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Recent events

- The Colossus Debris Field Survey display was installed in the St Mary's museum from May to September of this year. The display was apparently very popular, especially with visiting school children. The display is now in the National Maritime Museum, Falmouth where it will shortly go on display. We hope to take the display to the SW shipwreck conference in Plymouth in February next year. English Heritage has offered to pay for two sets of posters based on the museum display. One of these will be placed in the St Mary's museum, the other in one of the Cornish museums. The posters will include the material located by CISMAS this year.
- The final fieldwork session on the LHI Colossus debris field survey was completed in September this year. The team were in Scilly for two weeks and this year the weather was much kinder to us. As a result we completed 65 seabed searches covering a total of nearly 80,000 square metres of seabed. The team also undertook surveys of the Garrison guns and the Valhalla 'Colossus stern board' while in Scilly. The report covering all the CISMAS work on Colossus this year is now finished and has been submitted to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, who issued our licence to survey the site. This report will be available shortly on the CISMAS web site at www.cismas.org.uk. Copies of the report on CD can also be ordered for a nominal fee. Finally I would like to thank the Peninsula Sub-aqua Club who loaned CISMAS their RIB for this survey. Having a much larger boat made the survey much easier.
- The short video of the Colossus debris field survey has been produced. My thanks to our chairman Geoff Fuller who undertook the editing and to Bill Bowen for the use of his editing facilities. Hopefully we will be able to show the finished video at the next AGM. We shall be making the video available to CISMAS members on DVD shortly.
- CISMAS undertook the recording of some ship's timbers for the Historic Environment Service (which used to be called the Cornwall Archaeological Unit). Honor Thorley and Luke Randall undertook the survey and Luke has submitted his survey report to NAS as a part II project.

Forthcoming events

- The booklet on the Colossus debris field survey should be published in December this year. There is still a great deal of work to do on this so anyone interested in contributing should contact me. The booklet is the only remaining aspect of the LHI Colossus project yet to be completed.

Kevin Camidge 17.XI.2005