



# NAVAL HISTORY AND HERITAGE COMMAND

## SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

Seeking Authorization for Archaeological Investigations and Other Activities Directed at Sunken Military Craft and Terrestrial Military Craft under the Jurisdiction of the Department of the Navy

**Project Title:**

**Sunken or Terrestrial Military Craft:**

**Approximate Location of Site:**

**Name of Applicant:**

**Schedule of Proposed Project:**

**Affiliation of Applicant:**

**Address of Applicant:**

**E-mail Address of Applicant:**

**Telephone of Applicant**

**Name of Principal Investigator** (if separate)

**Affiliation of Principal Investigator:**

**Signature of Applicant:**

**Signature of Principal Investigator:**

### GUIDELINES

*Applicants must submit a signed digital copy and two signed printed copies of completed applications to the Underwater Archaeology Branch of the Naval History and Heritage Command. Completed applications should be submitted to the following:*

- [nhhcunderwaterarchaeology@navy.mil](mailto:nhhcunderwaterarchaeology@navy.mil)
- Naval History and Heritage Command  
Underwater Archaeology Branch  
805 Kidder Breese St. SE.  
Washington Navy Yard  
Washington, DC 20374-5060.

## SPECIAL USE PERMIT CRITERIA

**Does the proposed activity fall under one of the following categories?**

1. An activity to document a sunken military craft utilizing diving methods or remotely-operated or autonomously operated equipment, or collect data or samples from a wrecksite, whether a sunken military craft or terrestrial military craft, that would result in the wrecksite's disturbance but otherwise be minimally intrusive. The recovery of artifacts is generally not authorized for activities of this type. YES \_\_\_\_\_  
NO \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. An activity that would disturb, remove, or injure a non-historic sunken military craft. *Historic* in the case of a sunken military craft or a terrestrial military craft means fifty (50) years have elapsed since the date of its loss and/or the craft is listed on, eligible for, or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. YES \_\_\_\_\_  
NO \_\_\_\_\_

If either of the above two categories applies to your proposed activity, please proceed to complete this Special Use Permit application. Depending on the nature and the extent of the proposed project, additional information may be required by NHHHC to complete the application review.

If neither of the above categories applies to your proposed activity, please proceed to complete the Permit Application form instead.

## PERMIT EVALUATION

Please review the Special Use permit guidelines closely as they elaborate or provide clarification regarding the application, evaluation process, principal investigator credentials, reporting requirements and conditions of an approved permit.

The application must demonstrate that the proposed activity is compatible with NHHHC policies as stated in 32 CFR 767.5 and associated guidelines, and in the case of non-historic sunken military craft is not opposed by parties within the Department of the Navy. Additional information may be required by NHHHC in order to effectively evaluate the proposed activity.

Please append answers to the following questions and provide a curriculum vitae or resume for the principal investigator and each of the primary research team members. Consult the Special Use permit guidelines for required credentials of the principal investigator. In general, the principal investigator is expected to serve as the permit holder; however, NHHHC will accept a different individual than the principal investigator to serve as the permit holder on a case-by-case basis. If applicable, append proof of appropriate training for pilots of remotely-operated equipment.

## RESEARCH DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

1. Please provide a statement of the project's objectives and an explanation on how those objectives would serve the purposes of enhancing the management, appreciation, interpretation, and/or preservation of the wrecksite(s) under consideration.
2. Please provide a discussion of the methodology planned to accomplish the project's objectives. This should include a map showing the study location(s) and a description of the wrecksite(s) of particular interest.
3. Please provide an analysis of the extent and nature of potential direct or indirect impacts from the proposed activities to the wrecksite(s) under consideration and the surrounding environment, as well as any proposed mitigation measures, if appropriate.
4. If appropriate, please provide a plan addressing wrecksite restoration and remediation, as well as wrecksite preservation measures such as protecting the location of the wrecksite from disclosure.
5. Identify all other members of the research team, their area of contribution, and their qualifications. Please submit a resume or curriculum vitae detailing the professional qualifications of the principal investigator and primary research team members to be covered by the requested permit. Changes to the primary research team subsequent to the issuance of a permit must be authorized via a permit amendment request.
6. If applicable, proof of appropriate training for pilots of remotely-operated vehicles.