

An Overview of the Byzantine Period Rigging Equipment found at the Yenikapı Excavations

(Orkan Köyağasıođlu, Institute of Nautical Archaeology, Bodrum Research Center)

During the excavations carried out between 2004 and 2014 under the direction of Istanbul Archeology Museums within the scope of Marmaray-Metro transportation projects in the area where Theodosian Harbor (Portus Theodosiacus) of Constantinople is located in Yenikapı, İstanbul a total of 37 shipwrecks belonging to different dates from the 5th to the 11th centuries were found. Additionally, many different types of rigging and ships' equipment used by Byzantine seafarers were also discovered.

This talk will share information obtained as a result of preliminary investigations of many different types of blocks and rigging equipment, particularly halyard blocks, single sheaved blocks, and toggles from the Yenikapı excavations.