

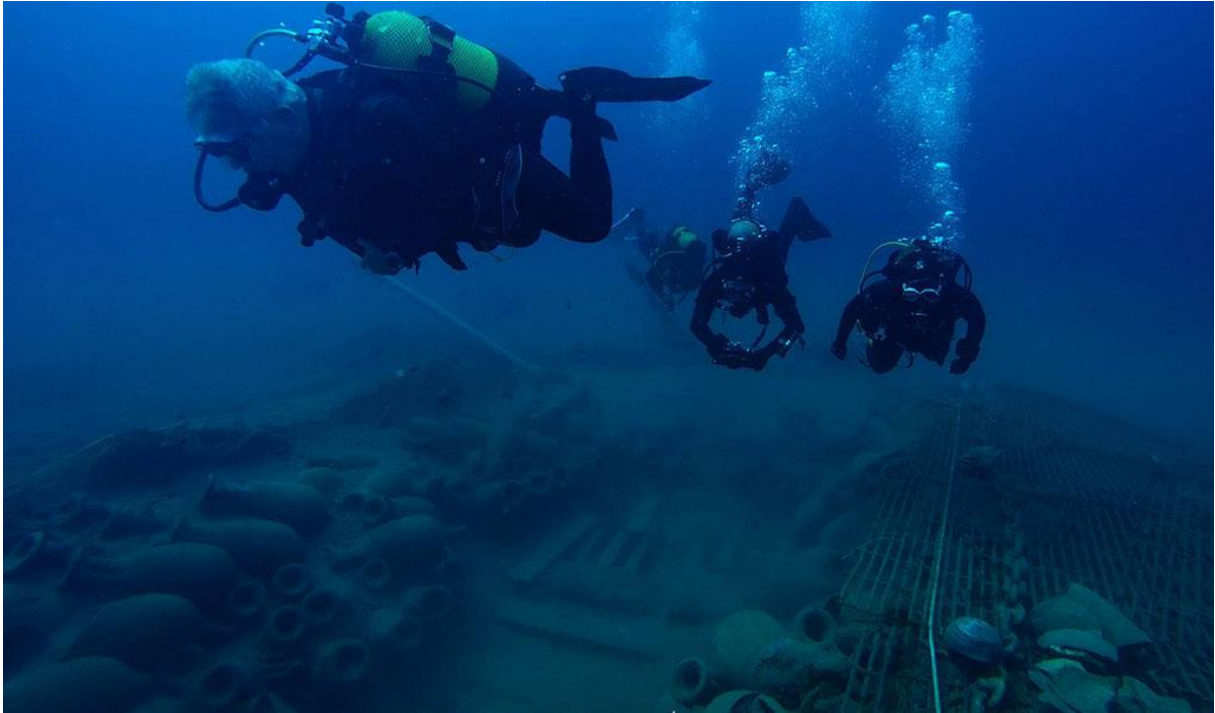
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## A ROMAN SHIPWRECK FOR SOCIETY - THE BOU FERRER WRECK

The Bou Ferrer wreck, a large Roman merchant ship, wrecked in the middle of the 1st century AD off the coast of Villajoyosa (Alicante), is the only large merchant ship from the Roman period in the whole of the Mediterranean that combines an unequalled state of preservation with a depth under the sea accessible to underwater archaeologists.

It is an intervention carried out with minimally invasive techniques and with excellent guarantees of legal and physical protection of the site. It is also an example of accessibility, both of the site, through guided visits, and of the materials recovered, through the future exhibition in the Villajoyosa Museum.

Since 2013 there have been visits by sports divers to underwater archaeological excavations. Those who are in possession of the required qualifications (advanced level, two-star diver or deep-diving specialty and at least 35 registered dives) and who contribute to the running of the research project and visits themselves with a minimum donation of 50 euros to pay for the costs of the guides and Project technicians who direct the visits, the boat and the site. To this we must add the costs of the dive (filling the oxygen tanks, weight belts and boat trip to the wreck), valued at 45 euros, to Ali-Sub (the responsible dive centre). The visits are made on Saturdays and Sundays when weather conditions allow, between August and September, in dives with groups of 10 divers, accompanied by a project technician.



Organised diving visit to the shipwreck site of Bou Ferrer @ <https://www.bouferrer.org/en>

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