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Florida Research & Recovery Group, Inc. (FRRG), a Florida based commercial archaeology company has announced plans for an extensive remote sensing survey off the eastern coast of Florida. Electronic searching will include both magnetometer and side-scan sonar instruments. The search area is near Cape Canaveral and is outside both Florida and United States territorial waters. FRRG vessels are based at Cape Marina in Port Canaveral, Florida.

This search area was chosen by FRRG after members of the Roy Chandler family of Merritt Island, Florida disclosed the location to the company where they found an ancient anchor several years ago. In addition to the Chandler's information, FRRG has used Long Range Detecting (LRD) equipment it has developed to pinpoint several areas around the anchor's original location. An exploration plan has been developed by FRRG that will utilize the company's Geometric's 882 cesium-vapor magnetometer and two Marine Sonic side-scan sonar units to electronically map the areas. Florida research maintains two vessels, *Laffin'Place*, a 30-foot Island Hopper for electronic searching and the 58-foot *Damit Janet V*, a world-class shallow-water salvage boat.

While the magnetometer and the side-scan sonar are the more tradition instruments used by commercial archaeologists in looking for and mapping historical shipwrecks, FRRG has developed a new method of searching for lost artifacts. This LRD equipment is unique to FRRG and is currently going through intensive testing and constant component upgrade. Larry Turbeville and James L. Stringer, CEO of FRRG, have jointly been working on LRD for several years. At the heart of the system is a new type antenna and receiver. University of Georgia scientists successfully tested earlier models of the instrument. Despite the numerous critics of such a system, field-tests of FRRG's equipment over the past year have yielded exciting results and spurred further refinement of the antenna and receiver. FRRG believes that this year's survey work will provide the final proof to those who deride the LRD concept.

Other company projects are in the works, also. More target sites, both above and below Cape Canaveral, are scheduled to be investigated this season by FRRG. Future projects for Florida Research include a deep-water historical wreck in the Florida Straights, and at least one search outside the United States that is being headed up by Dr. Dan Bagley, a well-known participant in many salvage projects throughout the world.