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CAPInv. 1261: Neomeniastai

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Black Sea Region
ii. Region	North coast of the Black Sea
iii. Site	Olbia

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Νεομηνιασταί (IGDOP 96)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Neomeniastai</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	l. vi BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	<i>Neomeniastai</i> : celebrations for the new moon (the first day of the month).
	Other:	<i>Neomeniastai</i> : the new moon (first day of the month)

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IGDOP 96 (l. vi BC).
Online Resources	IGDOP 96,a IGDOP 96,b IGDOP 96,c IGDOP 96,d
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Five graffiti on black-glazed cups with the same Greek text (gen. Νεομηνιαστέων, <i>Neomeniasteon</i>) and two with the same word in nominative ([Νεο]μηνιασταί, [<i>Neo</i>]meniastai).
i.c. Physical format(s)	Six fragments of black-glazed cups.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Olbia, in a <i>bothros</i> of the central <i>temenos</i> (excavations).

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	On the basis of their name, the group may have been involved in the cult of Apollo Νεομήνιος, <i>Neomenios</i> . For Apollo Νεομήνιος, <i>Neomenios</i> , (i.e. 'of the first day of the month') see <i>Od.</i> 20.156; Philochor. FGrH 328 F 88b (Lys., fr. 53); SEG 32, 337 (Athens, Kerameikos). For νεομηνιασταί, <i>neomeniastai</i> , of the Pontic Mother of Gods in Dionysopolis see CAPInv. 1156 .
iii. Bibliography	Harland, P.A. (2014), <i>Greco-Roman Associations: Text, Translations, and Commentaries, II. North Coast of the Black Sea, Asia Minor</i> . Berlin, Boston: 11. Rusjaeva, A.S. (2010), <i>Graffiti Ol'vii Ponticheskoi [Graffiti from Olbia Pontica]</i> . Simferopol: 30-1 nos. 20-24.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The terminology suggests a private association.