



Southeast Region

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HIGHLIGHTS



Photo I: AAUS Diver at SS Copenhagen

Highlight: Viability and Service to Host Institution:

Visit with FAU Scientific Dive Class to Copenhagen

FPAN SE staff, along with FPAN WC staff and staff from Florida Atlantic University, took FAU's Scientific Dive Class out to the SS Copenhagen. The trip was coordinated by Lizzie McNamee, FAU's Dive Safety Officer. The goal of the trip was to introduce new scientific divers, who are involved with diverse research from coral to engineering, to submerged cultural heritage. Before the trip, students had to attend an evening class facilitated by McNamee and FPAN staff, which introduced students to protections surrounding submerged cultural heritage, the Museums in the Sea program, and this

history of the *Copenhagen* itself. Through facilitating awareness of submerged cultural resources, FPAN hopes to improve knowledge and engagement with archaeological sites within the AAUS scientific diving community.

Outreach and Education: Archaeology Bootcamp at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area

Each spring, FPAN collaborates with the Bureau of Land Management at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area for the Archaeobootcamp. This program brings together university students from all over the state for a three-day adventure where they learn about excavation, laboratory techniques, photogrammetry, and other techniques. After last year's program was primarily virtual, students this year were back on site. In addition to learning basic field techniques, they also were able to participate in a GPR survey, and attend an evening career panel with BLM's Eastern States Archaeologist, John Sullivan, and National Parks Service Archaeologist April Watson.



Photo 2-Miller explains how to set up an excavation unit while De La Torre Salas and BLM staff observe

Progress on Strategic Plan Objectives and Mission Goals

- Public Outreach and Education
 - FPAN SE staff led a series of Archaeology Merit Badges with the Scouts of America
- Assistance to State Division of Historical Resources

 FPAN SE Staff including Ayers-Rigsby, Hutchison, and Miller, worked with State Parks to stabilize historic looter pits within an archaeological site, fulfilling a management goal the park had had since the 1990s.