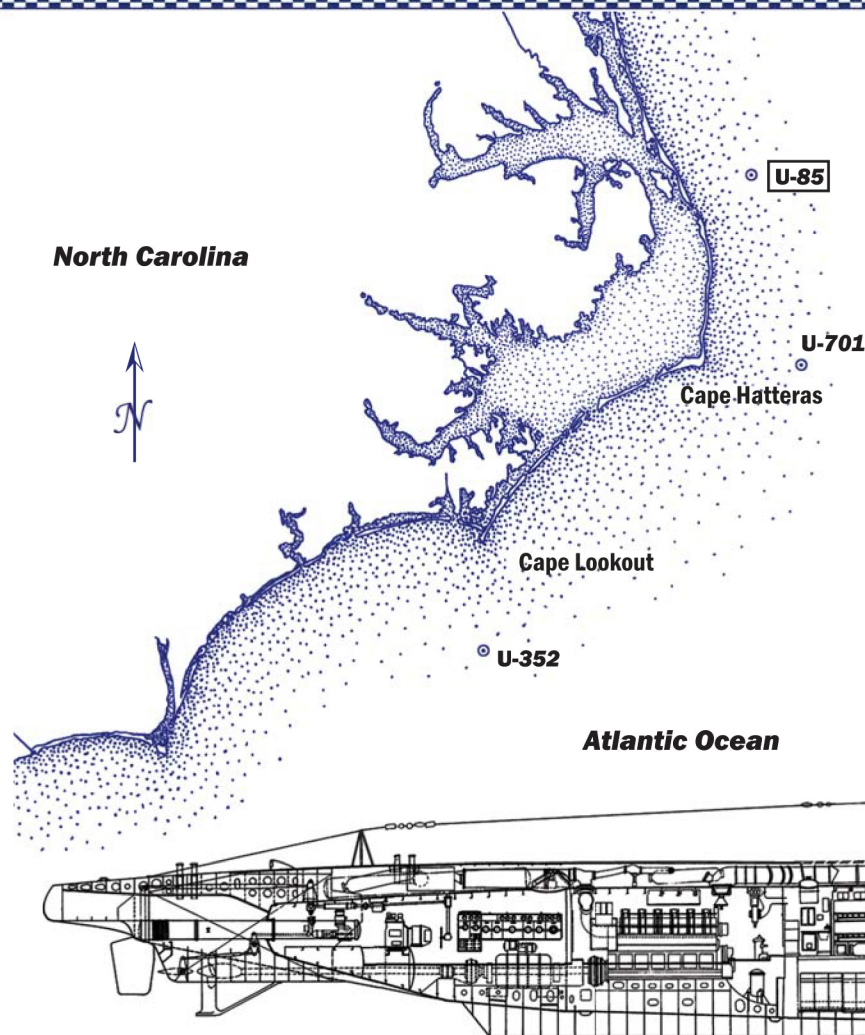


U-85

Unterseeboot Type VII B



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

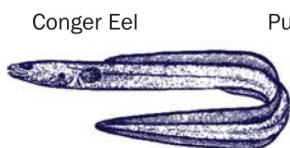
Launched: April 10, 1941, in Lübeck, Germany

Commander: Oberleutnant zur See Eberhard Greger

Actions: Successfully sunk 3 Allied merchant ships

Loss: In the early morning hours of April 14, 1942, U-85 was hunting allied shipping just a few miles off Nags Head, N.C., when the American four-stack destroyer, USS *Roper* acquired a sonar contact. The *Roper* gave chase and was narrowly missed by a stern torpedo fired by U-85. As the USS *Roper* closed the distance it succeeded in delivering a fatal shot from its 3- inch deck gun which breached the pressure hull of U-85 causing it to sink to the bottom.

Fate: The entire 46-man crew was lost as a result of this engagement. Twenty-seven men were recovered and buried at the National Cemetery in Hampton, Va. The site which you are about to dive is considered a war grave and serves as the final resting place of the remaining crew.



Conger oceanicus

Purple Sea Urchin



Arbacia punctulata

Gray Triggerfish



Balistes capriscus

Marine Life Commonly Found on the U-85 Site

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Spadefish



Chaetodipterus faber

Black Sea Bass



Centropristis striata

Greater Amberjack



Serioloa dumerili



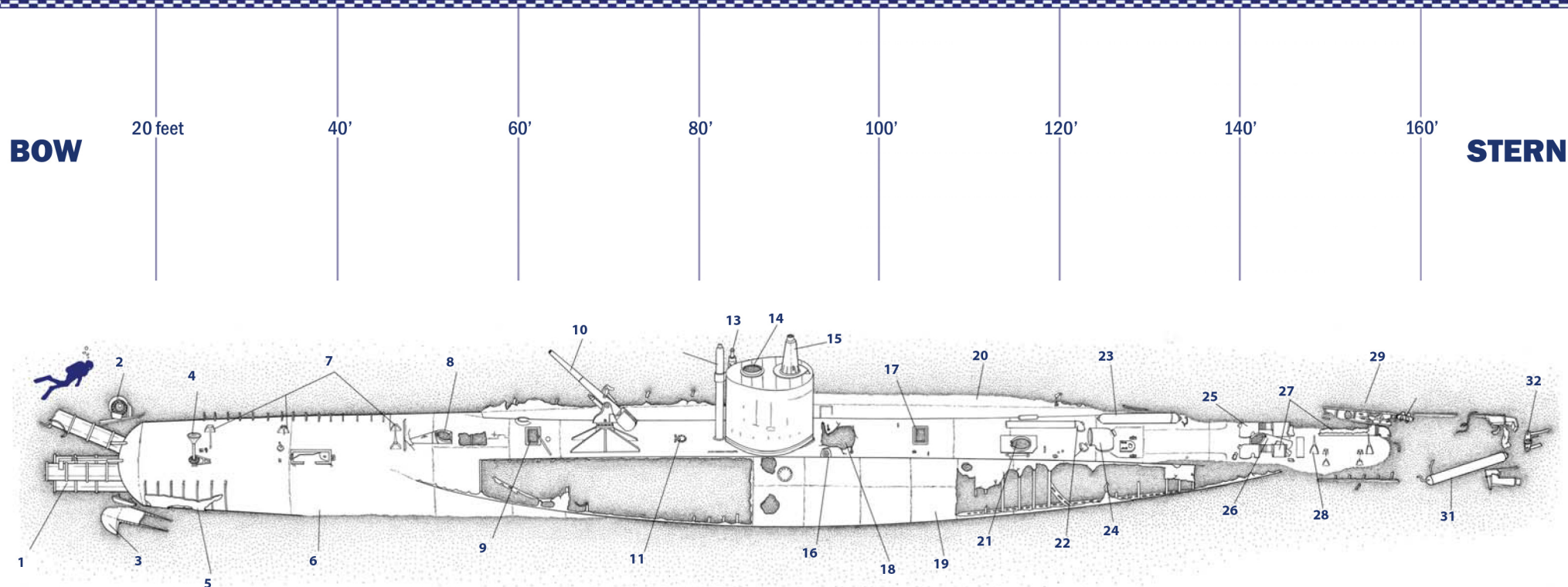
GPS Coordinates: 35°54'48.31"N, 75°17'12.98"W

Depth: 95 fsw

Skill Level: Intermediate

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Archaeological Site Plan



1 Forward Torpedo Tubes

2 Anchor Windlass

3 Port Diving Plane

4 Capstan

5 Outer Hull Fairing

6 Pressure Hull

7 Torpedo Container Brackets

8 Torpedo Loading Hatch

9 Battery Loading Hatch

10 88 mm Deck Gun

11 Magnetic Compass Mount

12 Sky Periscope Sleeve

13 RDF Loop Mount

14 Conning Tower Hatch

15 Attack Periscope Housing

16 Diving Tank Blow Valves

17 Aft Battery Loading Hatch

18 USS *Roper* 3-in. Shell Hit

19 Port Saddle Tank

20 Starboard Saddle Tank

21 Galley Escape Hatch

22 Engine Room Air Inlet

23 High Pressure Air Flask

24 Main Diesel Air Intake

25 Diesel Exhaust Trunk

26 Torpedo Loading Hatch

27 Exhaust Silencers

28 Torpedo Container Brackets

29 Outer Hull Remnants

30 Bits or Docking Cleats

31 High Pressure Air Flask

32 Steering Quadrant

Take Only Pictures ~ Leave Only Bubbles