

Thorness Bay Protected Wreck Site

The Thorness Bay wreck is the remains of an unidentified wooden merchant sailing ship. The design and construction, as well as artefacts found on the site, suggest it is from the mid to late 19th century.

The Thorness Bay Wreck was officially archaeologically investigated in 2011 during fieldwork for Phase two of the New Forest Rapid Coastal Zone Assessment. The site came to the attention of the project through Dave Wendes of Wight Spirit dive charters. Dave has found and researched numerous wrecks in the waters off the Isle of Wight. These and others can be found in his book, *South Coast Shipwrecks*. The results of the 2011 fieldwork led to its protection in 2013 under the Protection of Wrecks Act. Under the act all access to the site requires a licence that can be gained through contacting Historic England.

This slate is intended to give you a simple way to navigate around the site. You can find out more about each of the stations at www.cloudtour.tv/thorness

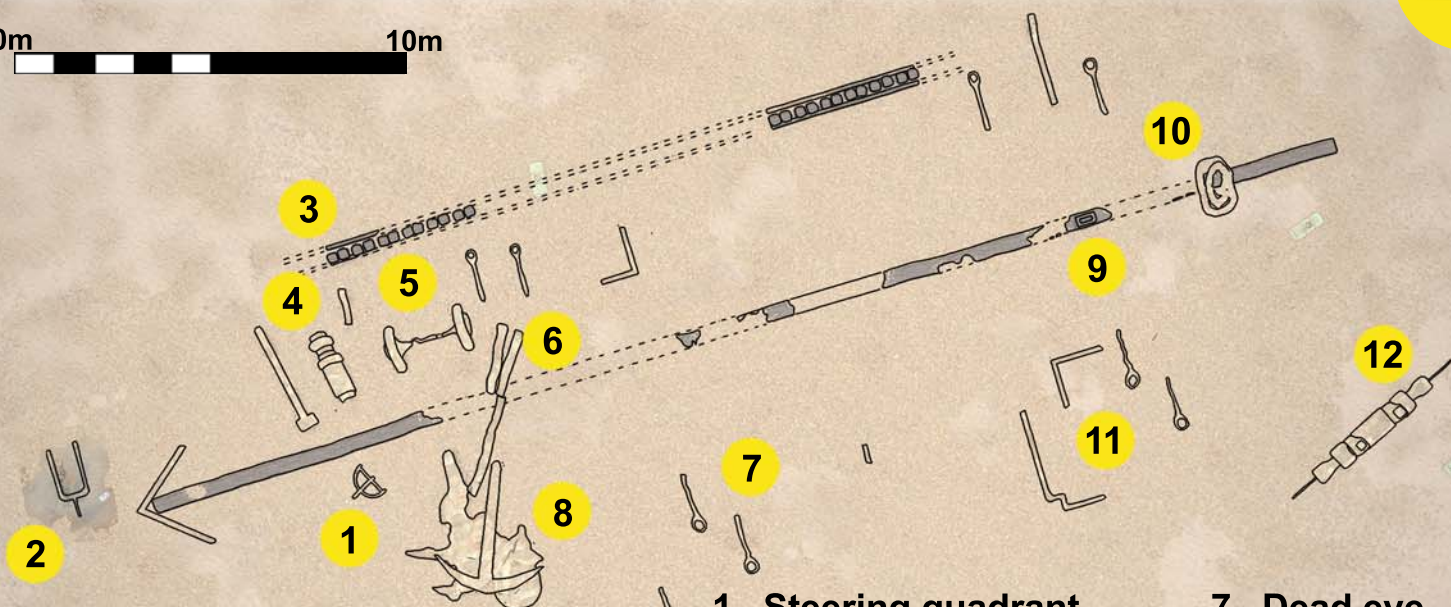
We would encourage all divers to take photos at each of the points to help us monitor the site. Photos can be shared online with @HE_Maritime and submitted to the Thorness Bay entry on the National Heritage List for England: <https://bit.ly/2O7z9jH>



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| 1 | Steering quadrant | 7 | Dead eye |
| 2 | Rudder pintle | 8 | Anchor |
| 3 | Port side framing | 9 | Step in keelson |
| 4 | Deck winch or capstan | 10 | Iron riders |
| 5 | Bilge pump | 11 | Iron knees |
| 6 | Pump tubes | 12 | Windlass |

