



# MARINE ANTIQUITIES SCHEME

## GUIDE: PHOTOGRAPHY



### WHY ARE PHOTOGRAPHS IMPORTANT?

The photographs that we receive of new finds are very important as they help us to identify them. Photographs provide a lot of information about each find and can be sent to specialists around the country.

### TIPS

- Make sure there is a scale in the photo – you can use a ruler or known object, such as a coin or pen, to help show the size of the find.
- To avoid light spots in the photo, make sure any excess water is wiped off.
- Ensure the photo is taken at the highest resolution possible and in focus.
- Photograph each find individually, not as a group.
- Take up to 10 photos at different angles; the more photographs and views, the easier it is to identify the find.
- Take close-up photos of markings or features that you think are unusual or important.

### CHECKLIST

Can someone tell from the photos:

- The size of the find
- The shape of the find
- The material of the find
- Any unusual markings

**There is a statutory obligation to report wreck to the Receiver of Wreck, part of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.**

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