

[OUEC] Special Event: Mensun Bound

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MENSUN BOUND: DISCOVERING SHACKLETON'S ENDURANCE


**THE EXTRAORDINARY
DISCOVERY OF THE
ENDURANCE**

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MENSUN BOUND
**THE SHIP
BENEATH
THE ICE**
*The Discovery of
SHACKLETON'S
ENDURANCE*

The fascinating story of how the world's most famous shipwreck was found, told by the expedition's Director of Exploration...

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Please join the Oxford University Exploration Club as we welcome Mensun Bound to discuss the discovery of Shackleton's Endurance and his long career at Oxford during which he excavated a wide range of wrecks all over the world. After the talk there will be Q&A and then Mensun will be signing copies of his book, *The Ship Beneath the Ice*, which recounts the incredible discovery of 'the most unreachable wreck in the world.'



Falklands Maritime Heritage Trust / National Geographic

Born in the Falkland Islands, Mensun Bound completed his undergraduate studies in New York, then continued at Lincoln College followed by St Catherine's College, finally becoming the Triton Fellow in Maritime Archaeology at St Peter's College, Oxford. Known as the 'Indiana Jones of the Deep', Bound has conducted wreck surveys and excavations all over the world in a career that spanned 40 years. During that time he excavated one of the oldest known shipwrecks (600 BC) with the support of Oxford University Exploration Club back in 1981 - and, in 1997, he used saturation diving methods to carry out the deepest shipwreck excavation there has ever been. Twelve museums around the globe hold permanent displays of artefacts raised by Bound. His work has been the focus of numerous documentaries including a 4-part series by the Discovery Channel entitled 'Lost Ships'. In 2019 Bound stunned the world with his discovery of Admiral von Spee's flagship, Scharnhorst which had been lost in battle during World War One. That same year Bound was Director of Exploration for the first search to find Shackleton's Endurance which ended in failure when their Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) imploded from pressure and their principal search vehicle, a Hugin-class Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) disappeared without a trace. In 2022 the search resumed under the auspices of the Falklands Maritime Heritage Trust with Bound in the same role. On 5 March the Endurance was found and, as predicted by Bound, it was upright, largely intact, proud of the seabed and in an excellent state of preservation.



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Membership: This talk is open to the public.

Cost: £5.

When & Where: [School of Geography and Environment](#), Feb 14, 2023, 19:30