VALVE

Unique ID: MAS-D100228

Object type certainty: Certain
Workflow status: Published

This copper alloy valve has a spherical central body with three sperate connections. One of the connections has a 25 mm long male thread evident, whilst the remaining two are concealed by concretion. One of the connections is probably a female thread entry and the third of the connections an elbow pipe union. The diameter of the connections is approximately 30 mm. Overall dimensions are approximately 100 mm by 100 mm.

The exact purpose of such a valve is not immediately apparent, though it likely relates to the vessels' operation and machinery rather than any cargo. As a coal powered steam vessel it may relate to the steam system employed or, probably more likely, relates to management of water around the vessel.

Notes:

This item was found with a glass bottle (MAS-D100227).

These items were recovered from the wreck SS *Latona*. Built in 1856 in the United States by J S & J R Wolf, the SS Latona was a steam ship registered in Liverpool, UK. Whilst on passage from London to Genoa the Latona collided with the SS Silistria on the 30th January 1876 off Shakespeare Cliff, Dover. Though she sank immediately the crew were saved by the Silistria, which was subsequently taken in tow to London. Items, including spoons, have been recovered from the wreck site with the spoons bearing the vessels name used to identify the remains. NRHE and East Sussex HER reference numbers cited in this record refer to the wreck of SS *Latona*.

Class: Unassigned

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: With finder

Wreck details

Droit number: 303/18

Chronology

Broad period: NINETEENTH CENTURY
Period from: NINETEENTH CENTURY
Period to: NINETEENTH CENTURY
Date from: Exactly AD 1856
Date to: Exactly AD 1876

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

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Length: 100 mm

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Sunday 16th September 2018

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.
Recorded by: Mr Robbie Trevelyan

Other reference numbers

NRHE monument number: 813423
Other reference: Kent HER: TR 23 SE 23
Droit ID: 303/18

Materials and construction

Primary material: Copper alloy
Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

County or Unitary authority: Kent (County)

Spatial coordinates

4 Figure: TR2833
Four figure Latitude: 51.05106676
Four figure longitude: 1.25173598
1:25K map: TR2833
1:10K map: TR23SE
Display four figure position on What3Words
Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 1 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Unknown
Discovery circumstances: Dover, known locally as SS Latona
Current location: With finder

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