

CONSERVING HISTORIC VESSELS

UNDERSTANDING HISTORIC VESSELS | VOLUME 3

EVALUATION & ACQUISITION

Is she worth conserving?

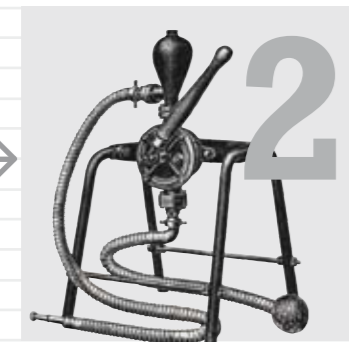


Survey the vessel to establish fitness.

If no, abandon project.

STABILISATION

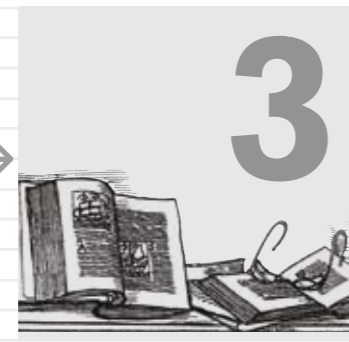
Buying time



Secure the vessel so you can think and plan ahead.

UNDERSTANDING

What have you got?



Research the vessel to gain an in-depth appreciation of her condition.

ASSESSING SIGNIFICANCE

Why does she matter?



Establish if the vessel's importance merits conservation.

If no, abandon project.

THE CONSERVATION GATEWAY

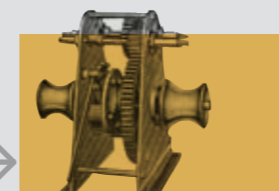
Decision time



Decide which is the most appropriate route to preserve the vessel.

STATIC ASHORE
Full fabric preservation possible.

STATIC AFLOAT
Adaptations need to be designed to minimise fabric loss.



FABRIC ROUTE

OPERATIONAL ROUTE



PRIVATE
Adaptations need to be designed to minimise fabric loss.

COMMERCIAL
Adaptations need to be designed to minimise fabric loss.

IS SIGNIFICANCE AT RISK & EVALUATING VIABILITY

What is happening to her?



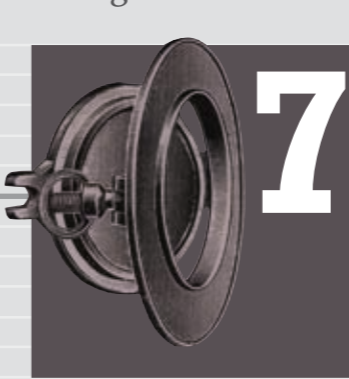
Assess short and long term risks and carry out a feasibility study for conservation.

PRESERVATION BY RECORD

If conservation is not feasible, record and archive findings then deconstruct vessel.

CONSERVATION PROCESS

Doing the work

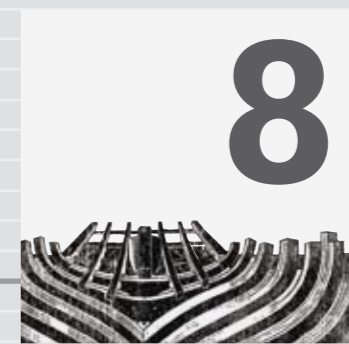


Apply the conservation method(s) which are most appropriate to the vessel.

REPLICATION

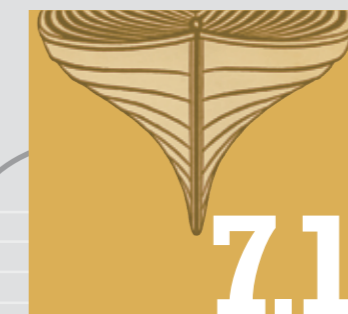
An alternative option?

If conservation is not an option consider building a replica using recorded data.



PRESERVATION

Preserve existing fabric and arrest deterioration.



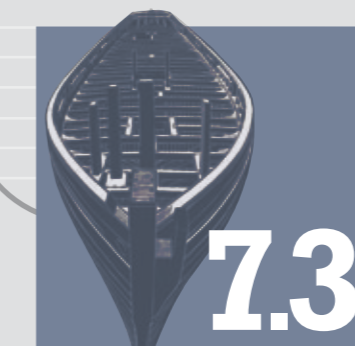
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RESTORATION

Return vessel to a known period with minimal new material.



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7.3

RECONSTRUCTION

Return vessel to a known period using considerable new material.

Apply your principal conservation process as determined by the route you have chosen earlier.



7.4

ADAPTATION

Modify vessel for a proposed new use.

You may also need to employ aspects of other processes for particular circumstances.

MAINTENANCE

Ensuring longevity



Implement a costed maintenance cycle at an appropriate level whether afloat, ashore, under cover or inside.

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