## Battle of the Egadi Islands

## **GUE PROJECT BRIEF - 2023**

This project conducts archaeological investigation of the debris site of the naval battle of the Egad. This battle was fought on March 10, 241 b.C. between the war fleets of Rome and Carthage. The decisive victory of the Romans signed the end of the First Punic War. Discovered in 2010 by RPM Nautica Foundation and Soprintendenza del Mare of Regione Sicilia; this site is the only battlefield of the ancient times located and investigated up to date.





While a wealth of investigations are carried out with electronic means like AUV, SSS and ROVs operated from on board of RPMs vessel RV HERCULES, we provide the diving component to the project. We operate daily on the seafloor of the battlefield with different tasks both in support to RPMs activities, and independently carrying out our own research. These investigations are bringing up important discoveries every year - contributing to both reconstructing the puzzle of the battle, and to the understanding of military culture in those times.

STATUS: ACTIVE. The project is carried out by SDSS, a non-profit organization affiliated to GUE. The next field campaign of the project will be held in the month of August 2023, for a duration of 30 days.

**Partners:** The project is a collaboration between SDSS, RPM Nautical Foundation and Maritime Archaeology Program off the University of Malta, under the direction of the Soprintendenza del Mare of Regione Sicilia.

Current technical partners are: SUEX srl; DAN Europe; Halcyon mfg.; Microfilla Communications



## HOW TO BE PART OF THIS PROJECT

The field activities are open to GUE divers only, with CCR1+Tech2 as a minimum experience.

## CONTACT

If you want to support the project with donations or take part to field activities or collaborate to the project in other forms please write an email to <u>info@sdss.blue</u>. **LOCATION: Sicily** 

