



# Steamship The Mediator

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## Program

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

### Purpose 1:

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

### Purpose 2:

To increase interest in 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.



Port bow with bent plate and anchor hole.  
Picture John Dohmen

## Remarks and findings 16 December 2007

- No tour today.
- The visibility was very bad. Lots of rain.
- Airlift team continued excavating the tube at the stern.
- Continuation of photographic recording.
- Measurement of the angle of the bow of the wreck.
- Survey area around the *Mediator*.

## Colophon

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## Introduction of the team

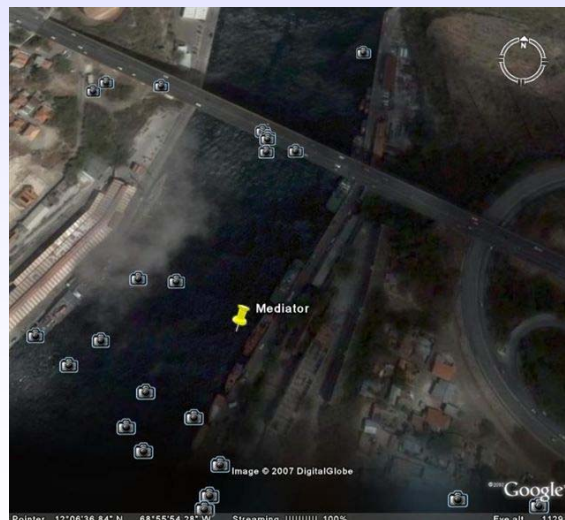


officer and diving-supervisor (on the shore)

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

Controls the working of the compressor.

Lucie de Jong - security-



## Introduction of the 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. In charge of the guided tour. Assisted by Ellen Gremmen.



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 of the team (continuation)

**Dr. Wil Nagelkerken** - archaeologist/  
biologist



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 16 December 2007 (for more pictures <http://picasaweb.google.com/luciejong/Mediator161207>)



Rainy day, cold, uncomfortable!!!!

***Report of the survey of the steamship Mediator (1884) on  
Sunday December 16, 2007  
By John Dohmen***

Today's circumstances were pretty bad to take pictures because of almost no visibility.

Here a selection of the ones I find worth while.

There is a picture of the tube Sam Pieter and Job (1) are excavating with the airlift. Furthermore a black and white picture (2) of the grapnel (drag) and one of the "stays" (5).

This morning, while looking for the shipwreck's name, I cleaned a part of the hull at the port side, somewhat behind from the bent plate. As illustration I have sent a somewhat older picture of the port bow with plate and anchor (see cover page).

Furthermore two pictures (3 and 4) of the cleaned part. With some imagination some vague circular patterns are visible, which possibly form part of the letter O. On the second picture (4) I indicated the contour with some arrows. It is very vague and it can be my imagination. Next time I will clean it again and will also look if there are patterns of subsequent letters left and/or right. I didn't see anything underwater. I first noticed the contour on the picture.

Greetings and hopefully a much better visibility next time. Meanwhile for the absentees a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

16 December 2007

John Dohmen

Translation by Lucie de Jong

