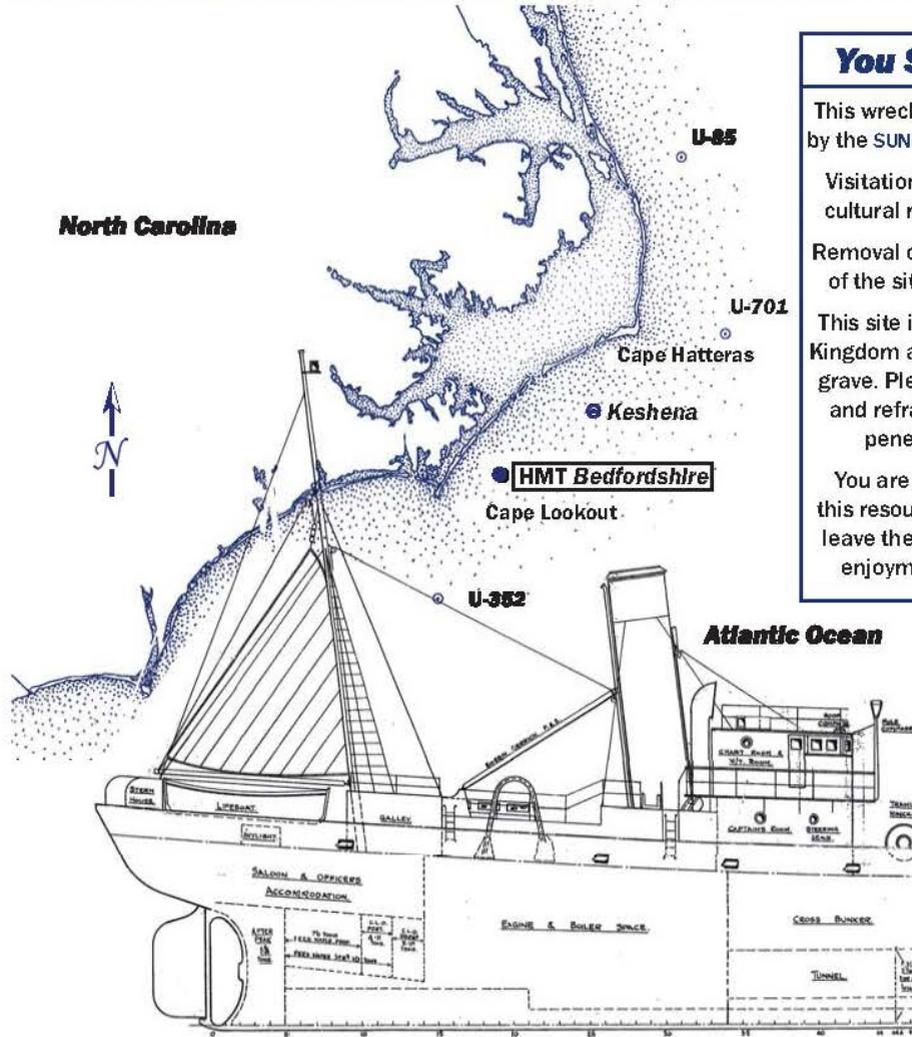




HMT
Bedfordshire
Royal Navy Patrol Service



North Carolina



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Vessel History

Launched: July 17, 1935, in Middlesbrough, England
Commander: Lt. Russell B. Davis, Royal Naval Reserve
Actions: A veteran of the Battle of the Atlantic, this converted trawler conducted antisub operations as part of the Royal Naval Patrol Service around the British Isles. While on loan to the U.S., *Bedfordshire* performed convoy escort service between Capes Lookout and Hatteras.
Loss: In the early morning hours of May 12, 1942, HMT *Bedfordshire* was returning alone from an escort detail to Hatteras. While preparing to round Cape Lookout, a torpedo from U-558 slammed into her port side. The vessel sank in seconds, sending no distress signal.

Fate: The entire 37-man crew was lost as a result of this action. Shortly after the sinking, several bodies began washing up on the shores of North Carolina. A total of six men were recovered and buried near Hatteras and Ocracoke. The gravesites are honored by the British Navy and the U.S. annually. This wreck is a war grave for the remaining crewmen.

Blue Angelfish Summer Flounder Gray Triggerfish

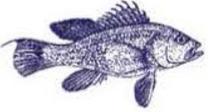
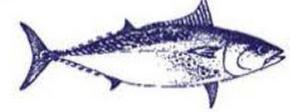


Holacanthus bermudensis *Paralichthys dentatus* *Balistes capriscus*

Marine Life Commonly Found on the *Bedfordshire* Site

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Little Tunny Black Sea Bass Tomtates



Euthynnus alletteratus *Centropristis striata* *Haemulon parrai*



GPS Coordinates:
34°18'50.40"N, 76°27'9.72"W
Depth: 95 fsw
Skill Level: Intermediate

HMT *Bedfordshire*

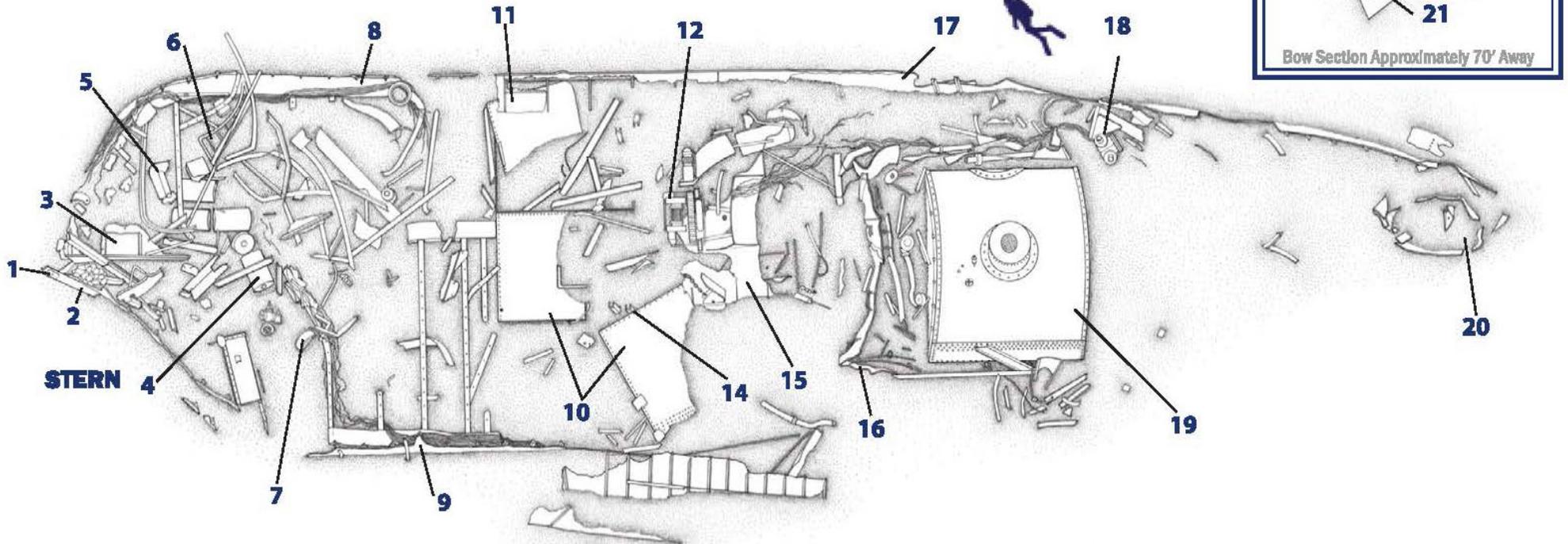
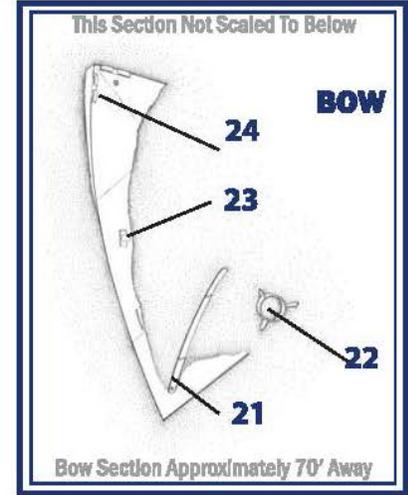
Archaeological Site Plan



- 1 Sacrificial Zinc Anode
- 2 Stern Post
- 3 Liver Boiler Deck Combing
- 4 Exposed Depth Charge
- 5 Depth Charge Support
- 6 Stern Depth Charge Rack
- 7 Buried Depth Charge
- 8 Wiring Harness for Vessel

- 9 Starboard Side High Point
- 10 Exposed Deck Plating
- 11 Port High Point/Deck Level
- 12 Main Trawl Winch
- 13 Starboard Outer Hull
- 14 Deck Support Stanchions
- 15 Original Deck Level
- 16 Reinforced Boiler Room Wall

- 17 Port Side Outer Hull Plate
- 18 Disarticulated Machinery
- 19 Exposed Main Boiler
- 20 Likely Torpedo Strike Area
- 21 Forward Bulkhead
- 22 Forward Deck Gun Mount
- 23 Towing or Docking Bit
- 24 Bow Line Fairleads



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