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Ancient shipwreck discovered near Aeolian Islands

Divers specially trained in Florida's deep underwater caves have discovered cargo from ancient Greek shipwrecks in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Italy



By Myles Burke, and AP, video source APTN

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Divers have discovered ancient cargo in a ship that sank thousands of years ago when **Rome** ruled most of the known world.

The Florida-based divers and archaeologists descended 410 feet in a submarine into dark Mediterranean waters and found a collection of amphorae, or large urns, used to move olives, wine and other cargo in the ancient world.

They also discovered a sacrificial altar inscribed with **Greek** lettering.

The government has asked the divers – with Gainesville-based Global Underwater Explorers – to catalogue the precious items, and to return to help excavate the items.

Footage released by Global Underwater Explorers showed the divers in action off the coast of Panarea, the second smallest of the eight Aeolian Islands, on 15 September.

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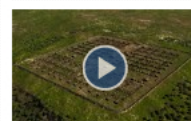
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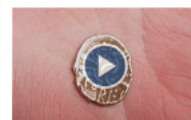
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islands, on 13 September.

The Italian government previously discovered the wrecked Panarea II and III vessels in a deep area of Capistello Bay, but the remains were in water too deep for most divers.

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