



# Steamship The Mediator

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## Program

1. Guided tour for tourists/local people
2. Removing sand and debris from the stern with airlift
3. Survey and photographic recording of ship's parts
4. Relocation and pile up of car tires for easy removal
5. Charting fish

### Purpose 1:

To inform local people and tourists about the maritime history, the work of Stimana and marine archaeology which hopefully will lead to the protection of the archaeological site. Also to recruit volunteers for the weekly activities.

### Purpose 2:

To increase interest to the site by exposing more parts of the ship so that it can be considered as a kind of underwater museum.

### Purpose 3:

Photographical recording in order to help determine more easy some parts of the ship and to monitor the present condition of the wreck.



Greeting the lobsters

Picture by John Dohmen

## Remarks and findings 9 December 2007

- A tour for three persons.
- The visibility was fair. A lot of suspended particles in the water. There was a notable variety of fish.
- Relocation of car tires towards the cay.
- Continuation of photographic recording.
- Measurement position grapnel.

- Presenting PDIC certificates

## Colophon

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## Introduction of the team



officer and dive-supervisor (on the shore)

Registers the divers and their information given by them. Observes the safety rules.

Controls the working of the compressor.

Lucie de Jong - safety-



## Introduction of team (continuation)



Instruction by Karel Boon

**Karel Boon and Ellen Gremmen** - dive instructor and underwater guide.

Instructs and informs visitors about the dive to the archaeological site. And is in charge of the guided tour. He is assisted by



Karel Boon

**Karel's website**  
[www.trunkdivers.com](http://www.trunkdivers.com)



Ellen Gremmen and Theo van der Giessen

**Sam Pieter Storm van Leeuwen en Job Zwart , Bart van Zanten, Johan Seibel-** airlift team

Their activities consist of cleaning the stern and excavating parts of the wreck ship's parts which were dragged off the ship.



Job Zwart (left) and Sam Pieter Storm van Leeuwen



Bart van Zanten

**John Dohmen** - underwater photographer

Records weekly condition of the wreck.



**Visit John's website**

<http://curacaounderwater.com>

# Introduction team (continuation)

**Dr. Wil Nagelkerken** - archaeologist-biologist  
Scientific leader of the project.



Dr. Wil Nagelkerken (white shirt), Jan de Vos, Theo van der Giessen

**Theo van der Giessen** - project manager Stimana  
Functions as facilitator and takes care of the communications.



Theo van der Giessen

### Other volunteers:

Peter Lankamp and Richmond Gijsberta

Each year they assist for a period of 7 weeks. Peter Lankamp also reports the condition of the Mediator.



Peter Lankamp



Richmond Gijsberta

## Pictures 9 December 2007 (for more pictures <http://picasaweb.google.com/luciejong/Mediator091207>)



*Report of the survey of the steamship Mediator (1884) on  
Sunday December 9, 2007  
By John Dohmen*

Today my task was to chart the fish around the Mediator. This was not very easy because there were many suspended particles in the water and for fish I am forced to use the flash light. This means that under these poor circumstances a lot of dirt will become visible in the pictures. See the pictures for the result. For completeness sake an earlier picture has been added from a tarpon at the bow of the wreck, because that remains a beautiful example of life around the Mediator.



## *Report of the survey (continuation)*

Besides these pictures I also took pictures of the measurement of the position of the grapnel (drag) and of Theo who was busy with the measuring tape. Also of Theo hauling a car tire towards the cay in the scope of removing the car tires. And finally a status report of the progress of the excavation of the tube with the airlift.



Greetings  
John Dohmen

December 9, 2007

(translation into English by Lucie de Jong)