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Mrs Dorothy (Jane) Maddocks is appointed a member of the Advisory Committee on Historic Wrecks (ACHWS)

Barbara Follett, the Minister for Culture, announced today that Dorothy (Jane) Maddocks has been appointed as Recreational Diving member of the Advisory Committee on Historic Wreck Sites. Her term of appointment will run from 30 January 2009 to 29 January 2013.

Biographical notes

Jane Maddocks is a diver with 37 years experience of recreational diving with a special enjoyment of wreck diving. This interest in wrecks has been complemented by 27 years diving on underwater sites with both a recreational and vocational archaeological focus. She has served as a member of the Wreck Amnesty Group, and currently serves as a member of Joint Archaeology Policy Committee and of the British Sub Aqua Club's National Diving Committee advising on wreck diving policy. She has undertaken no political activity during the past five years.

Background

The Advisory Committee was set up to advise Ministers following the passing of the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973. This advice covers the suitability of wreck sites to be designated for protection on the grounds of historical, archaeological, or artistic interest in accordance with the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973, the issue of licences for the surveillance and excavation of designated sites by named individuals, along with the conditions to be attached to such licences, as well as other general underwater archaeology issues which may affect historic wrecks within UK waters.

ACHWS members give their services on an honorary basis. Travelling expenses, incurred by ACHWS members in the performance of their duties, are reimbursed.

This appointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.