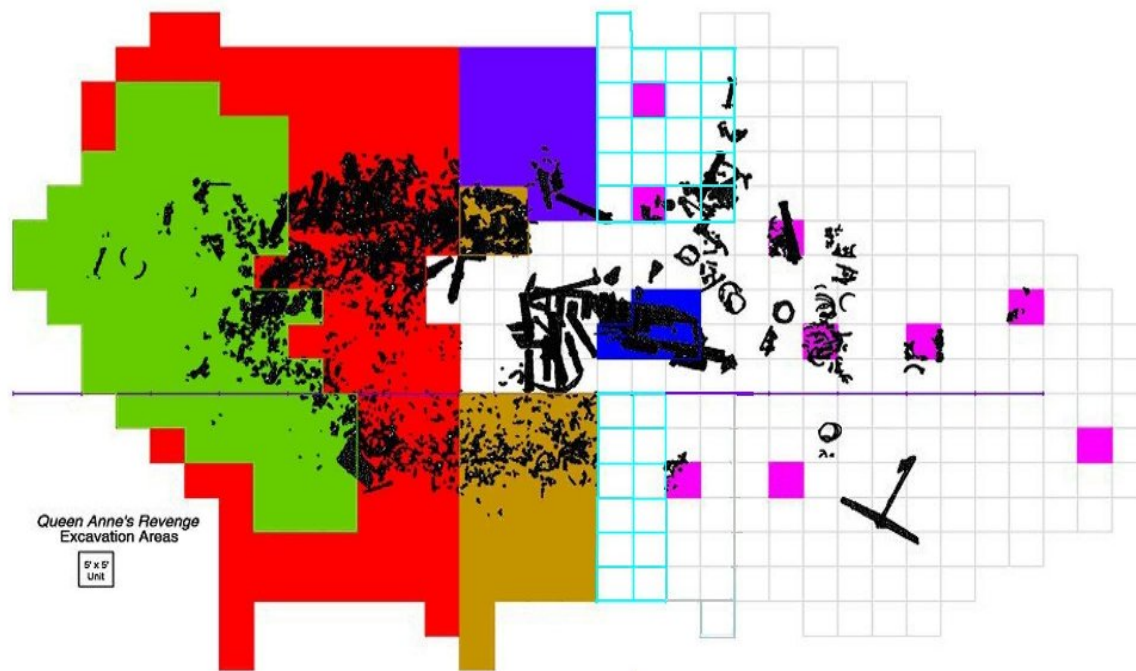


Expedition Set to Begin



The Department of Cultural Resources (DCR) will launch a four-week expedition beginning October 3rd. Researchers will begin by assessing the post-hurricane Irene condition of the *Queen Anne's Revenge* shipwreck site and if needed, conduct mapping, recovery mitigation, and site stabilization in areas of significant scour. Using the NC Marine Fisheries' R/V *Shell Point* as the principle recovery vessel, operations will then continue excavation, documentation, and recovery of artifacts focused on a previously known scour area. This is in the location of the vessel's foremast and galley area (map). The goal is to complete twenty-one 5 x 5 foot excavation units.

Another focus will be the on-going in-situ corrosion monitoring program on all accessible large artifacts. By the end of the project it is hoped that two anchors and seven cannon will have anodes attached and monitoring begun in an effort to arrest continuing corrosion and help stabilize the site's major iron objects, which have been submerged in saltwater for nearly 300 years. The staff of DCR's Underwater Archaeology Branch will be offering a graduate internship and directed study program in advanced excavation, recovery, and field conservation methods and procedures.



Highlighting this expedition will be the recovery of cannon C23, one of the ship's largest guns that is surrounded by a kettle, wooden deadeyes, a pewter plate, cannon balls and a multitude of as yet unidentified conglomerations. The recovery will emphasize this year's major project partnerships - NOAA's Marine Sanctuary Program and Foundation, East Carolina University, NC Marine Fisheries, The Town of Beaufort, and Friends of *Queen Anne's Revenge* – as well as recognizing our on-going support from Intersal Inc., NC Maritime Museum, Nautilus Productions, US Coast Guard Fort Macon, Fort Macon State Park, and NC State Ports.