2017 Maritime Archaeology Surveying Techniques (MAST)

Ford Island, Honolulu, Hawai‘i
June 19 – June 30, 2017

University of Hawai‘i Marine Option Program in partnership with NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries will hold a maritime archaeology field school June 19 – 30, 2017 in Honolulu, Hawai‘i. During this two week field experience, students will learn basic underwater archaeological survey and historical research techniques from instructors COL Don Froning USMC and NOAA maritime archaeologist, Dr. Hans Van Tilburg. Sites of interest include WWII era amphibious landing craft and a newly-discovered 19th century steamship wreck resting in the waters just outside of Pearl Harbor. Dive operations will be conducted from a NOAA vessel, so all interested individuals should be fully authorized UH Scientific Divers with 40' depth authorization before the start of the field school current through the end of MAST, and provide a Letter of Reciprocity from the UH Diving Safety Office. This course has openings for 8 qualified students.

Costs to include:

1. 1-2 credits UH Mānoa Summer School, Biol 400 (CR# 96683). Registration approval required from Dr. Cynthia Hunter for 2 cr.
2. $500 subsistence fee for food, air fills, and incidental expenses
3. Housing arranged by student. East West Center dorms available

Prerequisites:

1. Fully UH Scientific Diver authorized to 40’ (or AAUS)
2. Ability to work well as part of a group
3. A good attitude

To apply, email Jeff Kuwabara, UH Mānoa MOP Coordinator (manoamop@hawaii.edu) with the following information by MARCH 10:

1. Your name and MOP affiliation (which campus)
2. Contact information: cell phone, email, postal address
3. AAUS/UH scientific dive authorization depth rating
4. Short statement about your interest in this field school

Since there are only 8 spaces available, please do not delay. Emails with our decisions on acceptance or wait listing will be sent out by March 24.

Questions or concerns should be directed to Jeff Kuwabara, manoamop@hawaii.edu or (808)956-8433.
Pearl Harbor has been, and remains today, a maritime location of great history and significance. It is no surprise, then, that a number of shipwrecks have been located near the entrance to that harbor.

Many of these are small landing craft from the World War II period. One, recently discovered, appears to be a large 19th-century steamship.

MAST 2017 will initiate a multi-site survey of these wrecks, providing hands-on training for UH scientific divers in maritime archaeology survey techniques, and background in the field of maritime heritage preservation. The course features small boat operations and requires full-day participation and will be based at the NOAA DKIRC facility on Ford Island.

Contact Jeff Kuwabara (manoamop@hawaii.edu) for further information.