

# Verein zur Förderung der Unterwasser-Archäologie e.V.

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Short english introduction to

**Society for the Promotion of Underwater Archaeology (FUWA e.V.)**

About us and our aims

The Society for the Promotion of Underwater Archaeology (FUWA e.V.) is strictly and completely a not-for-profit organisation. We advance the interests and activities of the Public Heritage sector and of archaeological research under water. The society was founded by sports divers with a keen interest in cultural history on January 19, 2013 in the German town of Koblenz. The FUWA e.V. has been registered as a not-for-profit charity under German law by the tax authorities of Koblenz.



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## ⌘ Protection and responsibility

**Underwater archaeology** is an interdisciplinary field. Every diver might encounter objects of archaeology interest unexpectedly - our rivers, lakes and coastal waters still hold a lot of unknown artefacts waiting to be discovered.

**However, a great number of threats** - from commercial treasure hunters to private collectors of souvenirs, from building activities to biological activities - put our cultural heritage under water at great and immediate risk.

**It is for these reasons that a responsible handling and management** of our underwater cultural heritage should have top priority. Sports divers hold significant responsibility in this context as they are often the first to discover monuments or artefacts under water.

Document,  
draw,  
research,  
protect.



## ⌘ Membership - Sponsoring - Contact

**You would like to help protect our underwater cultural heritage? Then...**

**...become a member!**

Support the work of the FUWA e.V. by joining us! Everyone is welcome, whether diver or not! FUWA e.V. membership allows all those to get involved who share a passion for protecting and researching cultural heritage under water. You can support us as an active or a passive member.

As a member of the FUWA e.V., you will enjoy the benefits of a great community of committed friends of underwater heritage and of the many opportunities we offer as a club.

**...become a sponsor!**

As a non-profit organisation, the Society for the Promotion of Underwater Archaeology works exclusively with volunteers and needs your donations. As a registered charity, the FUWA e.V. can offer you a donation receipt for tax credit claim purposes.

You would like to support the work of FUWA e.V. with a donation?

Please contact us - we will be happy to assist you.

**...get in touch with us!**

Any questions? Please tell us what you need. We will be happy to hear from you!

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Underwater archaeologists and FUWA members are a perfect team – above water...



...and below.



## ⌘ What we can offer your project

All FUWA e.V. divers are highly experienced divers in freshwater and maritime environments and have taken part in recognised training programmes on underwater archaeology.

FUWA e.V. can staff extensive dive projects and will supply complete technical and diving equipment, such as

- Bauer compressor
- Nitrox filling station and Nitrox dive equipment
- 15 litre steel diving cylinders
- Dredge with pump, suction pipe and hose
- Lifting bags
- Floating work platform

for archaeological research under water.

In addition, the FUWA e.V. can cover financial costs, e.g. of boat use, cylinder filling, board and accommodation, through members' fees and donations.

## If you require support for archaeological projects under water, then...

feel welcome to contact us! The FUWA e.V. will be delighted to discuss your needs and ideas and how to best back and support archaeological work under water. We are looking forward to you getting in touch with us - at any time.

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The FUWA e.V. supports official projects, i.e. projects under the supervision of scientific and heritage authorities. We bring together interested sports divers and researchers and provide the former with a chance to actively engage in underwater archaeology under professional guidance. Divers wishing to take part need to acquire information on and methods for the correct handling and treatment of underwater heritage in training courses on research diving for archaeology. Such courses are compulsory for anyone engaging in archaeological research. They also create an awareness of issues surrounding the protection of our underwater cultural heritage.

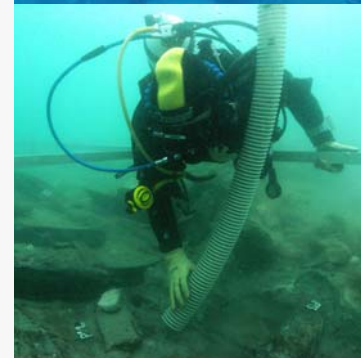
The FUWA e.V. develops the archaeological skills of members by organising and delivering special training programmes.

## ⌘ Projects

Since 2013, the FUWA e.V. has actively supported the University of Zadar in their archaeological research programme in the Croatian Adria:

- **Project Gagliana** - Research without borders: Investigation of a 16th c. Venetian wreck.
- **Project Caska** - 2,000 years of history under water: Investigation of a Roman settlement with harbour installations and wrecks near Pag island.

During weeks of excavation, the FUWA e.V. has conducted about 1,000 dives and has supplied technical equipment and logistics.



FUWA member at work.



Training in focus.

## ⌘ Training

A major concern of FUWA e.V. activities is the training of sports divers in theory and practice of underwater archaeology.

A key element is the organisation and delivery of events and special dive trainings on underwater archaeology (e.g. NAS courses) in cooperation with DEGUWA (German Society for the Promotion of Underwater Archaeology e.V.) and VDST (Organisation of German Sports Divers e.V.)

Regularly, our FUWA e.V. members will attend pertinent lectures and events. Besides training, these events serve the purpose of exchanging experience and information as well as networking with institutions and researchers.



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