

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

2012 Tucker, S.A.

St. Mary's River Archaeological Project, St. Mary's County, Maryland, A Phase II Survey, June 2012.

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Sites examined:

18ST647

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

### Project Justification:

This report describes a Phase II investigation at previously identified Site 18ST647. The site was first identified in 1994 during a Maryland Maritime Archeology Program (MMAP) survey of the St. Mary's River, and was described as an ovalar distribution of ballast stones and 17th century artifacts. It was thought to possibly represent a 17th century trade vessel abandoned along what was then the shoreline of St. Mary's City, Maryland's first colonial settlement. This report describes 2012 work to better assess the site with support from both the Maryland Historical Trust and the Historic St. Mary's City Commission.

### Project Objectives:

-Locate and map the site within the Maryland State Plane Coordinate System.

-Assess both the archeological significance of the site and preservation status.

Research Potential:

Based on the findings of the 2012 study, in combination with the results of earlier work, Site 18ST647 appears to be a significant maritime archeological resource. The evidence very strongly points towards the presence of submerged 17th century site vessel. A Phase II testing program was carried out in 2013 and a report is forthcoming which will provide additional details.

## REPORT INFORMATION:

2014 Tucker, S. & D. Howe

Archaeological testing of a distribution of lithic ballast material in the St. Mary's River: a phase II examination of site 18ST647.

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Sites examined:

18ST647

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

### Project Justification:

Research

### Project Objectives:

The primary concerns of the project are to ascertain the extent and nature of 18ST647 and determine if it contains the remains of an early colonial ship or other archaeologically significant materials, to obtain a date for this site, assess its state of preservation, and to identify potential threats to the site, both human and environmental.

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Research Potential:

It is recommended that some additional testing be undertaken at 18ST647 to gather additional data on the date and nature of the site, to fully assess its state of preservation, and to provide sound overall maps of the ballast distribution in plan-view. Efforts to map the entire site area using a more precise method should be undertaken. A survey utilizing a sub-bottom profiler may prove useful to these ends.