

## RFI – GAUL – Underwater Survey 2002

### Daily Report No 23

#### On board *SEISRANGER*

Date:	18.07.02	Time:	2359	Day No. (On Site):	18
Location:	N 72° 04.1' E 025° 05.3' (on wreck site)				
Weather: (past 24 hours)	Good visibility	Sea State:	4	Wind Speed & Direction:	15 knots WSW'ly
Weather: (next 3-5 days)	W'ly 12-15knts. becoming WSW'ly 17-18knts. decreasing NW 7 knts.				

#### Summary:

Everything possible is being done to complete the agreed survey objectives. The search for forensic samples, and the collection of evidence to assist in determining the possible cause of the *Gaul's* loss has been ongoing for some time. Entry to the wreck and the search of many internal spaces has been achieved; however there have been difficulties in cutting into the steel hull of the wreck. This task is the main priority and is ongoing. As a very last resort there is a contingency plan to access the hull.

#### Progress over the last 24 hours:

- The LBV mini ROV has examined four additional accommodation spaces.
- All efforts have been directed at cutting into the hull.

#### Plan for the next 24 hours:

- Continue efforts to cut into the hull.
- Continue internal examination of the wreck.

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