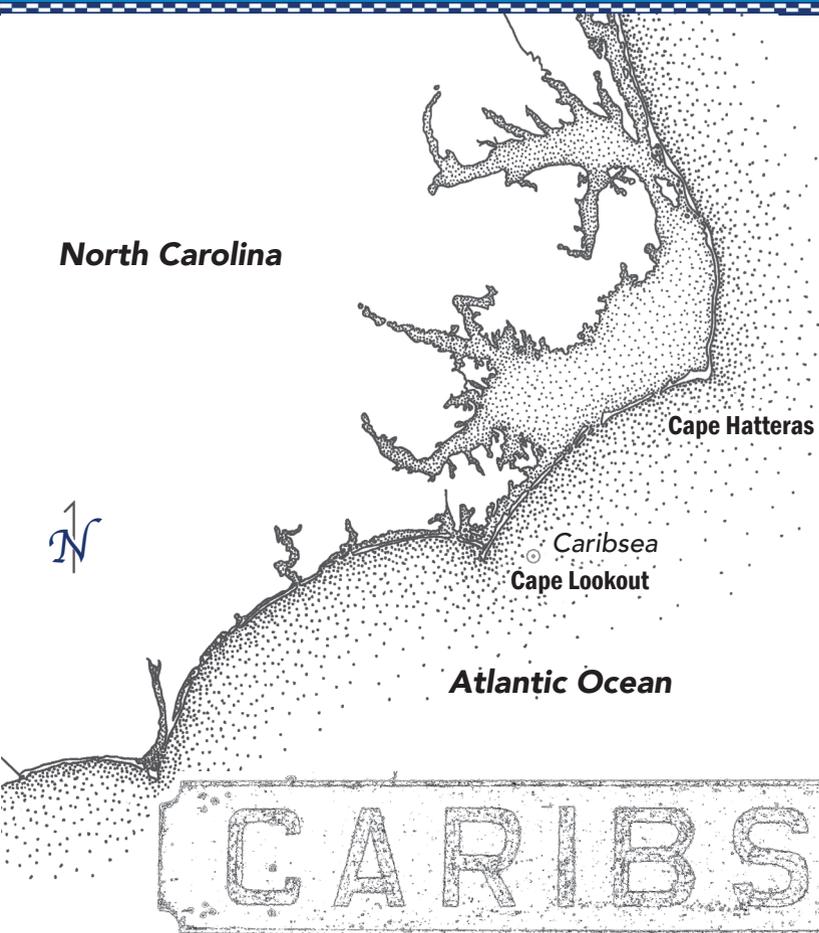


Caribsea

U.S. Flagged Merchant Ship



North Carolina



Vessel History

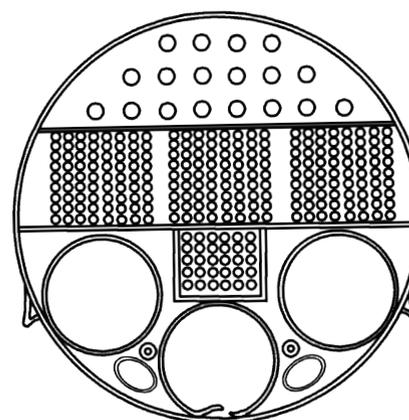
Launched: 1919, by McDougall Duluth Shipbuilding Company - Duluth, Minnesota

Owner: Stockard Steamship Company, New York, New York

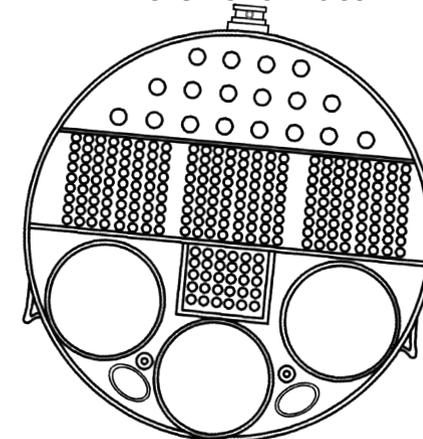
History: Towards the end of WWI, the vessel was built as *Lake Flattery* for the U.S. Shipping Board. However, hostilities ceased before delivery and the ship went into private merchant service. Its name changed in 1922, to *Beunaventura*, and again in 1940, to *Caribsea*. Ironically, the ship would still serve in the function it was originally intended, albeit 23 years later.

Loss: On March 2, 1942, *Caribsea* departed Santiago, Cuba bound for Norfolk, Virginia, with 3,600 tons of manganese ore. Hoping to pass U-boat infested Hatteras in daylight, *Caribsea* slowed near Cape Lookout on the night of March 10, however, U-158 was patrolling the Lookout area. Just before 2:00 am on the morning of the 11th, *Caribsea's* crew saw a shadow off the starboard side just before they were rocked by a torpedo strike. Just a few moments later, a second torpedo slammed into the ship near the engine room, killing several of the crew instantly. In the end only seven of the 28 crewmembers survived the horror, with fireman Hector Aranda saying, "None of us had time to do anything but get out of our bunks, climb to the deck and jump into the sea." This wreck site now serves as a final memorial to the 21 men that lost their lives here.

Starboard Boiler Face



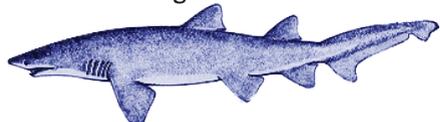
Port Boiler Face



Jim Gaskill was a local resident of Ocracoke, North Carolina, and was serving as third mate aboard *Caribsea*. On March 15, his cousin Chris Gaskill was walking the beaches of Ocracoke when he found some debris floating in the surf. It was his cousin Jim's framed license from the wreck of the *Caribsea*. The following day, the name board from *Caribsea* also washed ashore and was found by the Gaskill family.

This name board is now on display in the National Parks Visitors Center in Ocracoke.

Sand Tiger Shark



Odontaspis taurus

Greater Amberjack

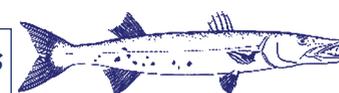


Seriola dumerili

Marine Life Commonly Found on the *Caribsea* Site

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Great Barracuda



Sphyraena barracuda

Northern Sea Robin



Prionotus carolinus

Loggerhead



Caretta caretta

GPS Coordinates: N34° 36.413'
 Depth: 85-90fsw W76° 18.847'
 Skill Level: Novice - Intermediate

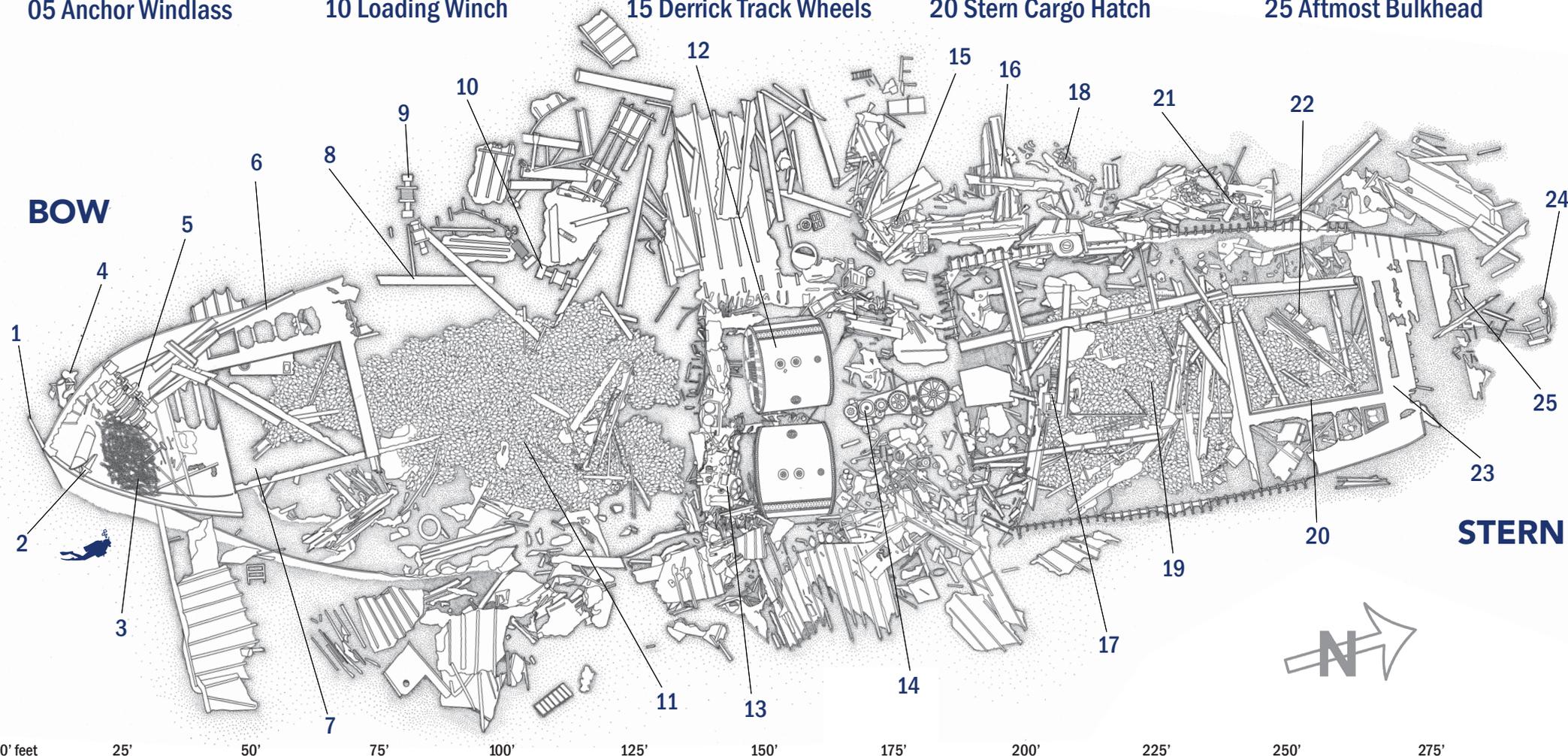
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Archaeological Site Plan



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|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 01 Stem Post | 06 Main Deck Level | 11 Manganese Ore | 16 Collapsed Hull Plates | 21 Derrick/Mast Head |
| 02 Stowed Anchor | 07 Forward Cargo Hatch | 12 Scotch Boilers | 17 Small Loading Winch | 22 Cargo Winch |
| 03 Anchor Chain Locker | 08 Loading Derrick | 13 Double Boilers | 18 Mooring Bits | 23 Main Deck Level |
| 04 Dislodged Anchor | 09 Derrick Winch | 14 Engineering Room | 19 Manganese Ore | 24 Rudder Post |
| 05 Anchor Windlass | 10 Loading Winch | 15 Derrick Track Wheels | 20 Stern Cargo Hatch | 25 Aftmost Bulkhead |



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