Mica Shipwreck Project: Deepwater Archaeological Investigation of a 19th Century Shipwreck in the Gulf of Mexico

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The Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, announces the availability of a new study report, Mica Shipwreck Project: Deepwater Archaeological Investigation of a 19th Century Shipwreck in the Gulf of Mexico.

This report presents the findings of a study that was conducted to evaluate the historical significance of a 200-year-old, copper-clad shipwreck in the Mississippi Canyon area of the Gulf of Mexico. The objectives of this study were (1) to determine the extent and limits of the site; (2) to obtain a sample of diagnostic artifacts in order to identify the temporal period of the shipwreck and its mission at the time of its loss; (3) to determine the type of ship and, if possible, its country of origin, and the reason for its loss; and (4) to understand the relationship of the vessel’s construction to its function.

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