

1715 ANNIVERSARY TREASURE RECOVERY

On the 30th and 31st of July, 2015, a FABULOUS hoard of Gold Coins was recovered from the wreck off Corrigan's Beach by the crew of the *CAPITANA*. No wonder that Brent Brisben and his father, William, owners of 1715Fleet—Queen's Jewels, LLC, did not make it to the Fleet Society Banquet on Thursday...

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Ellie and I arrived at Capt. Hiram's at 9:30 a.m. We were the first and only ones there! (Whew!) Next to arrive was Koji Tsuchiya from TBS (Tokyo Broadcasting System) in Japan ... plus his audio/video crew and equipment. Others slowly crept in until just before 11:00, when the crowd came in. Diver Chris Tisack was the first to recognize us and came over to chat. Sebastian Police Force members Tim Wood, Steve Marcinik, and Richard Snell provided the security during the transfer of the goodies and for the gathering. Clyde Kuntz was also keeping an eye on things.



The news brief, opened by Brent Brisben at just about 11:00, was covered by reporters/cameramen from several periodicals, including *PLVS VLTRA Newsletter*, while news crews from local TV Channels 9, 12, and 13 cranked away with *their* cameras. A FOX News reporter (CH 35) also recorded the activities for his local station and, I guess, for the national coverage. Brent was eloquent in his delivery (again), and his crew Jonah Martinez, William Bartlett, and Dan Beckingham also were very impressive with each one's perspective of the discovery, and all four fielded questions from the attendees very well! [More details in November's *PLVS VLTRA*]

The gold? Oh, it was magnificent! I drooled all over the glass cover on the case. We were told that over 350 gold coins were recovered to date, and that included the nine Mexican Royal 8-escudo pieces, seven dated 1711 and two dated 1712. Among the other coins were specimens from the mints at Bogotá, Cuzco and Lima, and maybe one from Sevilla. The denominations ranged from one-escudo to eight-escudos and included many two- and some four-escudos* (my quick observation). *or possibly wide-planchet two-escudos —ER

350 PIECES OF GOLD! From 8-escudos to 1-escudos...Gems All! Four Colonial Mints (+) and Four (maybe) Denominations represented here.



NINE "ROYAL" 8-ESCUDOS. Seven are dated 1711, and 2 are dated 1712!

