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Key Largo

Featured Wreck: USS Spiegel Grove

The USS Spiegel Grove served as a Navy supply ship in Operation Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf. At 510 feet in length, she is among the largest military ships ever scuttled to create an artificial reef. Hours before her scheduled sinking, the Spiegel Grove unexpectedly sank and rolled over onto her starboard side. In 2005, Hurricane Dennis came along and righted the ship. Although the Spiegel Grove rests at 130 feet, divers will begin to encounter her superstructure at 50 feet.

Depth		Length		Beam
50' - 130'		510'		85'
Date of Service	Date of Sinking			Location
1956 - 1989		June 11, 2002		. 25°4'0" Lon. 80°18'39"



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Key West

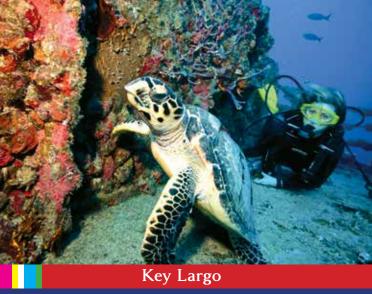
Featured Wreck: Vandenberg

Scuttled in May, 2009 at a cost of \$8.6 million, the 524-foot USS Vandenburg is the second largest artificial reef in the world. Today she joins the USS Spiegel Grove as one of the leading underwater attractions in The Florida Keys. This retired missle-tracking ship once tracked spacecraft blastoffs from Cape Canaveral as well as Russian missile launches during the Cold War.

Depth	Length			Beam
140'		524'		71.5
Date of Service	Date of Sinking			Location
1943 - 2008	May 27, 2009		Lat.	25°25'18" Lon. 80°34'21"



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Featured Wreck: Duane

The U.S. Coast Guard cutter Duane was built in 1936, and was named for William J. Duane, Secretary of the Treasury under Andrew Jackson. After decades of faithful service on the water, the Duane was immortalized in 1987, becoming an artificial reef for divers. In 2002, the Duane was added to the National Register of Historic Places. Today the Duane rests upright near her sister ship the Bibb. Both are home to a fascinating array of sea life.

Depth		Length		Beam
70' - 130'		327'		41'
Date of Service	Date of Sinking			Location
1936 - 1943	N	November 27, 1987		24°59'38" Lon. 80°22'92"



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Featured Wreck: Joe's Tug

Joe's Tug really isn't a tug at all. Once a hard-working shrimp boat, this 75 footer is one of the most popular dive spots in Key West. But her fame didn't come easily. The night before her scheduled sinking, thieves allegedly stole the tug and inadvertently sank her in 65' of water. In 1998, Hurricane Georges split the tug in half. In fact, about the only thing that hasn't been all shook up on Joe's Tug is Elvis, the tug's resident Goliath Grouper.

Depth	Length		Beam
40' - 65'	75'		00'
Date of Sinking			Location
January 21, 1989		Lat. 22	1°27'85" Lon. 81°44'27"



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Featured Wreck: Benwood

The 1910 English-built merchant marine freighter sailed a crew of 38 equipped with 12 rifles and one four-inch gun. This ship sank in 1942 during the height of World War II. The Benwood collided with another ship, the Robert C. Tuttle due to German U-boats that forced the ships to travel in a completely blacked out state. You can find this shallow wreck off the coast of Key Largo between French Reef and Dixie Shoals.

Depth		Length		Beam
20' - 45'		285'		51'
Date of Service	Date of Sinking			Location
1910 - 1942	April 9, 1942		Lat. 2	25°03'16" Lon. 80°19'.930N



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Featured Wreck: Cayman Salvager

In the late 1970's, the Cayman Salvager was slated to be sunk as a deep reef in 300 feet of water. But, much to the delight of divers, a cable snapped and this 187-foot steel-hulled buoy tender came to rest in only 90 feet of water. The Cayman Salvager is also located close to the Gulf Stream, providing excellent visibility and, more often than not, challenging currents.

Depth	Length			Beam
65' - 90'		187'		37'
Date of Service	Date of Sinking			Location
1936 - 1985	April 30, 1985		Lat. 24°27'21" Lon. 81°45'98"	



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Featured Wreck: Eagle

This 287-foot freighter, originally used to transport scrap paper between Miami and South America, was sunk off Lower Matecumbe Key in 1985. As an artificial reef, she continues to bring enjoyment to countless divers. While generally intact, the Eagle was broken in two by Hurricane Georges. Today she rests on her starboard side at 120 feet, yet divers will encounter her superstructure at 75 feet. The coral growth that has emerged since the ship's sinking is fabulously multi-colored.

Depth Length			Beam	
75' - 110'		287'		40'
Date of Service	Date of Sinking			Location
1962 - 1985	December 19, 1985		Lat. 24°52'18" Lon. 80°34'21"	



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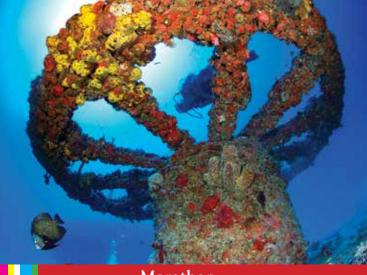
Featured Wreck: Adolphus Busch Sr.

The Adolphus Busch Sr. is the ship that put Big Pine Key on the wreck diver's map. At 210 feet in length, she stands upright and completely intact in just 110 feet of water. Formerly The Ocean Alley, this island freighter was purchased by the local dive community in 1998 with the generous assistance of Adolphus Busch IV. Today the Adolphus Busch is home to a fascinating variety of marine life, including a 350-pound Goliath Grouper.

Depth Length			Beam	
60' - 110'		210′		36'
Date of Service	Date of Sinking			Location
1950 - 1998	December 5, 1998		Lat. 24°31'841" Lon. 81°27'688"	



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Marathon

Featured Wreck: Thunderbolt

Christened as the USS Randolph in 1942, this 188-foot military ship began her career as a U.S. Army workboat. The Thunderbolt earned her final name as a lightning research vessel for Florida Power & Light, who used jet engines to blast ionized gas into the atmosphere, attracting large numbers of strikes on the ship. Thanks to members of the Middle Keys diving community, the Thunderbolt became an artificial reef. Today she sits perfectly upright in 120 feet of water.

Depth		Length		Beam	
75' - 120'		188'		37′	
Date of Service	Date of Sinking			Location	
1943 - 1986	March 6, 1986		Lat. 24°39'48" Lon. 80°57'90"		



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