

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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Sites examined:

18SO364 18WC3 18WC155 18WC164

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The project was designed to study the material culture and technology associated with wooden shipbuilding in the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland.
Phase III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Project Objectives:
-To develop a predictive model that established locations of high probability areas for containing shipyard sites.
-To identify shipyard sites and document other historical maritime archeological resources within selected waterways of Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester counties, Maryland.

Research Potential:

The Wicomico Creek Shipyard Site (18SO364) yielded important information about the structure of the historic shipyard. Unfortunately, the site has suffered some modern disturbance during the construction of a residence, swimming pool, and large pier with a boat lift. However, shovel test excavations on the portion of the property inland from the shipyard suggests that there is a potential for the presence of archeological features and artifacts related to the historic shipwrights.

The Barren Creek 1 Site (18WC3) yielded important information about the shape and structure of historic launching cradles. The presence of gravel, brick, and gravestones suggests that human activity has probably disturbed the site after its use as a launch. It is unlikely that the site will yield further significant archeological data.

The Rewastico Creek #5 Site (18WC155) provides another archeological example of historic maritime activities in the Lower Eastern Shore. The poor condition of the timbers and the disturbance within the wood line and the adjacent agricultural field make it unlikely that any intact archeological features exist in the site area.

Based on cartographic data and the presence of a slipway, the Quantico Creek #4 Site (18WC164) is interpreted as a probable mid-19th century shipyard site. Further investigations at the site would help to definitely determine the function of various portions of the site and its overall precise nature. Additional work may also help to more precisely pinpoint the dates of use.
