

Basic Detail Report

POW Ship Model of the 'St. Lucia'

Date

unknown

Medium

bone, some painted; baleen; copper alloy; wood, some painted; paper; linen/cotton line

Description

A fine, important and elegantly proportioned model of a 2-decker, 2nd-rate ship of the line of 92 guns made by French Prisoners of War during the Napoleonic wars (1794-1815), while captive in Britain. Its hull has pinned bone planking and baleen wales and a carved figurehead of a nude lady. The model has a finely carved stern, quarter galleries and balustrading. The three masts have full standing and running rigging. The model stands on a marquetry base with a geometric design and bone and wood balustrade.

Dimensions

Overall (model): 47.6 × 23.4 × 66.4 cm (18 3/4 × 9 3/16 × 26 1/8 in.) Hull: 12.3 × 10.3 × 48.8 cm (4 13/16 × 4 1/16 × 19 3/16 in.)