ANTH318
Nautical Archaeology of the Americas

Class 1

Introduction
During this semester we will see an overview of the water craft developed in North America in the last 500 years. This course is divided into 12 subjects:

1. Underwater Cultural Heritage
2. Understanding the Ship
3. European Discovery of the New World
4. Spanish Empire
5. Northern European Colonization
6. Anglo-French Wars
7. Revolutionary War
8. War of 1812
9. The Conquest of the West: Canals and Steamers
10. The Golden Age of Sail
11. The Civil War
12. The Future of Nautical Archaeology

I expect from you
- Regular class attendance;
- Keeping up with the readings;
- Nice looking take-home assignments;
- Brilliant exams!

Don’t be unpredictable.
If you miss a class, ask me for the PowerPoint presentation.
If you have any difficulties let me help you sooner rather than later.
Remember, I am your teacher. I am supposed to help you.
Never miss an exam without letting me know in advance. If you have to miss an exam make sure that you have a very good reason (whale attacks, giant meteorite impacts, alien abductions, or tidal waves will do).

**Course requirements**

There will be 3 exams and 3 take-home assignments. The 1\textsuperscript{st} exam will cover the discovery of the American continent and the Spanish empire; The 2\textsuperscript{nd} exam will cover the arrival of the northern European settlers, the occupation of North America, and the wars of independence; The 3\textsuperscript{rd} exam will cover the 19\textsuperscript{th} century in North America: the transportation revolution, the maritime enterprise, and the Civil War. Each exam will contribute 30\% to your final grade.

These exams will be complemented with 3 take home assignments: a short quiz on ship components (4\%); a map of the Spanish empire (3\%); and a map of North American colonization (3\%).

**The Book**


**The Readings**

You must read the set of texts mentioned in the syllabus.

For those of you who are really interested I have bibliography lists for each chapter that I will be very happy to share.

**The Timeline**

I have prepared a (very simple) timeline for you.

It is very important that you acquire your knowledge in perspective, the facts placed in their time and space.

**The Internet**

The internet can be a major source of information. It must be used with a critical, skeptical attitude. You should visit frequently the Anthropology Department, the Nautical Archaeology Program, and the Institute of Nautical Archaeology sites at Texas A&M University:

http://www.tamu.edu/anthropology/
http://nautarch.tamu.edu
http://ina.tamu.edu