carry out a pre-disturbance survey to determine the location and structure of a wreck, cultural remains or other elements of historical or archaeological interest subject to conditions as outlined in the Historic Wrecks Act 2001, Sections 8 and 10.

(2) Research Licence ()

This authorises the licensee to conduct research on a *restricted wreck site* or marine heritage site including authorisation to recover and remove artefacts and cultural remains and to conduct research pertaining to the site subject to conditions as outlined in the Historic Wrecks Act 2001, Sections 8& 10.

(3) Work Licence ()

This authorizes the licensee to carry out work on an *open wreck site* subject to conditions as outlined in the Historic Wrecks Act 2001, Sections 8 and 10, including specific conditions as set out by the Custodian in consultation with the Historic Wrecks Authority.

Section 4. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

In order to support the licence application it is required that the following supporting information be included:

1. Specifications of the area to be covered by the licence and demarcation of the site (include latitude & longitude of area);
2. Description of the surrounding environment of the site e.g. reef, sand, features;
3. The objectives of the project;
4. The methods and techniques to be employed;
5. The composition, qualifications and experience of the project team;
6. Documentation of the project
7. The field stabilization and conservation of the artifacts;
8. An undertaking to provide a copy of the records of the project to the Custodian of Historic Wrecks within 6 months of completion of the project.
9. A letter stating that all activities taking place under a license should not involve unnecessary risks and must conform to recognized safe operational practice for the type of work being carried out.
10. A letter releasing the Government of Bermuda from any liability that may arise from the project.
11. Registration details and description of support vessels.
12. Contact details for owner and/or boat pilot.

This form and the attached statement to be submitted to the Custodian of Historic Wrecks, Department of Conservation Services Headquarters, "Shorelands", 17 North Shore Road, Flatts FL 04. Mailing Address: PO Box FL145, Flatts FL BX. Telephone 293-2727.

Date:

Signature of Applicant

Department of Conservation Services, Marine Heritage Section, #17 North Shore Rd, Hamilton Parish,
FL 04, Bermuda Tel: (441) 293-2727 x150, pmrouja@gov.bm

Section 5: DECLARATION

In furtherance of the completed application, I hereby make the following declarations:-

(i) I have read and understood the policies and procedures section of the Department of Conservation Services website www.conservation.bm and

(ii) That the application made by me is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, complete and accurate, and

(iii) I am not now nor will I be, during the validity of any diving licence granted me by the Custodian of Historic Wrecks to dive on “historic wrecks” acting or on behalf of a party to any agreement whatsoever, with a person, persons or group of persons in or outside these Islands without the express permission in writing of the Custodian of Historic Wrecks, and

(iv) All “historic artefacts” and “historic wrecks”, as described in the Historic Wrecks Act, 2001, recovered by me will be duly declared and cared for as required by the terms of any license granted by the Custodian of Historic Wrecks;

(v) I further declare that I do not have in my possession any artefacts, as described in the Historic Wrecks Act, 2001, other than those already declared to the Custodian of Historic Wrecks in the prescribed manner and

(vi) I will faithfully carry out, to the best of my ability, such terms and conditions considered expedient by the Custodian of Historic Wrecks in granting me a licence.

(vii) I understand that the issuing of a licence by the Government of Bermuda does not make them responsible for the safety and security of any persons involved in the project and that The Bermuda Government holds no liability for the project. It is our duty to evaluate risk factors, practice responsible safe work site management and require the highest diving safety practices for all involved in the project.

Date

Signature of Applicant

Declared before me,

Date

Custodian of Historic Wrecks

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