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Project Title: Heavy Rock | Plymouth Sound

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Research Questions

- 1. How might a hidden military process be transformed into a public celebration of the Breakwater in Plymouth Sound as part of the protection of the city and its people?
- 2. How might the existing hierarchies of a Naval Base be inverted to highlight the workers involved in the vital construction of the wavebreakers?
- 3. Might the perceived social fluidity of an artists position further enable this temporary hierarchical rearrangement and what new connections can be made?
- 4. What methodologies might be used to challenge negative public perceptions of concrete from brutalist and inert to vital and poetic?
- 5. How can an art work, a mile out to sea on a structure without public access, and unseen unless at low tide, be held and defined in the public imagination on shore as a public work?