



Conservation of Archeological Ships and Boats

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This volume outlines the pitfalls to avoid and the strategies to adopt in order to successfully preserve archaeological ships and boats. The conservation of ships and boats is a monumental task which can take up to thirty years to complete, as it involves impregnating waterlogged timbers with an inert substance to prevent shrinkage. Once stabilized, even drying can take more than five years.

Therefore, these are not projects to be undertaken lightly. *Conservation of ships and boats* outlines the pitfalls to avoid and the strategies to adopt in order to successfully preserve archaeological ships and boats. The volume also covers safe disposal of waste, health and safety, energy-saving measures and engineering related to the conservation of these vessels. Contents: Foreword by *James A. Spriggs, Conservation Consultant, York*

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