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GUE PROJECT BRIEF - 2024

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- Battle of the Egadi This project conducts archaeological investigation of the debris site of the naval battle of the Egad. This battle was fought on March 10, 241 b.C. between the war fleets of Rome and Carthage, and is one of the earliest battlefield of the ancient times located and investigated up to date. With AUV, SSS and ROVs operated from on board of RPMs vessel RV HERCULES, we provide the diving component to the project.
- Pantelleria Deep Waters Archaeological Surveys. The explorations of the deep waters of Pantelleria Island started in 2001 and were followed by several projects and expeditions in the following years. The last discovery, during summer 2022, was that of a dispersion of more than 300 Punic amphorae spread in an area of 300 x 100 meters. Due to the big dimensions and the depth of the area, the thorough archaeological documentation of this important site presents challenges requiring to employ different techniques.
- Lampedusa documentation of the wrecks of the WW2 Battle of Convoys. Located in the high sea of the Central Mediterranean, the field activities of the project started in 2006. We located and explored 43 shipwrecks, but the main project focus has shifted in the last few years to a thorough documentation of the most spectacular wrecks we found. An exhibit dedicated to the ships and the shipwrecks of the Battle of Convoys will be opened in winter 2023-2024, at the Museum of the Sea in Palermo.

HOW TO BE PART OF THIS PROJECT

The field activities are open to GUE divers only, with CCR1+Tech2 as a minimum experience.

CONTACT

If you want to support the project with donations or take part to field activities or collaborate to the project in other forms please write an email to info@sdss.blue.

LOCATION: Sicily (with specific projects in Egadi Favignana, Pantelleria, and Lampedusa)

BATTLE OF THE EGADI PANTELLERIA LAMPEDUSA SIRACUSA

PARTNERS

The project is a collaboration between SDSS and the Soprintendenza del Mare of Regione Sicilia.

Current technical partners

- SUEX srl
- DAN Europe
- Halcyon mfg
- Microfilla Communications
- Healthy Seas Foundation

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