

Wrecks and Reefs of Porteau Cove

Here at Porteau Cove Provincial Park, a series of reefs and sunken shipwrecks have enhanced the growth of marine life and the opportunities for recreational diving.

The artificial reef network has been constructed from chains of tires, hollow concrete piles, concrete blocks, and steel H-beams. Over 100 species including octopuses, plumose anemones, lingcod, and several types of shrimp flourish in this important habitat.

Three shipwrecks were sank near the reef network in 1992. The Granthall (28m.) was a steel-hulled CPR tugboat built in Montreal in 1928. In 1967 the superstructure was removed and the Granthall became a herring packer. The other wrecks are an 11m. steel dredge tender, the Centennial III, and a 15m. ferrocement sailboat hull.

The yellow marker buoys and a dive float show the location of the shallower wrecks and reefs. Depths vary from 6m. to 18m. (20ft. to 60ft.)

PLEASE PROTECT YOUR MARINE RESOURCES BY LEAVING THEM AS YOU FIND THEM. HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE DIVE.

