

Ancient Ports of Tripolitania: Leptis Magna and Sabratha

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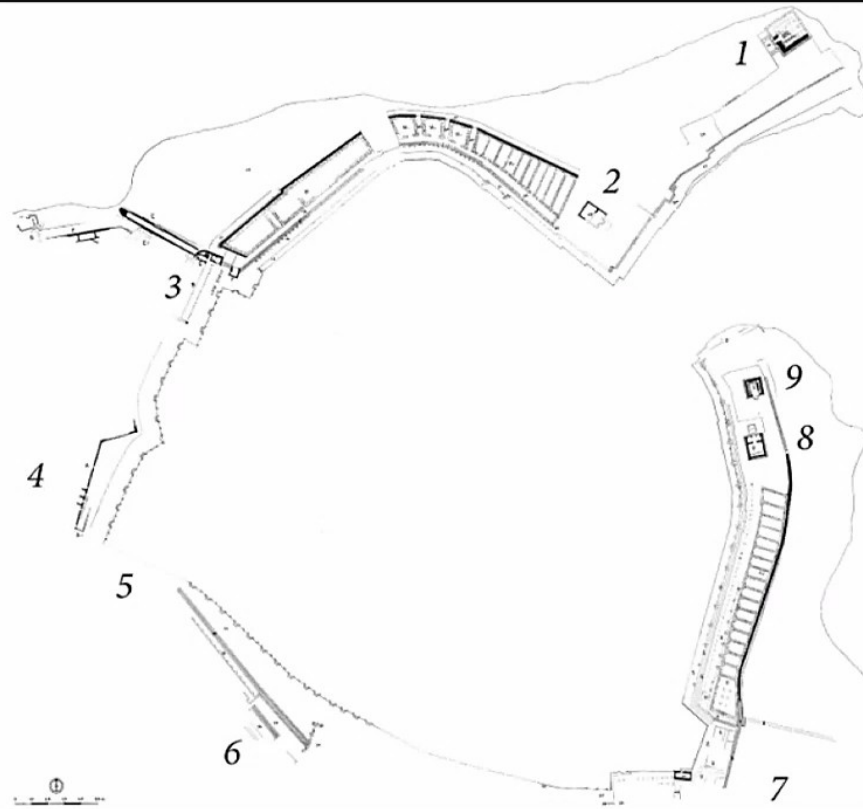
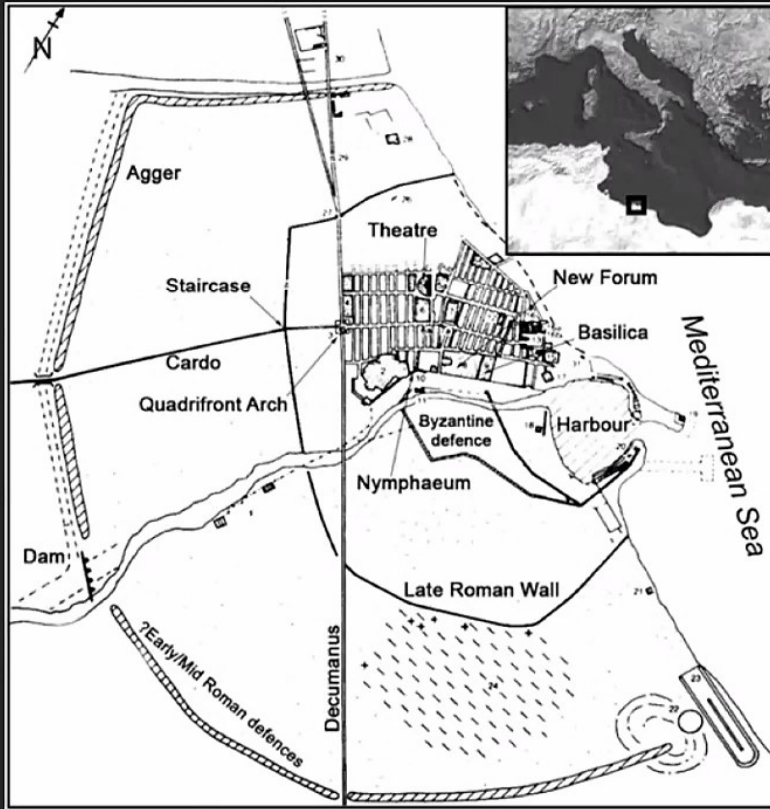


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The harbour of Lepcis Magna



The harbour of Lepcis Magna: earlier phases



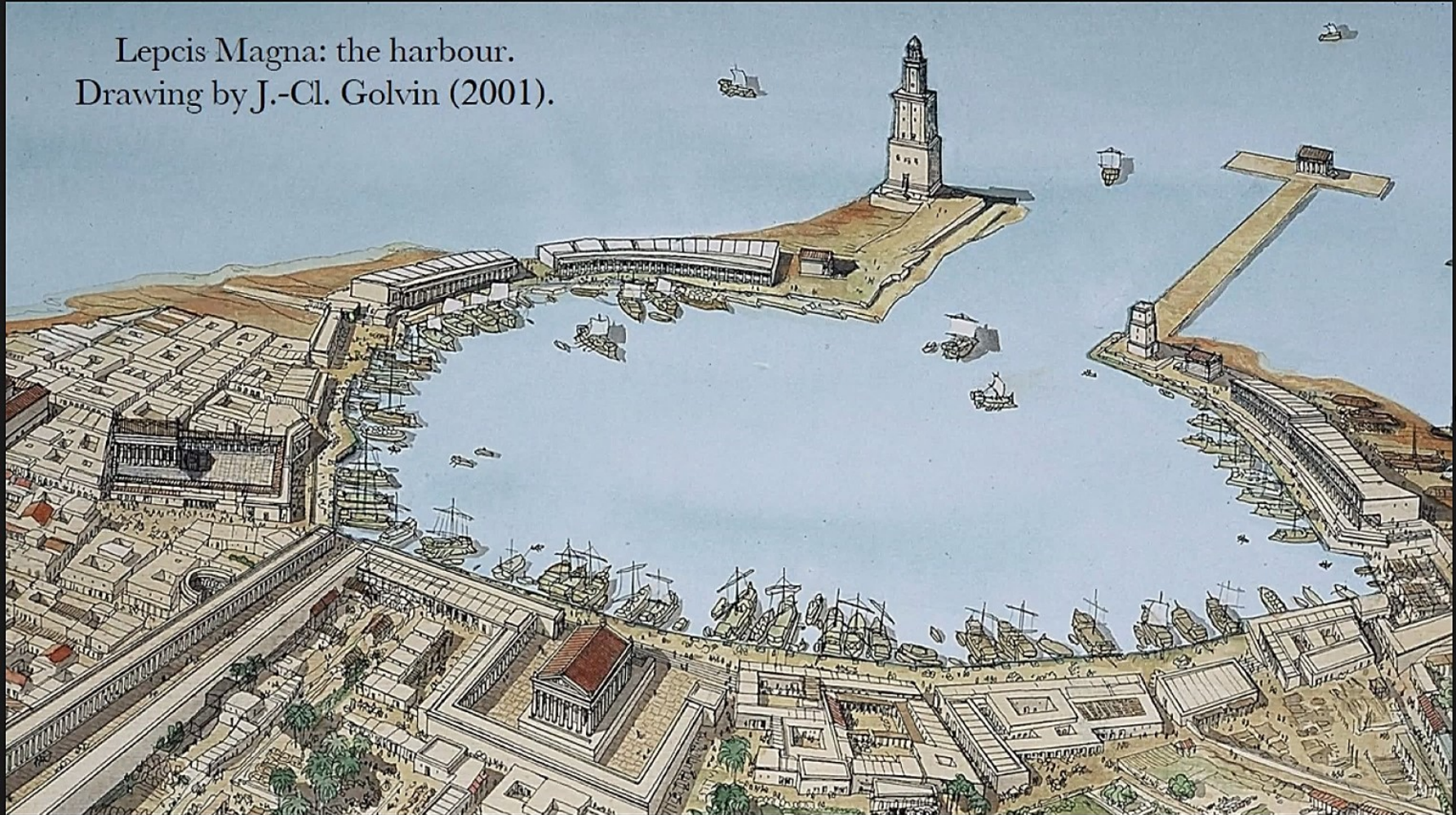
The harbour up to the reign of Claudius.
The small islands shelter the area
around the mouth of the Wadi Lebda.



The harbour after the Julio-Claudian
alteration (finished around 61/2 CE) and
before the damming of the Wadi Lebda
(likely early 2nd cent. CE)



Lepcis Magna: the harbour.
Drawing by J.-Cl. Golvin (2001).



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The harbour in Late Antiquity



Excavations inside the harbour basin attest that it silted up between the 6th and 7th centuries CE (Laronde 1996). Houses were built in the area.

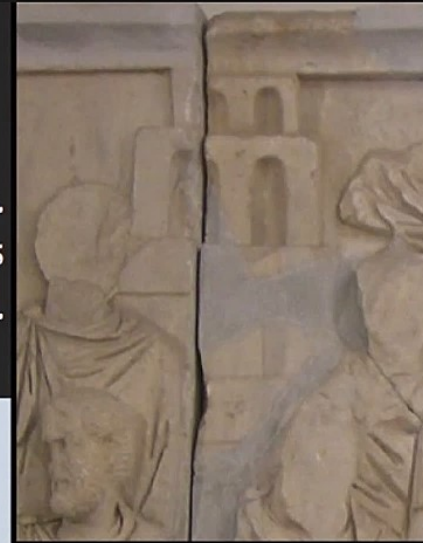


The lighthouse



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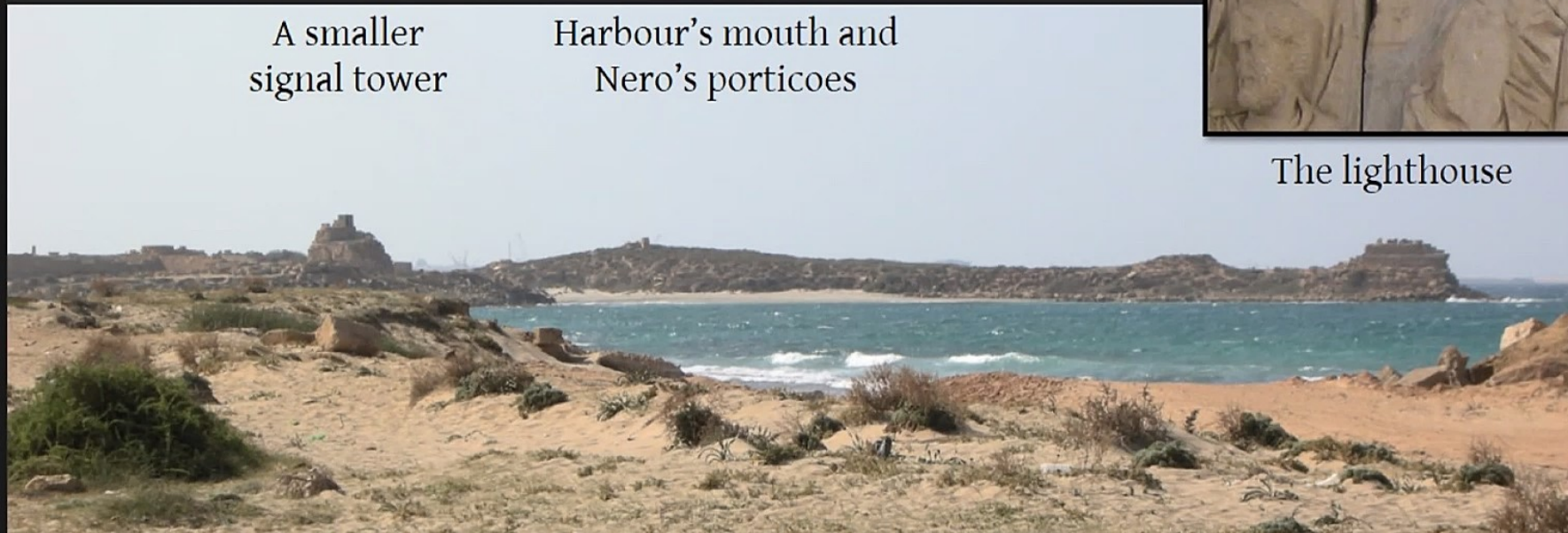
Leptis Magna, Arch of Septimius Severus.
The emperor's arrival. Detail with the harbour's
lighthouse on the background.



The lighthouse

A smaller
signal tower

Harbour's mouth and
Nero's porticoes



The docks and the signal tower



The portico(es) of Nero (IRT 341)



Blocks from inscribed architraves.
Two copies of the same text can be identified (i.e. there were at least two porticoes). Reign of Nero, 61/2 CE.



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A shrine on Lyd[- - -] island



Neo-Punic inscription mentioning a temple on Lyd[- - -] island. Augustan period.

One of two shrines on the opposite sides of the harbour mouth. Severan period.



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The Flavian temple

In 93 CE, a local suphetes built a huge temple near the mouth of the Wadi Lebda thanks to a bequest by [Clau]dia Pia and his own *summa honoraria*. Under the temple podium there is ample storage space.



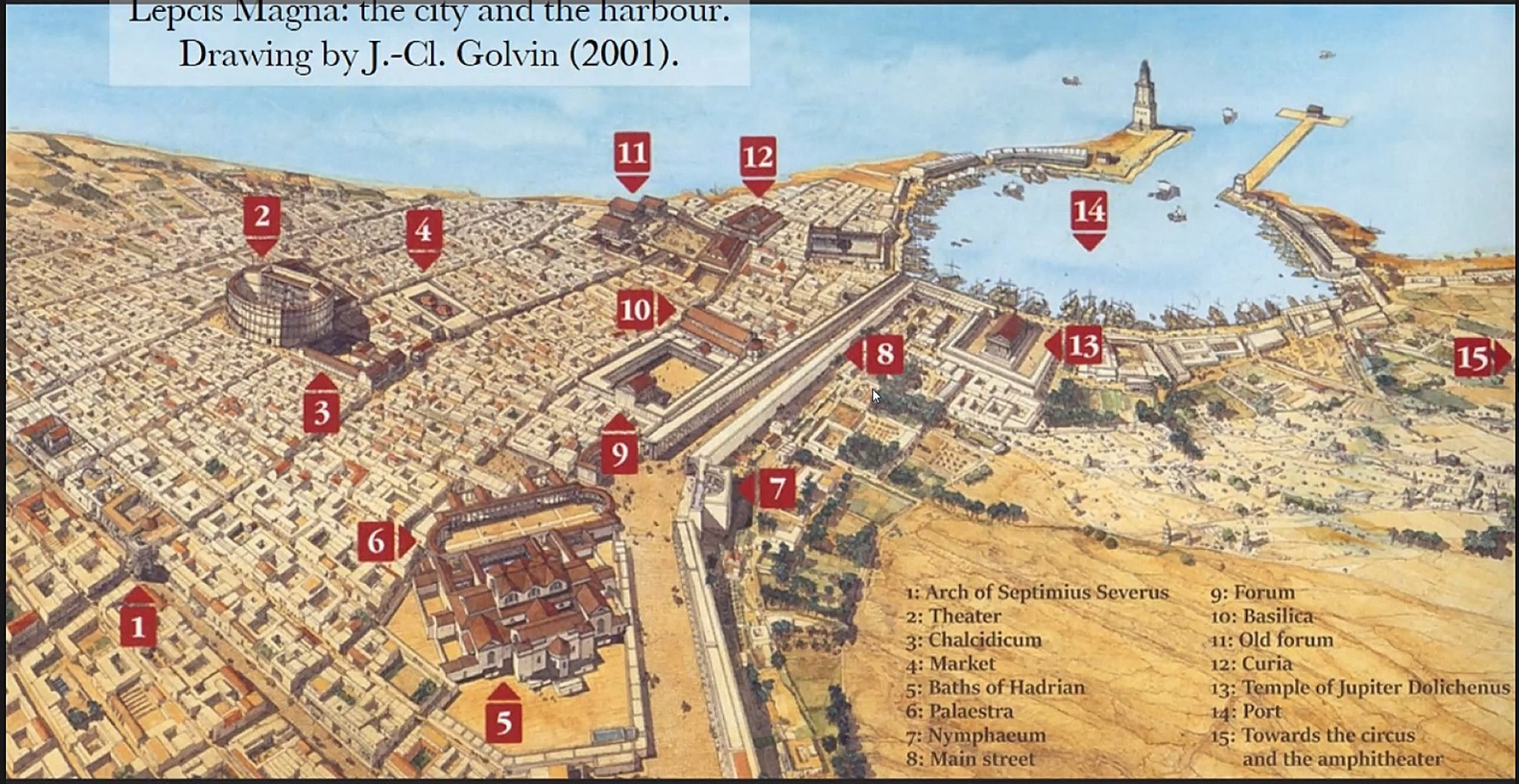
The temple of Juppiter Dolichenus

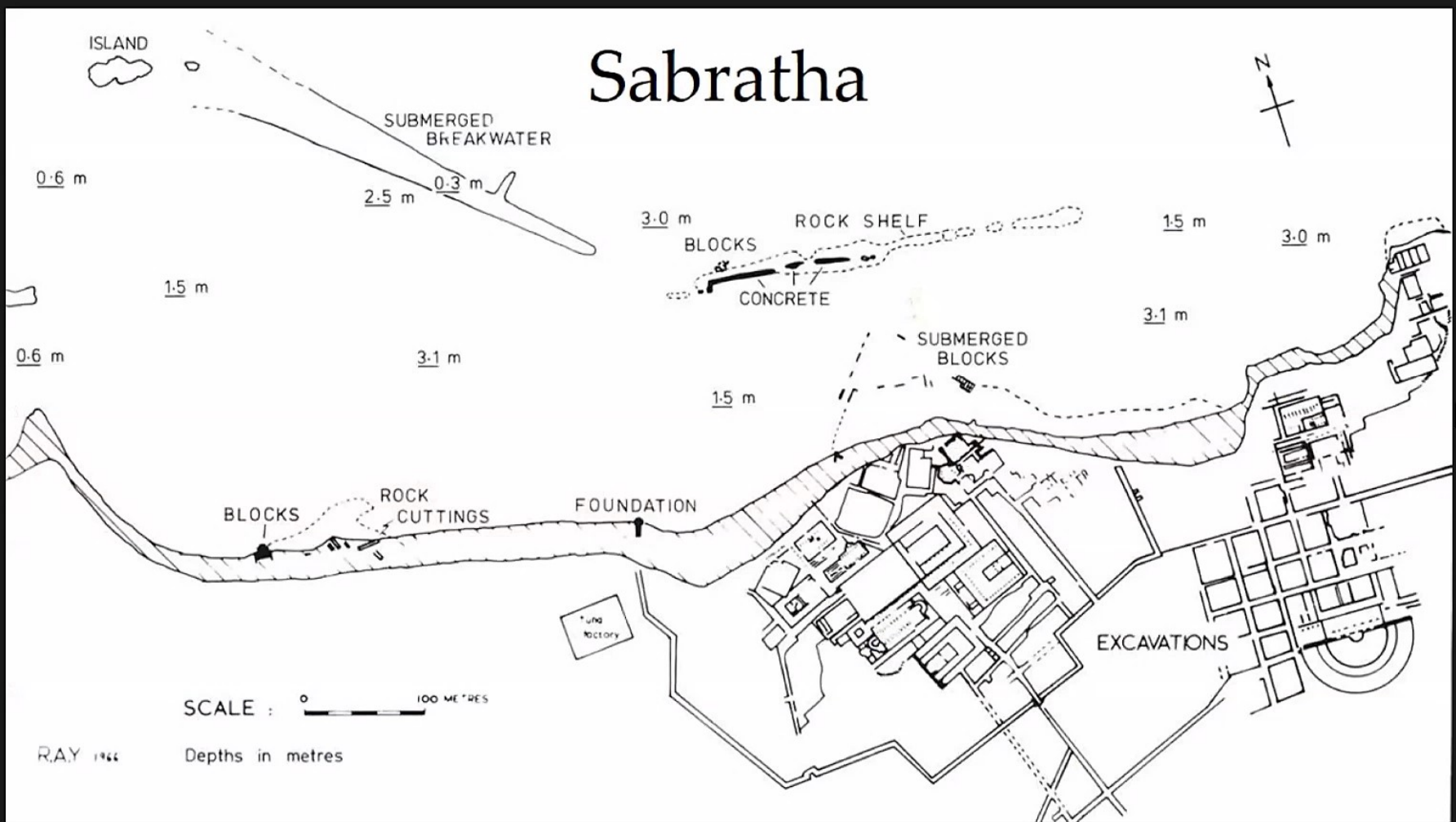


IRT 349a – IPT 9
Domitian's reign



Lepcis Magna: the city and the harbour.
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Sabratha and Rome



Ostia, "Piazzale delle Corporazioni".
Mosaic of the *Stat(io) Sabratensium*.

