LADDER

Unique ID: MAS-F100106

Object type certainty: Certain
Workflow status: Published

These two timbers are two components of a companion ladder. The larger piece measures 1.14 m long by 0.15 m wide and based on the visible ridges to accommodate the stairs, would have been the left-hand side banister of the ladder. The smaller piece measures 0.56 m wide and is 20 mm thick. This piece is one of the stairs that would have fitted between both banisters and still slots in to one of the grooves on the remaining banister. The join is step and groove radiused rather than square cut.

Companion ladders or a companion way is usually steep but has treads or stairs rather than rungs typically seen on a ladder. Weight can be spread over a much larger area than concentrated on the surface of the small rungs of a ladder therefore it is possible to carry much heavier loads up and down these ladders. Companionways on modern vessels now tend to be made of aluminium, however on wooden sailing vessels and fishing vessels, wooden ladders may still be used, therefore it is difficult to date these pieces.

Class: Tools and equipment **Sub class:** Companion ladder

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: With finder
Subsequent action after recording: Submitted as wreck to the Receiver of Wreck

Wreck details

Droit number: 222/17

Chronology

Broad period: NINETEENTH CENTURY
Period from: NINETEENTH CENTURY
Period to: MODERN

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 2

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Wednesday 23rd August 2017

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.
Recorded by: A BB
Identified by: A BB

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Secondary identifier: V L

Other reference numbers

Droit ID: 222/17

Materials and construction

Primary material: Wood
Completeness: Fragment

Spatial metadata

County or Unitary authority: East Sussex (County)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TQ4400
Four figure Latitude: 50.78170298
Four figure longitude: 0.04126088
1:25K map: TQ4400
1:10K map: TQ40SW
Display four figure position on What3Words
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Fishing
Current location: With finder

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