

① Most areas frequented by divers and snorkelers are within the boundaries of National Parks; the *Columbus Landfall National Park* in Grand Turk, the *Admiral Cockburn Land & Sea Park* in South Caicos and the *Princess Alexandra National Park* in Providenciales. Everything in these areas is protected by law. Not just the fish, corals and plants, but pre-historic and historic sites and artifacts, too. Nothing, animate or inanimate, may be removed from these protected areas.

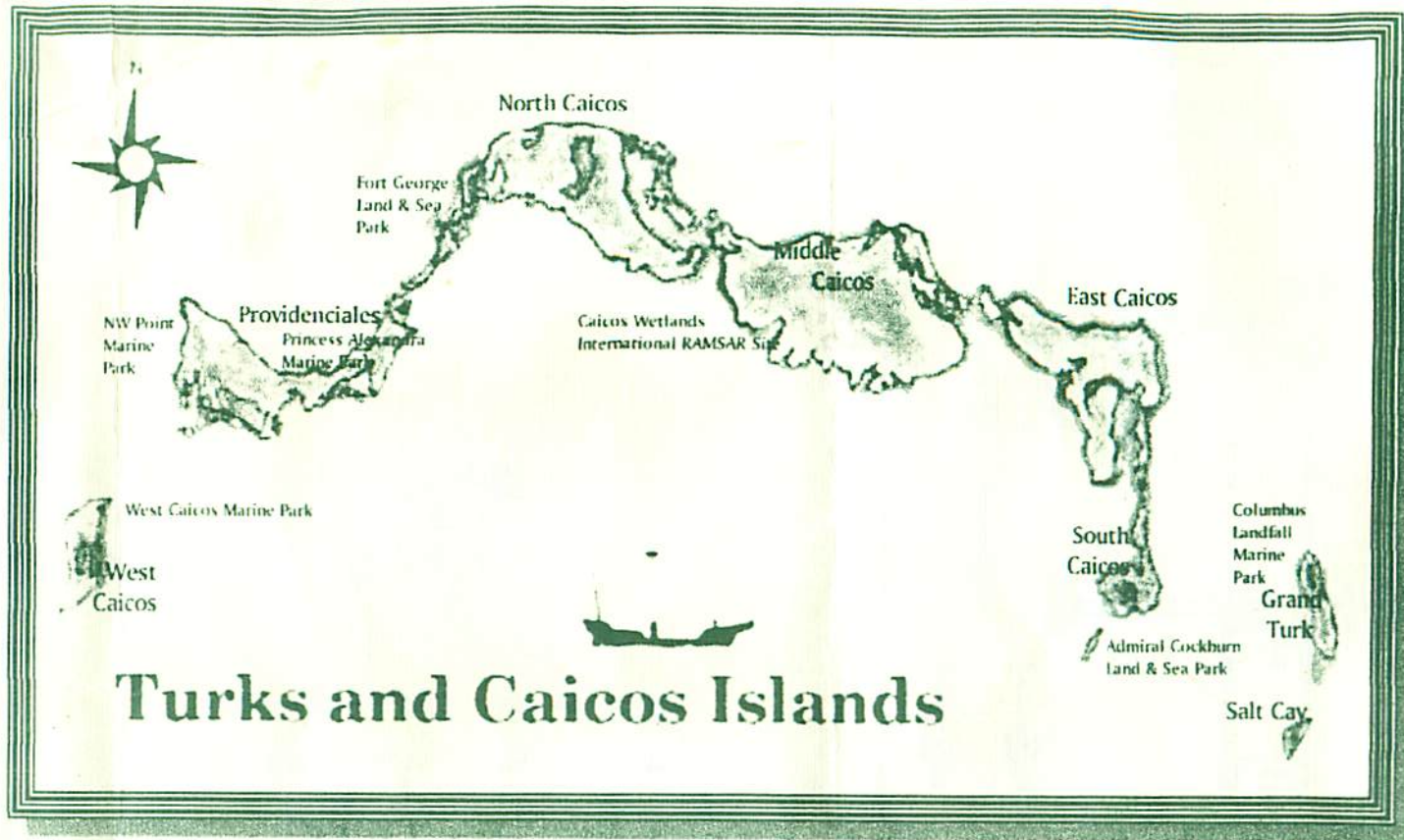
② The ownership of all property found below the high tide line rests in the Crown, the Government of the Turks & Caicos Islands, not the finder. Nothing is yours to claim or keep.

③ Metal objects, especially those of iron or steel, when removed from long years of

submersion in sea water, will corrode at an accelerated rate. The cannonball that has remained in good condition in the sea for 200 years will become a pile of rust flakes in a little as a year without expensive and time-consuming conservation work. Submerged artifacts of iron or steel are actually better off in the stable environment of the sea.

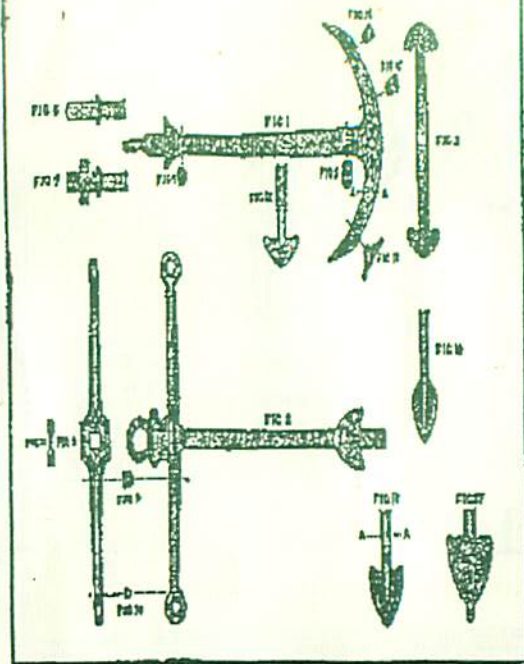
④ Taking an artifact from its archeological context, without careful data collection, renders it useless as an historical object. The "knowledge value" of an artifact lies in its position in the site and its associations with other objects. On its own, without a provenance, it is a valueless curio.

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Turks and Caicos Islands

COMMANDER WILLIAM RODGER'S
PATENT DOUBLE-CONCAVE SMALL-PAIRED ANCHOR.



Enjoy our country. Enjoy both the natural beauty and the interesting history. But, please... help us to preserve them for visitors to come and the people of the Turks & Caicos .



If you think you have located an object of historical significance, please get in touch with the organizations listed below.



Dept. Of Environment & Coastal Resources

Grand Turk	Ph.	649-946-2970 or -2855
	Fax	649-946-1895
South Caicos	Ph/Fax	649-946-3306
Providenciales	Ph.	649-946-4017
	Fax	649-941-3063



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Grand Turk	Ph.	649-946-2160
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ATTENTION
DIVERS
&
SNORKELERS

The Turks & Caicos Islands have a Colonial history almost 300 years old. Indian occupation reaches back more than 1200 years. In that long period of time, many objects have ended up in the Sea around our Islands. Whether these objects were lost overboard or were intentionally dumped, they have become part of the underwater landscape.

The Government of the Turks & Caicos and the Turks & Caicos National Museum request that if you find an object while diving or snorkeling, that you leave it in place.