U-352
Unterseeboot Type VIIC

You Should Know
This wreck is federally protected by the SUNKEN MILITARY CRAFT ACT. Visitation and enjoyment of this cultural resource is encouraged. Removal of artifacts or alteration of the site is strictly prohibited.

This site is owned by the Federal Republic of Germany and is considered a war grave. Please respect it as such and refrain from alteration or penetration of the site.

You are encouraged to enjoy this resource responsibly and to leave the site unaltered for the enjoyment of future divers.

Vessel History
Launched: May 7, 1941, in Flensburg, Germany
Commander: Korvettenkapitän Hellmut Rathke
Actions: Did not sink any Allied merchant ships
Loss: On May 9, 1942, U-352 spotted the 165' USCG Cutter Icarus conducting antisub patrols off Cape Lookout, N.C. Rathke decided to attack the cutter, but his torpedo detonated short of the target and gave away his position. Lt. Cdr. Maurice Jester aboard Icarus reacted with an aggressive and well-executed depth charge attack, which forced U-352 to the surface, where the German crew then scuttled and abandoned U-352.
Fate: Following the loss, 33 of the 48 crew members were rescued at the site. One later died as a result of injuries, leaving 32 POWs in military prisons for the duration of the war. The wreck site you are about to dive is considered a war grave and serves as the final resting place of the remaining crew.

Marine Life Commonly Found on the U-352 Site
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Sand Tiger Shark
Speckled Hind
Spadefish

Spanish Hogfish
Lionfish
Cocoa Damselfish

Odontaspis taurus
E. drummondhayi
Chaetodipterus faber

Bodianus rufus
Pterois volitans
Stegastes variabilis
U-352
Archaeological Site Plan

GPS Coordinates: 34°13'40.94"N, 76°33'53.68"W
Depth: 115 fsw
Skill Level: Intermediate

Take Only Pictures ~ Leave Only Bubbles