Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2012 – 13th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date:	15 July 2012	Area:	NIP	Manager:	Schuler
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Squares	DH39	DI40					
Loci		1238					
Baskets		3115					
Walls							
Floors							

1. West Zone

- a. Continued work in Squares DH39 (with the NE corner of DH38 and the west edge of DG39)
 - Goal = identify the south end of the Beta Building and the function of the space intervening between it and the Alpha Building to the south
 - ii. Basket = none
 - iii. Starting elevation = 130.39
 - iv. Ending elevation = 130.004
 - v. Opened the portion of D39 north of W1945.
 - vi. Removed top layer of tractor fill
 - vii. Cleared to the level of the top of the west wall
 - viii. Interior of south wall not yet identified
 - ix. A small Byz capital is appearing in the fill ... floating
 - x. Little pottery in fill; none collected
- b. Continued work in Square DI40.
 - i. Goal = identify the structure and function of Beta Building
 - ii. Basket = 3115
 - iii. Starting elevation = 129.963
 - iv. Ending elevation = 129.809
 - v. Soil is Horizon B
 - vi. Lowered the south half of the square about 15 cm
 - vii. Removed easterly balk
 - viii. A floating column base is appearing in the fill, similar to the base in situ to the south
 - ix. Again, very little pottery recovered.

- x. Ceramic analysis
 - 1. Mainly dating from 6th to 8th
 - 2. Stratigraphic context: Sq.DI40
 - 3. Description: Small amount of pottery that consists of Beisan jar fragments, handmade jar shard
 - 4. Indicative wares: Storage jar\pipe from 6th-8th AD
- 2. Drew east room in House of Tyche. Corrected 0.4 m error in drawing of south doorway to the peristyle court

