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MARITIME ARCHAEOLOGY OUTREACH BUS TOURING CYPRUS (8/05-15/06/2017)

Visitors will get to discover our maritime cultural heritage

The Maritime Archaeological Research Laboratory (MARELab) of the University of Cyprus (UCY), in collaboration with the Maritime Archaeological Trust (MAT) and the Maritime Archaeological Stewardship Trust (MAST), bring the Maritime Archaeology Outreach Bus (MOB) to Cyprus to tour the major cities of the island between May 6th and June 15th 2017.



MAT's Discovery Bus: mobile public outreach

The inspiring mobile resource facility exists thanks to generous funding from the Honor Frost Foundation Heritage. MOB enables taking activities and information all over the region, country and beyond, hence it will provide the opportunity to visitors to get acquainted with the not so known area of maritime archaeology and discover Cyprus's maritime archaeology heritage.

MOB began its tours in Britain and only recently has gone out of borders and visited France, Spain and Belgium. Cyprus is the current stop. It is scheduled to visit a range of locations and venues around the island, aiming to raise the profile of maritime cultural heritage.

As Associate Professor at UCY Department of History and Archaeology, Mrs. Stella Demesticha has stated *"Visitors stepping into MOB will have the chance to discover how much history is hidden beneath the waves. It will certainly be a unique experience for the public, getting to see and hear about maritime archaeology without going into a museum."*

Additionally, UCY PhD student Anna Demetriou has explained that the bus will be hosting displays and exhibitions on maritime archaeology in Cyprus, as well as audio and video material related to diving and research methods, ships in antiquity (construction, development etc), marine finds and conservation.

"Through interactive means, children and adults will be able to get information on maritime archaeology, will also have a ship building desk where we will demonstrate various shipping methods, from the ancient times, until now", Demetriou said.

Maritime archaeology courses have been offered at the UCY since 2007. The UCY MARELab was established in 2011, aiming to serve as a dynamic venue of educational activities and interdisciplinary research on Maritime Archaeology. It is the only institution in Cyprus able to conduct underwater archaeological investigations.

More information about MOB is available at:

<http://schools.maritimearchaeologytrust.org/maritimebus>

<https://www.facebook.com/DiscoveryBusCyprus/>

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