

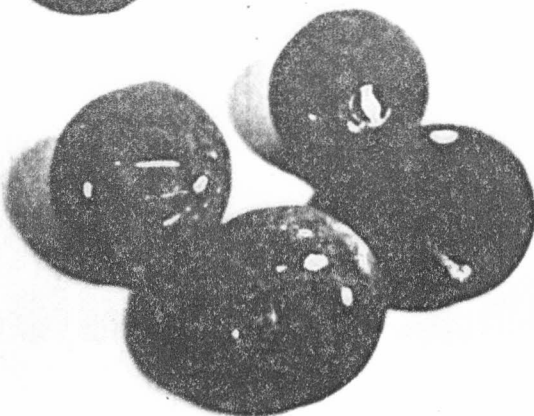
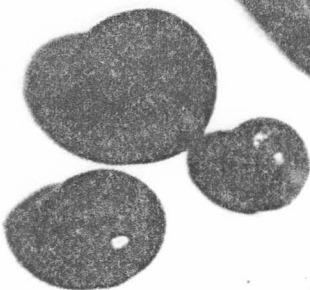
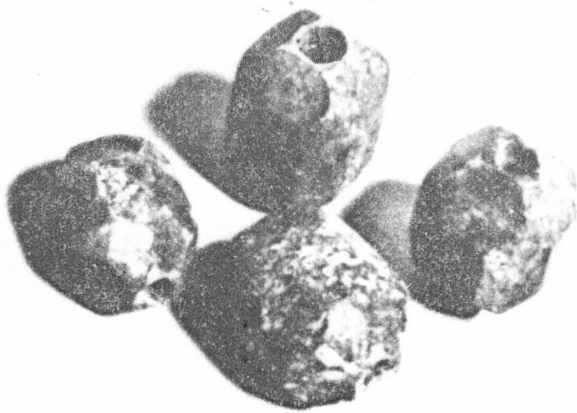


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A HISTORY OF SEAFARING

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Underwater Archaeology



24 Beads of various sorts were among the objects found at the site of the *San Antonio* wreck. Above is a selection from these, representing (from top to bottom): steatite faceted beads; trade beads of coral coloured glass; an aggerly bead of red, yellow and blue glass, used in the African slave trade; rosary beads of ivory; rosary beads made from tropical plant seeds, from the South Pacific.

25 Fragments of Spanish majolica were recovered from the wreck of the *San Antonio*. The passengers' meals were in all probability served on crockery of this kind.

P. 272 The *San Antonio* set sail from Cartagena, Colombia in 1621 on its way to Spain. It sank off Bermuda.

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17-19 Swivel-cannon found on the hard bottom of Lake Champlain. When first seen, the cannon lay at a depth of 32 feet (17), but it was not until it was raised that the full extent of the corrosion became evident (18). The weapon, after cleaning, was found to be almost as new (19). The markings indicated that it was of British make and early eighteenth-century date. The bore had been sealed with a cork stopper and remained practically dry for 209 years at the bottom of the lake. Close examination showed that the gun was fully charged and ready to fire. The charge was carefully removed and was found to be a combination small boat and anti-personnel type, in a perfect state of preservation.

20 A pin, beads, and jewellery from the *Halifax*, a British-built ship which sank in Lake Ontario in the late eighteenth century. The pin (of modern pin size) has a head made from a fine strip of wire wrapped about the shaft. The beads, though very small, look larger under water, much as they appear in the photo. The three pieces at the bottom of the grouping are parts of a single item of jewellery. The cut-glass 'gem' is backed by the polished silver reflector (centre) which is then encased in the pewter shell (left). It was probably attached with a loop to the clothing.

21 Top of barrel recovered from the *Halifax*. It shows deep carved numerals which identified not only the contents but the lot number, date, weight, etc. At the top section can be seen the 'broad arrow', the mark of British Government property.

22 Light filters down through the algae and plankton to cast an eerie gloom over the sunken hulk of the *Halifax*. This photo was taken from astern, looking forward past the stern-post supports. The absence of toredo worms in fresh water,

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