

White House Shipwreck Search

Sovereign Exploration Associates International, Inc., initiated via its [Artifact Recovery and Conservation, Inc. \(ARC\)](#) sensing studies using a suite of high-resolution geophysical equipment, provided by Ixsea, to investigate the sedimentology, stratigraphy and underlying geological framework of the marine floor off Nova Scotia, Canada. The area is the reported final resting site of the small fleet of ships that sank in 1814 with a cargo of spoils from the sacking of the White House, The Capital Building and the Treasury located in Washington D.C. during the War of 1812. The fleet was made up of the HMS *Fantome*, a British Frigate, and two seized commercial vessels: the *Industry* and *Perseverance*. Geological and geophysical investigations of the nearshore area were conducted in support of archaeological surveys and excavations to determine if the objects found within the cove were part of the cargo on the fleet and the extent of the artifact distribution.

The results of the surveys produced a rich geophysical dataset correlated to on-site observations that provided the physical framework of the site for archeological investigations. The data provided by this technology supports that the site contains ships predating 1814, and will contribute to responsible, high-quality archaeology and the eventual recovery of this historically significant vessel.

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