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Shipwreck found at Warder

A wreck of a sixteenth-century ship was found this week in Markermeer near Warder. The discovery was made during archaeological research by the district water board within the framework of the dyke improvement.

The ship is from the sixteenth century. It is not known which ship or when it sank. That will need further investigation. A first "visit" to the wreck by employees of Hoogheemraadschap Hollands Noorderkwartier (HHNK) [Water Board, North Holland District] resulted in at least two finds: a bowl and a jug.

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According to spokesperson Renie Hylkema, further research is being carried out by the National Service for Cultural Heritage. "The wreck is not affecting the dyke improvement work, but we think it is important that it is dealt with properly. On Friday morning, a diver from the Rijksdienst will carry out a further investigation."

According to Hylkema, it is not remarkable to find a ship at Warder. A shipwreck was also found, at the end of last year, a few kilometres away in the port of Hoorn. This wreck also came to light when people from the district water board were investigating the coastal strip between Amsterdam and Hoorn. According to Hylkema: "The 'Hoornse Hop' is a real ship's graveyard. It was an important port in the late Middle Ages."

Hans Hellingman of Historical Association Warder is surprised by the discovery of the ship. "There were many seafarers in Warder at the time, but we don't know anything about a port."