

## A Census of 1703 H Lima 8 Escudos.

Seven 1703 onzas are known to our census, four with 1715 Fleet provenance. No 1703's are in the Florida State Collection and none came to Division. 34,562 onzas were struck at Lima in June through December of 1703. Curiously, it seems the 1703 mintage began with a substantial re-using of 1702 dies and Hapsburg punches. Two surviving 1703's shows us the Bourbon crown of Philip V.

1. 1703. Tampa Treasury Seizure Sale (2003) lot 58. Purchased by Dr Alan Craig for \$13,250. Resold in May of 2008 at Sedwick Treasure Sale #3, lot 8, for \$17,250. Next in a May, 2020 Sedwick Treasure Sale 27, lot 10. Realized \$38,675.

NGC 62 1715 Fleet (tied for finest at NGC). Large odd H, choice Bourbon crown (the second 1703 with a Bourbon crown). No overdate. HISPAN cross. Arguably the finest surviving 1703 Lima onza.



2. 1703/2. Sedwick Treasure Sale 14 (Oct 2013), lot 14. NGC MS 62 1715 Fleet. Tied with previous for finest at NGC, no other MS coins known. Realized \$47,000. Large H, Hapsburg crown, messy 3/2 overdate. HISPAN cross.





3. 1703. NGC AU 55 1715 Fleet. Small H, poorly struck Hapsburg crown. HISPAN cross. Private internet offering by Pirate Gold, fall 2017, for \$45,000; reduced to \$32,500 in Oct 2019.

4. 1703/2. Karon specimen. Ponterio, April 2008 lot 1070. AU, uncertified, and with mounting marks on rim. Very likely 1715 Fleet, with Fleet cert from Karon. Small H, Hapsburg crown, overdate. Sold for 5800 euros (about \$8000)





5. 1703. Kunker-Aureo specimen. Aureo 3/12/13, lot 6. XF uncertified. Not Fleet. Large H, Hapsburg crown, no overdate. Sold at Aureo for 10,000 euros; previously sold at Kunker in Sept. 2010 for 7400 euros.

6. 1703, Ibercoin specimen. Ibercoin Sept 2012, lot 272. VF+, used in jewelry. Not Fleet. Large H, Habsburg crown. Unique HISPANIA cross. Sold for 6100 euros.





7. 1703 salvaged from the pirate ship Whydah (lost off Cape Cod April, 1717).



Currently in the Whydah Pirate Museum, Cape Cod. Pillar die shows no overdate, large H, and Bourbon crown different from coin 1 above. Cross die has a HISPA legend and is the same die as used to strike coin 2 above. After conservation, probably an XF 45-AU50.

