

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

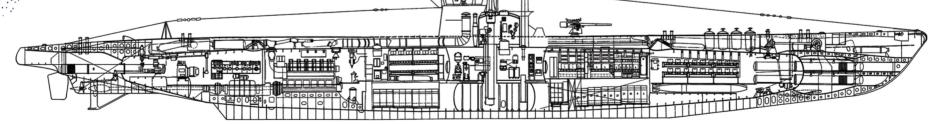
Launched: April 16, 1941, in Hamburg, Germany

Commander: Kapitänleutnant Horst Degen

Actions: Mined the entrance of the Chesapeake Bay and succeeded in sinking or damaging 14 ships, including William Rockefeller, one of the largest tankers of the day. and USS YP-389, a U.S. Navy patrol boat. The wreckage of these two vessels lie not far from U-701 in the waters off North Carolina.

Loss: On July 7, 1942, U-701 was sunk by Lt. Harry Kane Jr., U.S. Army Air Force, Cherry Point, N.C. Kane's bomber dropped three well aimed aerial depth charges destroying the u-boat. Many of the 46-man crew were seen on the surface. Without the ability to assist the survivors, Kane returned to base. Nearly 48 hours passed before survivors were located, by which time only seven members of the u-boat crew were left.

Fate: Following the loss, the surviving crew members became POW's for the duration of the war. The site which you are about to dive is considered a war grave and serves as the final resting place of the remaining crew.



Sand Tiger Shark

Odontaspis taurus

Greater Amberjack

Seriola dumerili

⊙U-352

Atlantic Ocean

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Great Barracuda

Northern Sea Robin

Loggerhead

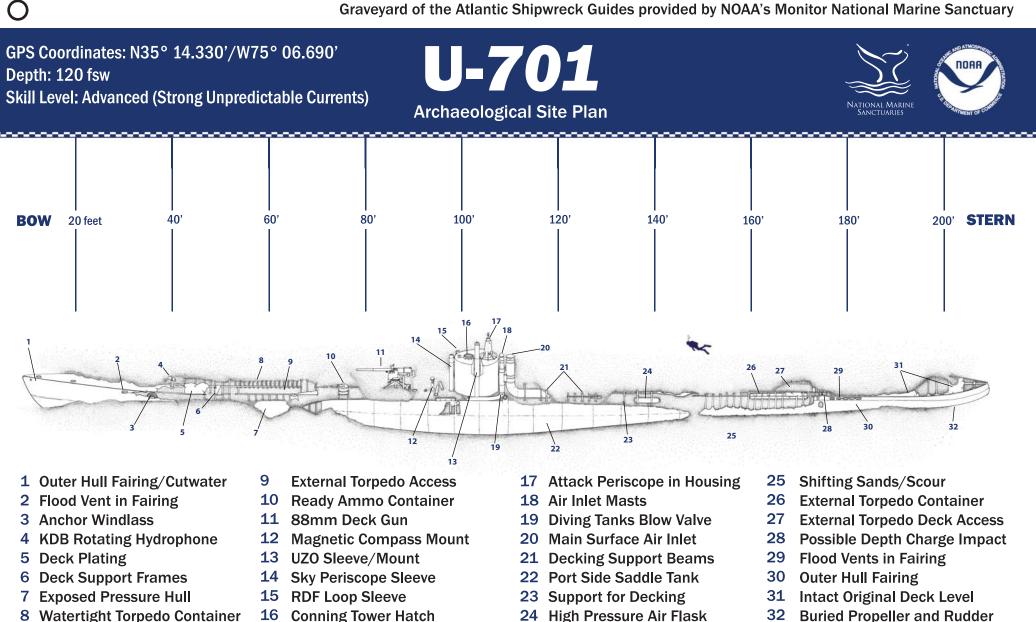






Sphyraena barracuda

Prionotus carolinus Caretta caretta



Please be aware that this site is characterized by dramatically shifting sands. This guide may not represent the current distribution of sediment.