

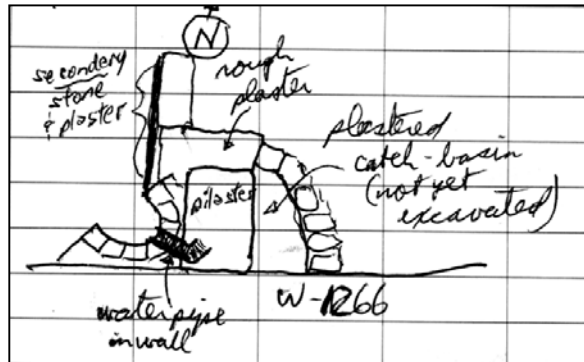
# Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2010 – 11th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 22 July 10 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	YY99	ZZ0			
Loci	1296	1226			
Baskets	2370	2371			
Walls	W1261, W1266, W1288, W1236, W1297, W1298, W1910, W1911				
Floors	F1294, F1909, F1912				

- Continued work in YY99
  - Goal = remove balk between excavated areas, clarify relationship between colonnaded building and later vats.
  - Starting elevation = 130.586 (balk being removed), 130.916 (pilaster), 130.106 (fill in area worked to east near cistern)
  - Ending elevation = 130.369 (high), 130.125 (low), 130.423 (northerly extension of water feature) 130.423
  - Soil is Horizon B/C
  - The fill has very few sherds until the last layer when we started to encounter more heavy stones.
  - What we originally thought was a basin on the Northwest interior corner of W1266 and the pilaster of W1910 turned out to be a semi-circular water feature set in the corner. Its opening is 55 cm and its depth is 33cm. The structure is composed of reused roof tiles and floor pieces that have been plastered.
  - At about 11 o'clock is a pipe that empties into the feature. The pipe has a 9 cm interior diameter and an 11cm exterior diameter and goes back almost to the opposite side of the pilaster.
  - At a lower level (49cm below), the pilaster is extended to the north. Plaster on this stone overlays the plaster of the water feature, showing that the stone is a

secondary addition. The extension is 90cm long and 30 cm wide, although the size might change at a lower level.



- Item: 515. Description: two nail fragments (piece a: 5 cm length, .5-1 cm width, small bend near nail tip; piece b: 2 cm long, 1 cm wide) retrieved 333 cm north of w1266, 615 cm west of w1298, 170 cm from surface.
- Opened square ZZ0
  - Goal = expose north portico of the east peristyle court
  - Starting elevation = 131.200
  - Ending elevation = 130.842
  - Soil is Horizon B
  - Horizon A soil and some Horizon B soil had been previously removed by the tractor.
  - Removed heavy fill to level the square at W1910.
  - Very little pottery in the fill.
  - Toward the end of the day at the east end of the square a large doorway (not door jamb) appears in W1910. It is set to the east slightly (about 20cm) from the west line of W1910.
  - Will expand the square to the west half of YY0 to investigate the feature.
  - Basket 2371 is from Locus 1226. That locus is the N. portico of the peristyle court. In general, the contents are 1 shard with burnished decoration, dating from 400 AD until 500 AD. Indicative types are LRC. Residual types are 1 ROM (?).

- Item: 514. Description: carved stone with three (3) ribs (length 8 cm at narrow end, length 20.5 cm at wide end, width 7 cm, height 3 cm) found 207 cm south of w1266, 337 cm east of w1267, 170 cm from surface.