

Imperial cognac «De Haartman & Co» and liquor «Benedictine»
for Nikolas II

From collection:
«Salvaged From The Deep Blue Sea»

The last of the last shipment of fine
exclusive alcohol to Russian Czar Nikolas
The Second



The project to search and salvage the valuable cargo from the Swedish ship s/s “Kyros” that sank on May 19, 1917 began 20 years ago. It is completed now.





On October 22, the salvage vessel “DeepSea Worker” arrived in Sweden with a cargo of more than 110-year-old cognac and liquor, salvaged from the s/s “Kyros” steamer that sank in 1917.



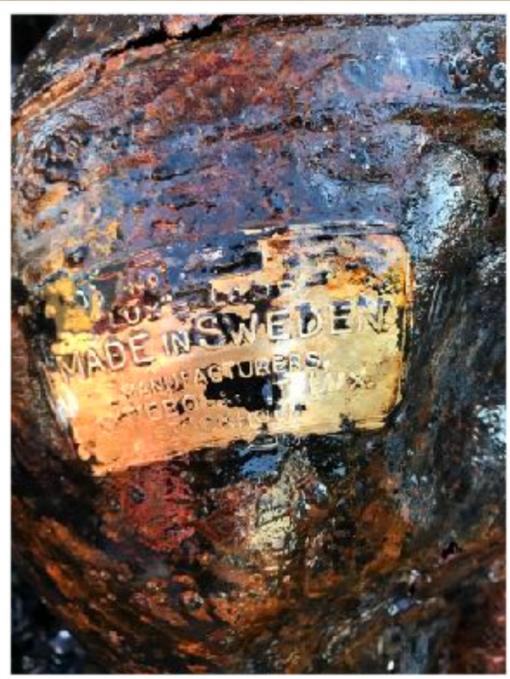
The Swedish company “Ocean X Team” AB and the Icelandic company “iXplorer ehf” this time worked on a specially equipped research vessel “Deepsea Worker” and salvaged the bottles of the cognac “De Haartman & Co” and the famous liquor “Benedictine” (now the brand belongs to Bacardi) with depths of 77 meters in the international waters of the Gulf of Bothnia.



50 boxes of cognac and 15 boxes of liquor were loaded on s/s “Kyros” and had to be delivered from France to St. Petersburg (Russian Empire) through neutral Sweden in December 1916. But, due to severe ice conditions in the Gulf of Bothnia, transportation was delayed until May 1917.

S/s “Kyros” was stopped at sea by the German submarine “UC58” on May 19, 1917. The submarine commander Karl Vesper, after stopping the ship and inspecting the cargo, decided to sink the s/s “Kyros”, considering the main cargo to be of military importance, and the subversive team launched the ship to the bottom, laying explosives at the keel of the ship. The s/s “Kyros” crew safely reached the Swedish coast by lifeboat. On the same day, the UC58 sent several Swedish transport vessels to the bottom the same way.





The shipwreck s/s “Kyros” has been heavily damaged by fishing trawls over many years of stay at the bottom of the Baltic Sea. Since the first discovery of the sunken ship in 1999 the team of researchers cleared the wreckage of the ship from the nets to allow divers and underwater robots (ROVs) to access the sunken cargo along with the shipwreck.

In addition to the unique cognac and liquor, we managed to pick up several objects of undoubted interest for historians. The salvaged items will be exhibit on thematic exhibitions in Moscow, St. Petersburg and London.



The importance of this discovery and salvage of the artifacts cannot be overestimated, because this is not only the find of rare cognac and liquor, but also part of the history of the great country collapsed in 1917.

Icelandic company iXplorer invites you to touch history and become the owner of rare alcohol

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