WATER CRAFT EQUIPMENT

Unique ID: MAS-D100032

Object type certainty: Certain
Workflow status: Published

A wooden belaying pin, approximately 0.4 m in length.

Belaying pins are either solid metal or wooden objects used on sailing ships to secure the running rigging. They are still seen today on traditional square rigged ships and replica vessels. More modern sailing vessels have tended to replace them with fixed cleats. Their design has little changed, comprising a rounded handle and cylindrical shaft of varying length and thickness, dependant on the workload placed on it. The shaft would fit into holes in pinrails, which lined the inside of the bulwarks around the base of the ship's mast, or a fife rail, which was a free-standing rail set on posts to hold the belaying pins to secure the ship's halyards. The ropes or lines would be wrapped around the pin in a figure of eight pattern to secure them. Similarly designed pins, known as thole pins, were inserted into the gunwales to act as a fulcrum for oars on small boats.

Notes:

This item was found along with two pulley sheeves (MAS-D100049) and a marble tile (MAS-D100050).

Class: TRANSPORT **Sub class:** WATER CRAFT EQUIPMENT

Subsequent actions

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

Wreck details

Droit number: 032/17

Chronology

Broad period: POST MEDIEVAL
Period from: POST MEDIEVAL
Period to: NINETEENTH CENTURY

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Tuesday 14th March 2017

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Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.
Recorded by: A BB
Identified by: A BB
Secondary identifier: V L

Other reference numbers

Droit ID: 032/17

Materials and construction

Primary material: Wood
Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

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