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Modeling the Maritime Landscape of Medieval Amalfi, Italy by

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As part of the Ancient Maritime Dynamics (AMD) project, a multi-disciplinary team of researchers began investigating the Amalfi coastline in 2016 with a goal of modeling and understanding changes in this maritime landscape over time. By using underwater and terrestrial archaeological surveys, museum studies, geomorphological investigations, and research in documentary and archival sources, this project is gradually synthesizing a diachronic collection of information to reveal the changing relationship between society and the sea. Preliminary results indicate, for example, that this maritime landscape in the Roman era was unexpectedly similar to life today, whereas the Byzantine and Medieval landscape was distinctly different. Moreover, modern trends in this region seem to be irreversibly impacting what we can learn of past maritime life. This presentation will introduce and summarize the project's present results, as well as our plans for future seasons.

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