

# PROTECTING OUR MARINE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

## Working Group on Salvage and Reporting

### Membership and terms of reference

#### Membership

Tom Hassall	Chairman, Advisory Committee on Historic Wreck Sites (Chair)
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#### Terms of Reference

By March 2006 to develop detailed proposals, based on evidence, on the future for salvage and reporting regimes with respect to the marine historic environment.

In particular to develop:

1. Proposals for the future and extent of reporting regimes for the marine historic environment.
2. Proposals about any necessary changes to the current salvage law with respect to the marine historic environment and the extent of these changes.
3. Decisions on whether to dis-apply the Salvage Convention 1989 from marine historic assets and, if so, what will dis-apply.
4. Decisions on whether to remove the concept of 'salvor in possession'.

Recommendations from the working group will be tested against the objectives of: simplicity, openness, flexibility and rigour. They will be evidence based, using case-study examples any other research/ evaluation that the working group judges appropriate. They also need to tie in closely with the decisions that come out of the designations and definitions working group and the work underway on the DEFRA Marine Bill.

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