

# SEA HISTORY GAZETTE

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## Hart's Cove, NH, Wreck

Archeologists from MAHRI (Maritime Archaeological and Historical Research Institute) have been conducting excavations on a late seventeenth century sloop or shallop of approximately 45ft in length. First discovered in the '70s in Portsmouth, NH, the vessel has yielded many artifacts and ceramic and glass fragments which have been tentatively dated to approximately 1690. Plans are to complete the excavation in the coming summer and to record the remaining overburden, artifacts and hull. (MAHRI 3:2)

## Plymouth Project 1986

Although unable to complete all their objectives in their fourth year of diving on the wreck of the privateer General Arnold, divers from the Royal College of Military Science under the direction of MAHRI's Dick Swete came very close to raising the hull of the wreck. Artifacts from the site date from between 1775 and 1860, so that exact dating of the ship itself is difficult. Several musket balls, leather buttons and shoe parts have been found, together with this year's discovery of the bones and fur of a rat wedged between two frames. Work will continue in the coming season. (MAHRI 3:2)

## Archeological Research

Dr. Philip Armitage, formerly with the Booth Museum of Natural History in Brighton, England, has moved to Florida where he is engaged in the study of faunal materials from shipwrecks. Currently researching bones found in the Amsterdam (1749), Sea Venture (1609), and Earl of Abergaveeny (1805), he would like to expand his work to American waters ships. Dr. Armitage can be contacted at the Macintosh Book Shop, 1021 Periwinkle Way, Sanibal Island, FL 33957.

If you have recovered leather goods and are unfamiliar with how to extract the wealth of information they contain, two new groups ~~xxxxxx~~ may be able to help. (Membership in these groups is also invited.) The Honourable Cordwainers' Company, 4406 Glenridge Street, Kensington, MD 20895; and the Archeological Leather Group, Stillness, Weem, Aberfeldy, Perthshire PH15 2LD, England.

## Colonization Period Ships Conference

Tentative plans have been made for an October conference to be held by the Council of Colonization Period Ships (1134 Wapping Road, Middletown, RI 02840; 401/846-0102). The speakers thus far include Kelly Nolte of the Jamestown Festival Park, on "Contrasts in Seventeenth and Twentieth Century Atlantic Voyages;" Peter Stanford, on "Opening the Atlantic--A Keynote Address;" John F. Millar on "Longevity and Curatorial Compromise;" and Austin Leach, of the Columbia Rediviva Society in Portland, Oregon, on "Reproducing Columbia Rediviva," for which the Columbia River is named.