



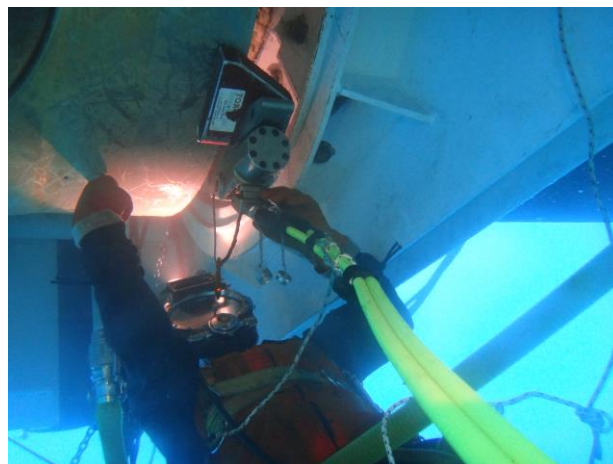
Aegean Diving Services at Souda Bay, Crete

Location for World's First

Last month Souda bay was the location for an international effort to get USS Taylor back to operational status.

USS Taylor suffered severe grounding damage to her propulsion system in Turkey and was towed to Souda Bay, Crete for the world's first waterborne hub replacement.

The work scope comprised of the installation of a cofferdam that allowed the old hub to be removed and replaced with a new as a substitute for costly dry docking.



The project was made possible by the coming together of Phoenix Holdings Intl, NAVSEA and US Navy Dive units from both Naples and the USA as well as specialist engineers from Rolls Royce and The Emergency Ship Salvage Material (ESSM) together with **Aegean Diving Services**.

Such a project proves the importance of collaboration between different organisations and expertise to achieve a common goal effectively and on time.

It is LCDR Andrew Lavalley's continued ambition and vision that puts Souda Bay on the map. In turn this has seen the location develop to a busy service port conducting continual operations on US Naval vessels thus developing relationships between local and international service suppliers.

Aegean Diving Services was proud to be part of the operation that saw specialist dive teams and engineers from all over the world brought together and work as a cohesive unit to great success.



Aegean Diving Services continues to work closely with UMC Intl, NAVSEA and LCDR Lavalley on regular underwater maintenance operations at Souda Bay.