

Basic Detail Report



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Title
Man and woman kissing across two vessels

Date
1920s

Primary Maker
Samuel J Hood Studio

Medium
Glass plate negative

Name
Photograph

History
The steel steam tug CHAMPION, 306 gross tons, 135 feet (41 metres) long, was built at South Shields, England in 1895 for J & A Brown of Newcastle, New South Wales. It had a three cylinder compound engine developing 13.75 knots. It was known as 'John Brown's Yacht', and was lavishly fitted out with a built-in piano in the saloon for Brown's guests on deep sea fishing excursions. The CHAMPION was famous throughout its working life for salvage feats and for difficult jobs. It was bought by Waratah Tug and Salvage Company in January 1953, but sank at its berth in Newcastle in February 1954.