

**Name**

Tom Harrison

Current Position

Maritime Archaeologist, MSDS Marine

Education and Qualifications

2015 MSc Maritime Archaeology, Bournemouth University

2014 BSc (Hons) Archaeology, Bournemouth University

Professional Membership and Qualifications

- SSI Advanced Open Water Scuba Instructor
- HSE Surface Supply and Offshore Top-up
- ASSET SCUBA Technician
- Kirby Morgan Hat Technician
- NAS course tutor
- First Aid at Work

Selected Career Summary

2017 – present: MSDS Marine Ltd.

2016 – 2017: Maritime Archaeologist at Wessex Archaeology

2014 – 2014: Field Archaeologist at Bournemouth Archaeology

Key Expertise

Tom has been working full time in Maritime Archaeology for three years, having finished his Masters in 2015. In this time Tom has gain extensive fieldwork experience, having working on high profile projects such as the dredging of Portsmouth Harbour and the excavation of the *Rooswijk*. Tom joined MSDS Marine in June 2017. Tom has also previously worked on the Contract for Services in Support of Marine Designation, as well as working on multiple protected wreck sites including the *Swash Channel Wreck*, *Coronation* and *HMS Invincible*.

Tom is a technical diver (TRIMIX), Advanced Open Water Instructor (SSI) and HSE commercial diver (SSDE Top-up). Tom is also a qualified SCUBA and Kirby Morgan service technician.

During his MSc in Maritime Archaeology Tom researched the uses of Duplex Drive (swimming) tanks during the Second World War, and worked on the reconstruction of a section of prehistoric ship as part of an experimental archaeology and public outreach project.

Sector Specific Experience**Maritime Archaeologist, MSDS Marine Ltd.**

Working with MSDS Marine Tom has been heavily involved with the excavation of the *Rooswijk* over both the 2017 and 2018 seasons. As well as being a diver on the project he has been involved with the setup, management and post excavation stages of the project, including coordinating archaeological work on site, finds management and project-based GIS.

Since excavation has ended, Tom has been involved in the public outreach of the project and the development of the *Rooswijk* Virtual trail.

Tom has also been working on coastal watching briefs and other diving projects and also supervised small SCUBA projects.

In 2018, Tom qualified as an ASSET SCUBA technician and has since been responsible for the maintenance and servicing of all MSDS Marine dive equipment.

Maritime Archaeologist, Wessex Archaeology

Following the completion of his Masters degree, Tom began working for Wessex Archaeology at the beginning of 2016. During this time, Tom was a key diver on the Contract for Services in Support of Marine Designation and the principle archaeologist for the dredging of Portsmouth Harbour. As the principle archaeologist, Tom was responsible for the continual liaison between archaeologists and the client, regular site visits including watching briefs, archival research, find identification and processing, find recording and reporting, archiving and museum deposition.

Tom also conducted archaeological monitoring and multiple watching briefs including terrestrial, intertidal and at sea. Tom regularly communicated with the public, clients and the Receiver of Wreck, as well as multiple museums in order to house new collections and arrange disposition.

Other Experience

Tom has worked extensively as a volunteer diver within maritime archaeology, both as a student and still does during his time off. Working with Bournemouth University, he has also returned to help in training the new divers on the Masters course, and taken part in some large-scale projects such as the *Swash Channel Wreck*, *HMS Invincible* and the Forgotten Wrecks of the First World War project run by the Maritime Archaeology Trust.

Select Publications

Cousins, T. Harrison, T. Parham, D (forthcoming). The *Maritime Archaeology of Duplex Drive Tanks in the United Kingdom*