

**2009 NC Shipwreck Expedition
With
Richie & Carrie Kohler and Aquatic Safaris & Divers
Emporium, Inc.**

Wrightsville Beach, NC just outside Wilmington, NC

(TRIP DETAILS)

Location: Aquatic Safaris, 6800-1A Wrightsville Ave, Wilmington, NC 28403

Phone #: 910-392-4FUN

Website Address: www.aquaticsafaris.com

DATES: July 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th 2009

Number of spots available: 12
open spots.

Please check [Wreck Hunt Availability](#) for

Total cost per Diver: \$1450.00 USD (includes 4 days diving/searching, motel stay for 4 nights, lunch on the boat and 21% air/diluent fills). Divers can sign up for one day for \$362.50 per diver.

Deposit required to hold your spot \$200.00 per diver (\$50/day), balance is due 30 DAYS before expedition begins (June 13, 2009). Once you pay your deposit, releases will be emailed to the diver and returned to Aquatic Safaris prior to the expedition to be kept on file along with a copy of your C-Card's and dive insurance card.

There will be a \$200 refund per day that we can not make it out on the water due to weather or mechanical problems with the boat. These are the only two situations where money will be refunded.

Cancellation policy: There will be a 30 day notice on all cancellations. Anyone that cancels within the 30 day window of the expedition forfeits any deposits or monies paid prior to this 30 day period.

DIVE SHOP INFORMATION: Aquatic Safaris located in Wrightsville Beach, NC

Shop Owners: Paul Gregory, co-owner & USCG Captain
Roy Taylor, co-owner & USCG Captain

Dive shop is located 1 mile from boat dock and about the same from the motel.

A PADI 5 Star shop with full service for tech. divers also.

Has the capacity to pump 100% O2 above 2500 psi using Hydraulics International booster pump. Also can mix a number of gases including nitrox, trimix and heliox for divers certified for these blends.

The dive shop will have sofno lime in stock & for sale for rebreather divers that need it; it will be for sale for \$3.00 per pound!

DIVE BOAT INFORMATION: 48' Island Hooper custom dive boat with a wide beam.

has open transom cut too deck level for easier water entry.

Twin diesels with 1080HP to move to any dive location very quickly, fully loaded will cruise 22 knots.

utilizes the hang bar system.

Spacious Head, LOL.

HOTEL INFORMATION: Suburban Extended Stay Hotel, 245 Eastwood Rd. Wilmington, NC

Ph. #: 1-800-575-6085

The cost of the expedition includes 4 nights accommodations, it covers Sunday (prior to expedition), Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday nights, if divers wish to stay any extra nights, they will have too contact the hotel direct to make arrangements.

There will be one diver assigned to each room.

Each room 1 queen size Serta mattress bed; also includes a fully equipped

kitchen. Suburban Extended Stay Hotel also offers on-site laundry facilities, a conference room, outdoor swimming pool, and complimentary morning coffee in the lobby.

Kitchens come equipped with a full size refrigerator, stovetop, microwave, coffee maker, cookware, utensils, and place settings.

All rooms are furnished with a comfortable bed(s), dresser, mirror, night table, chair, 25" color television with remote control, and a clock radio.



House keeping is provided weekly for extended stay guests and daily for nightly guests. Handicapped accessible rooms and smoking rooms are available.

Each room also includes free cable and HBO, complimentary local calls, your own personal voice mail, and independent data port.

This Hotel has agreed to give us daily maid service also along with the discounted rate.



NEAREST AIRPORT INFORMATION:

Wilmington – New Hanover
International Airport
Airport code: ILM
Located just 15 - 20 minutes from the Motel and Dive shop
Rental Cars available at this airport.

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON (Day of arrival): Everyone arrives in Wrightsville Beach and checks into the motel, the rooms will be under the individual divers' name. After you check in, check in with the dive shop to make sure all releases have been signed. There will be a pre dive briefing given by Richie and Carrie at 6 P.M. at the dive shop. After briefing, we will try to find a nice place for everyone to have a glass of wine and a nice dinner as a group.

MONDAY, DAY 1 OF EXPEDITION: JULY 13TH: Boat will depart the dock at 7:30 A.M. sharp so all divers need to be loaded and ready to go at 7; the boat will not wait on you if you are late.

Spend the morning searching some predetermined numbers or targets, lunch will be provided on the boat. If by say 2 P.M. we have found nothing, we will give you divers the option (by democratic vote) to either keep searching or go to a near by known wreck and get a dive in for the day, majority rules.

TUESDAY, DAY 2: JULY 14TH: Boat will depart the dock at 7:30 A.M. sharp so all divers need to be loaded and ready to go at 7; the boat will not wait on you if you are late.

Spend the morning searching some predetermined numbers, lunch will be provided on the boat. If by say 2 P.M. we have found nothing, we will give you divers the option to either keep searching or go to a near by known wreck and get a dive in for the day, majority rules.

However, if a wreck was found the day before and you wish to dive it again in attempts to ID it, then weather permitting, we can do so, again, majority rules.

WEDNESDAY, DAY 3: JULY 15TH: Boat will depart the dock at 7:30 A.M. sharp so all divers need to be loaded and ready to go at 7; the boat will not wait on you if you are late.

Spend the morning searching some predetermined numbers, lunch will be provided on the boat. If by say 2 P.M. we have found nothing, we will give you divers the option to either keep searching or go to a near by known wreck and get a dive in for the day, majority rules.

However, if a wreck was found the day before and you wish to dive it again in attempts to ID it, then weather permitting, we can do so, again, majority rules.

THURSDAY, DAY 4: JULY 16TH: Boat will depart the dock at 7:30 A.M. sharp so all divers need to be loaded and ready to go at 7; the boat will not wait on you if you are late.

Spend the morning searching some predetermined numbers, lunch will be provided on the boat. If by say 2 P.M. we have found nothing, we will give you divers the option to either keep searching or go to a near by known wreck and get a dive in for the day, majority rules.

However, if a wreck was found the day before and you wish to dive it again in attempts to ID it, then weather permitting, we can do so, again, majority rules.

If divers wish to get a full day of diving in on the last day instead of searching then we can opt to go to the "Rosin Wreck". This is thought to be the HUKA wreck but nothing has been found to positively identify this ship like the BELL.

We also have the option to dive what is called the 18 fathom wreck which also still remains unidentified to date, the boat captain assures me this is an awesome dive, one of his favorites. This wreck sets 59 miles off the coast and rests in 100' – 120' fsw. It is not visited very often by divers.

The targets that we will be searching have come from a variety of sources, old maritime charts and maps, old fisherman maps, commercial fisherman hang numbers and several other sources.

The depth of targets will be less than 150 f.s.w.

Divers are encouraged to bring DPV's and underwater metal detectors to use on the potential wrecks sites that we may find.

DOES NOT COVER:

- Hotel/Airport Transfers
- Breakfast or Dinner
- Tips/Gratuities for Boat Crew

If anyone has any questions, they may call the dive shop directly or contact:

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