The Southeast Archeological Center is dedicated to the study, protection, and interpretation of the cultural resources of the Southeast Region, including underwater sites. These sites reflect the rich and diverse maritime heritage and history of the region, from ancient villages that once sat along the shore when sea levels were much lower than today, to historic-era wrecks of ships laden with trade goods and colonial foodstuffs from around the world.

SEAC divers research, monitor, and inventory shipwrecks and other submerged archeological sites. By measuring, mapping, recording, and investigating these pieces of maritime and coastal history, we gain snapshots into our past. These resources are vulnerable to looting and destruction by hurricanes and the effects of global climate change, like rising sea temperatures and increasing salinity.

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