

Mary Celeste

The brigantine Mary Celeste set sail from New York harbour on 7th November 1872 to Genoa Italy, with a cargo of alcohol.

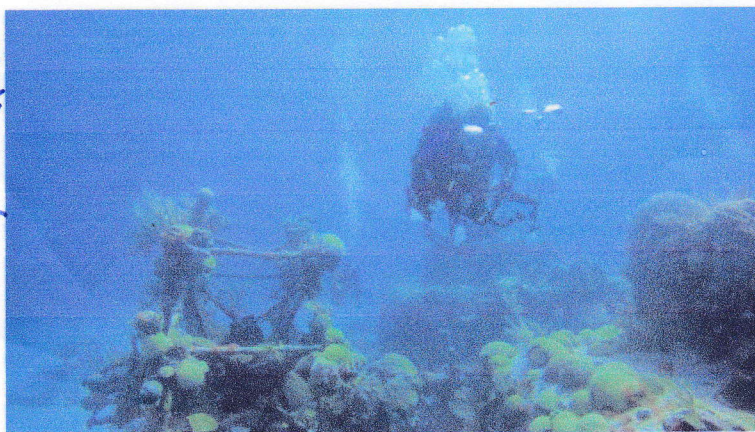


Benjamin S Briggs was the Captain, also on board was his wife, Sarah and 2 year old daughter, Sophia and eight crewman.

On 5th December, the ship Dei Gratia spotted the Mary Celeste adrift 400 miles east of the 'A' zones, with no one aboard! The ship was undamaged, but with water in the hold and a missing life boat. It was also loaded with 6 months worth of food and water.



Mary Celeste would sail under different owners for 12 years before its last owner deliberately ran it aground in Haiti as part of an attempted insurance fraud.



In 2001 the Mary Celeste wreckage was supposedly found by Clive Cussler but this was later dismissed as the wood from the wreck wasn't old enough.