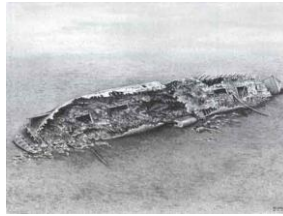


# Swanage Wreck Dives

29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May 2010

## S.S. Kyarra



**History:** A twin-screw passenger and cargo liner, 126m long with a beam of 16m, when she was launched by Denny Bros in Dumbarton on 2 February, 1903. Torpedoed on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 1918 by UB-57.

**Dive Site:** 22m to 30m. The top of the wreck at amidships, (usually there is a tied in shot here) the depth is only around 22m. The bow shot is usually tied in at around 24m. Only diveable during slack water. Best visibility at high water slack.

**Location:** 1 mile south of Durlston Head, Swanage. 20 minutes from Swanage Pier.  
50° 34.90N; 01° 56.59W

**Cost:** £20.00 (Diver's Down)  
£20.00 (Swanage Boat Charters - Mary Jo)

## Fleur de Lys



**History:** A 45 ton fishing trawler, 16.4m long, built in Brittany in 1969. Sank in April 2000 due to a hot water boiler explosion.

**Dive Site:** At 13m, fairly broken up. A good easy shallow dive with plenty of marine life. Visibility is often bad due to silted bottom – take torches. Use a delayed SMB for your safety stop and shot-line buoys are too weak.

**Location:** 10 minutes from Swanage Pier.  
50° 37.4N; 01° 56.0W

**Cost:** £16.00 (Diver's Down)  
£18.00 (Swanage Boat Charters - Mary Jo)

## **Firth Fisher**



**History:** A 168ft cargo steamer carrying coal. Formerly known as the Castle Reagh until its bell was found in 1967. Reported lost after being sighted off Prawle Point in South Devon. On March 1 1925 two bodies were washed up at Freshwater on the Isle of Wight.

**Dive Site:** Very pretty wreck sits upright with much fish and marine life. The deepest part of the wreck is at the stern, 37m where the prop was, now a bare shaft. There is a broken blade on the sea floor. The bow only rises out of the sand about 1m in about 32m. Pot fisherman work around this wreck, so be aware of possible entanglement hazards on pot marker lines. Only diveable during slack.

**Location:** 20 minutes from Swanage Pier.  
50° 34.8N; 01° 56.1W

**Cost:** £20.00 (Swanage Boat Charters - Mary Jo)

## **Carentan**



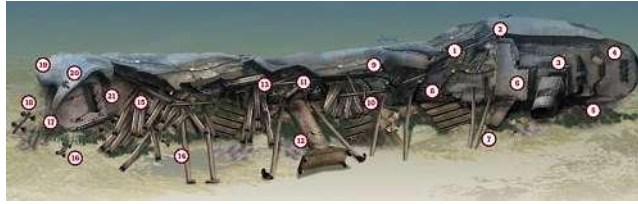
**History:** 120ft long French submarine chaser (Chasseur No. 5) Capsized on 21st December 1943 in a S.W. storm. Only 6 of her crew of 23 were saved.

**Dive Site:** Lying close to the Kyarra, she at 32m. She is now very badly broken and does not stand very proud, perhaps only 2-3m.

**Location:** 20 minutes from Swanage Pier.  
50° 35.0N; 01° 56.2W

**Cost:** £20.00 (Swanage Boat Charters - Mary Jo)

## Aeolian Sky



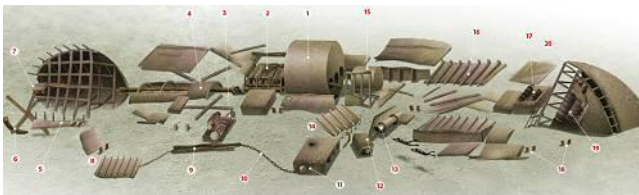
History: A 14,000 ton Greek freighter, 148m long. Sank 4<sup>th</sup> November 1979 due to a mid-channel collision.

Dive Site: 18m to 32m. Visibility can be very good at 20m. Best dived at high water slack. Cargo of Land Rovers, pipes and 2 diesel electric locomotives. Plus £4 million worth of Seychelles Rupees which have gone 'missing' !!! Oh, and Marmite jars (best place for them !!).

Location: 13miles and 55 minutes East from Swanage Pier.  
50° 30.57N; 02° 08.43W

Cost: £26.00 (Diver's Down)

## The Betsy Anna



History: An 808 ton collier, 63m long, built in 1892. Sank August 1926 at Prawle Rocks, Devon. Refloated and towed towards Cowes, but sank after the towline snapped in high winds.

Dive Site: 20m to 24m. Well broken – boiler and bow section most prominent. Only diveable during slack water. Best visibility at high water slack.

Location: 55 minutes from Swanage Pier.  
50° 36.98N; 01° 49.96W

Cost: £24.00 (Diver's Down)