



To all people who are interested and willing to save
Salamis Island, Greece,
from the illegal shipyards.



For countless generations the name Salamis has been synonymous with one of the most decisive and historically momentous sea battles of triremes, men and ideals. The Battle of Salamis was a titanic clash between an undisputed world power, the colossal Persian Empire, and a handful of small free Greek city-states. It was an epic collision between an autocratic superpower and a small confederation of Hellenic cities. In 480 BC. fighting against far greater numbers of invaders and ships-of-war, with their fate balancing perilously at a razor's edge, these Greek city-states managed to overcome incalculable odds against them and won a decisive victory thus saving their freedom and ensuring the survival and development of Europe.

In historic terms, Victory at Salamis, had sanctified the waters of the narrows, which wash softly against the shores that witnessed this apocalyptic battle and now cuddle the graves and trophy of fallen heroes, some excavated only a few years ago. One would expect that both the historic Strait of Salamis and the gravesite of the heroes would by now have become a protected historic area of immense interest to Greeks, Europeans and world citizens alike. Instead, and shockingly so, the waters are littered with rusting ships in various stages of demolition, toxic oil spills and floating islands of rubbish and plastics. The famous shores are defiled with shipyards, giant unsightly ship demolition facilities. We are talking about the desecration of a historical and archaeological important site and immense, unnecessary, damage to the environment.

In spite of countless efforts by concerned individuals worldwide such as AIANTIS OF SALAMIS club with the Chairman Mr Christos Maridakis who contributed greatly to the annual celebration of the Battle of Salamis in the U.S., with the proclamation of Brooklyn, New York as a day of Freedom and with international and local appeals to UNESCO and the European Union. The Greek state nor OLP (Piraeus Port), who have the power and the "private" status, in the Historic district have done nothing to protect this savage assault against these few acres of hallow land and water, which are of enormous historical value not only to Greeks but to the world. At the present time, instead of scaling back these offensive activities and shipwrecks, the perpetrators of these insults and assaults against history and nature, are trying to enlarge them! That is an inexcusable crime against not only history and a vicious environmental catastrophe, but also a cruel health hazard to the island's

In view of the above, we the undersigned, cognizant of the immense historical significance of the Strait of Salamis and the world history changing Victory-at-Sea that took place here in 480 B.C., strongly suggest and vigorously advocate the following:

- The Strait of Salamis, including the ancient harbour and City and the peninsula of Cynosura, to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Salamis and OLP to relinquish its jurisdiction . -- All ship repair and ship demolition facilities to be moved to nearby Skaramanga. These facilities make any improvement to the area impossible and consequently prevent any promotion of the rich history, culture, and legacy of the island.
- The Greek Ministry of Culture, in cooperation with international financial and scholarly assistance, to launch targeted archaeological initiatives on land and sea alike.
- The ancient harbour and City, the tombs of the heroes, including the trophy, and the famous Strait of Salamis to be declared UNESCO-protected historical sites.

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S.O.S From the most historic monument on earth!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0jBbXrf6nhc&list=UNq3TKshFbrLtbLAuijDs7A>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=frQQ8Zcgu8Y&feature=c4-overview-vl&list=PL9641BC3BC436156F>

The Catastrophe of the Tomp of Salamis fighters!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Zboc0Xrzs&feature=c4-overview&list=UUNq3TKshFbrLtbLAuijDs7A>

The President of Aiantis Mr. Christos Maridakis September 2013

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbRyUtXjJdA&feature=c4-overview&list=UUNq3TKshFbrLtbLAuijDs7A>

The interview with the Mayor of Salamis in Greek TV regarding the catastrophe in Ancient Salamis November 2013

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IzrxVQm9mug&list=UUNq3TKshFbrLtbLAuijDs7A>

Salaminians celebrations every year at the Ancient city of Salamis with participation of 37 Embassies - 29th of September , Day of Freedom and Democracy