

RFI – GAUL – Underwater Survey 2002

Daily Report No 30

On board *SEISRANGER*

Date:	25.07.02	Time:	2359	Day No. (On Site):	-
Location:	N 69° 06' E 15° 02' (off Anda lighthouse)				
Weather: (past 24 hours)	Good visibility	Sea State:	2	Wind Speed & Direction:	3 knots NE'ly

Summary:

The *Seisranger* is making good progress down the coastline of Norway.

The on board forensic team have now stated that all the indications provide confidence that samples have been recovered from the remains of six individuals. Mr Geoffrey Saul, H.M. Coroner for Hull and East Riding will be informed of all forensic sample recoveries on Friday 26 July 2002.

Another sample of cable was also taken from the seabed early this morning (25.07.02).

All of the agreed objectives of this comprehensive underwater evidence collecting expedition, have now been achieved. The objectives were :

A – Search for Human Remains

- Aim to recover human remains for DNA testing. Hope to recover samples to allow identification of at least six crew members.

B – To help the Formal Investigation determine the most probable cause of the Gaul sinking.

- Examination of bridge control settings and other instruments;
- Measurement of the CP propeller/kort nozzle settings;
- Examination of the port funnel and the hatch at its base;
- Examination of fish loading hatches and fastening lugs;
- Examination of open doors (including fastening arrangements) to the factory deck and engine room;
- Examination of the wheelhouse doorframe and locate door;
- Examination of the liferaft, and ship's boats securing/release arrangements;

C- To establish if intelligence gathering equipment was on board Gaul.

- Examination of the captain's day room and bedroom for photographic equipment;
- Examination of the radio room for intelligence gathering equipment.

D – To closely examine the sea bed cables in Gaul's vicinity, and recover a sample.

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