

# ST. JOHNS COUNTY SUBMERGED CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY



## St. Johns County Submerged Cultural Resources Inventory and Management Plan



Excavation by hydraulic or water-jet probe at the site of the original St. Augustine Lighthouse and old watchtower, built by the Spanish by the 1730s, was carried out in 2001. The stone foundations are exposed at low tide.

The St. Johns County Submerged Cultural Resources Inventory and Management Plan was a regional archaeological project that LAMP carried out between 2001 and 2005. It was one of the first maritime archaeology projects to look beyond just shipwrecks to investigate other types of maritime archaeological sites with a regional scope. The goal of this substantive research project was to assess and interpret the historical maritime landscape of St. Johns County, to create an inventory of maritime archaeological sites, and develop a management

plan that would be applicable to other Florida counties. This project was funded by grants through the State of Florida's Division of Historical Resources, along with the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Museum.

Phase I of the project, implemented in 2001-2002, established the research design and methodological protocol for the four-year project and focused on conducting primary historical research, establishing survey areas, and conducting remote sensing operations throughout the county. This fieldwork was oriented towards investigating St. Johns County's wide spectrum of maritime archaeological sites and



LAMP archaeologists recorded the wreck of an unidentified late 19th century coastal trading schooner when it was exposed on Ponte Vedra Beach after Hurricane Gabrielle struck in September 2001.



Wharf remains and the remnants of a timber "hard" (low-tide landing site and cargo handling structure) are preserved on the foreshore at the Tolomato Bar Anchorage Site, on the Tolomato River North of St. Augustine, and were recorded by LAMP archaeologists in 2003.

expanding the survey areas to encompass a diverse range of environmental settings throughout the county. Remote sensing data generated over 142 magnetometer and sonar targets, and added ten new sites to the Florida Master Site Files. Phase II of the project, carried out between 2003 and 2005, focused on the delineation and investigation of prioritized targets generated during the initial surveys, refined and applied the methodological protocol for investigating targets in the field, and initiated a site

monitoring program. Many known sites were reevaluated and updated, and three new sites were recorded outside St. Johns County in the neighboring counties of Duval and Volusia.

Three major research reports were produced under the auspices of this project. You may see the title page, executive summary, table of contents, and introduction for each by clicking on the references below:

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