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Finnish Maritime Archaeological Society, recommendation

The Finnish Maritime Archaeological Society was founded in 1995 to promote maritime archaeological research, education and recreational activities.

The Society operates in the field of maritime archaeology in a diverse manner, bringing together divers interested in historical wrecks and other underwater cultural heritage. The Society regularly organises training for maritime archaeology enthusiasts. It maintains and develops the Porkkala wreck park in Kirkkonummi, opened in 2018, which promotes the accessibility and protection of underwater heritage. The club's field work camps organised at historical wreck sites around Porkkalanniemi are open to all divers. The Finnish Heritage Agency considers the Society to be an important community archaeological actor that spreads a positive attitude towards underwater cultural heritage and increases understanding of the information content of historical wrecks.

The Society is also active in maritime archaeological research. It produces basic information about underwater cultural heritage by dating and photographing historical wrecks around Porkkalanniemi and the Archipelago Sea, for example. By developing techniques for timing sampling, the Society promotes research. Refining the wreck imagery into 3D models promotes wreck research and is also useful for shipwreck monitoring. The club openly shares the information it produces.

The Finnish Maritime Archaeological Society plays a significant non-profit role in the field of Finland's underwater cultural heritage. The National Board of Antiquities welcomes supporting the activities of the Society.

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