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## Watch FOX19 Ten O'Clock News for Meghan's Report **Ohio River Find Could Be Century Old Boat**

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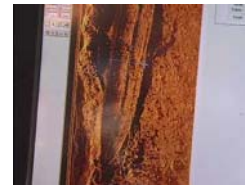
An exciting discovery at the bottom of the Ohio River. In a FOX19 exclusive, you will see a sunken treasure that's been a secret for more than a hundred years.

And as FOX19's Meghan Mongillo explains finding it was an accident.



A secret, a century old, has been hiding in the murky water of the Ohio River.

It was uncovered by Boone County Water Rescue.



The team was out doing it's typical training with sonar equipment and they almost missed it.

Michael Bean said "When we first came across it when you look here see the front of a other boat, only 15 feet in length. A day later doing scans and we came back across the Ohio side into Kentucky and that's when we found the big part of it."

This was the image recorded.

Vertical lines curve the entire length of the screen.

If you can believe it - in real size it's over 200 feet long.

You are looking at the first picture of a fully intact wooden ship.

The team measures it with computer software.

"So from side to side we'll call it 35 feet."

This sunken ship was discovered a year ago..but since Boone County Water rescue is all volunteers they didn't had time to investigate further.

This summer they'll try again.

First with this underwater camera.

Though it may be difficult, as you can see tree branches are easy to pick out, but mud and silt covered wood isn't.

The team will also send divers with cameras eqipt to their helmets to see what's under the water.

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The ship could look a little like a 1800's British vessel that sailed the Ohio River as a tourist

attraction.

It's a guess right now, but Captain Dale Apple thinks our "Cincinnati Titanic" is a large transport barge from the 1900's.

"The boat would have been around before locks and dams so geared for not to waterlevels. So how it go there, what it transported before it sank," said Captain Dale Apple of the Boone County Water Level.

For now the ships identity remains a mystery.

Oh..and don't go looking for.

The team wouldn't give any information on where it is - they don't want modern day pirates stealing their treasure.

Boone County Water Rescue is going to work with experts. They feel it'll be an important historical find.

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