

Shipwreck Snorkel Trail Map

Lauderdale by the Sea, FL

In addition to the SS Copenhagen, a state-designated archaeological underwater preserve, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea also has a "Shipwreck Snorkel Trail." Dedicated in May 2002 by underwater explorer Jean-Michele Cousteau, the artificial reef was constructed by the Marine Archaeological Council to promote Broward County's maritime heritage. The trail has an anchor, five concrete cannons and a ballast pile. The trail took four years to complete and started after the Town Commission in July 1998 adopted a resolution authorizing and supporting the creation of the artificial reef. The Lauderdale-By-the-Sea Shipwreck Snorkel Trail is an artificial reef that any pirate would love!

Working in conjunction with the Marine Archaeology Council and the city of Lauderdale by the Sea, Vönē Research was instrumental in the creation of the Shipwreck Snorkel Trail, located in Lauderdale by the Sea.

Once the site was selected and surveyed, Vönē Research placed a ballast pile containing nearly four tons of rock. The ballast pile was then cemented together and anchored to the ocean floor to prevent disturbance by wave action. Each cannon was constructed of 360 pounds of concrete which was donated by Rinker and poured into a mold on loan from the state of Florida Bureau Underwater archaeology. The cannons needed to be cemented to the ocean floor and pinned together on angles to give them the greatest stability.

Vönē Research obtained an old wood stock anchor dating in back to the 1800s, which was placed on the snorkel trail site. During Oceanfest, keynote speaker Jean-Michel Cousteau, graciously honored Vönē Research for our contribution to the park during the dedication ceremony.

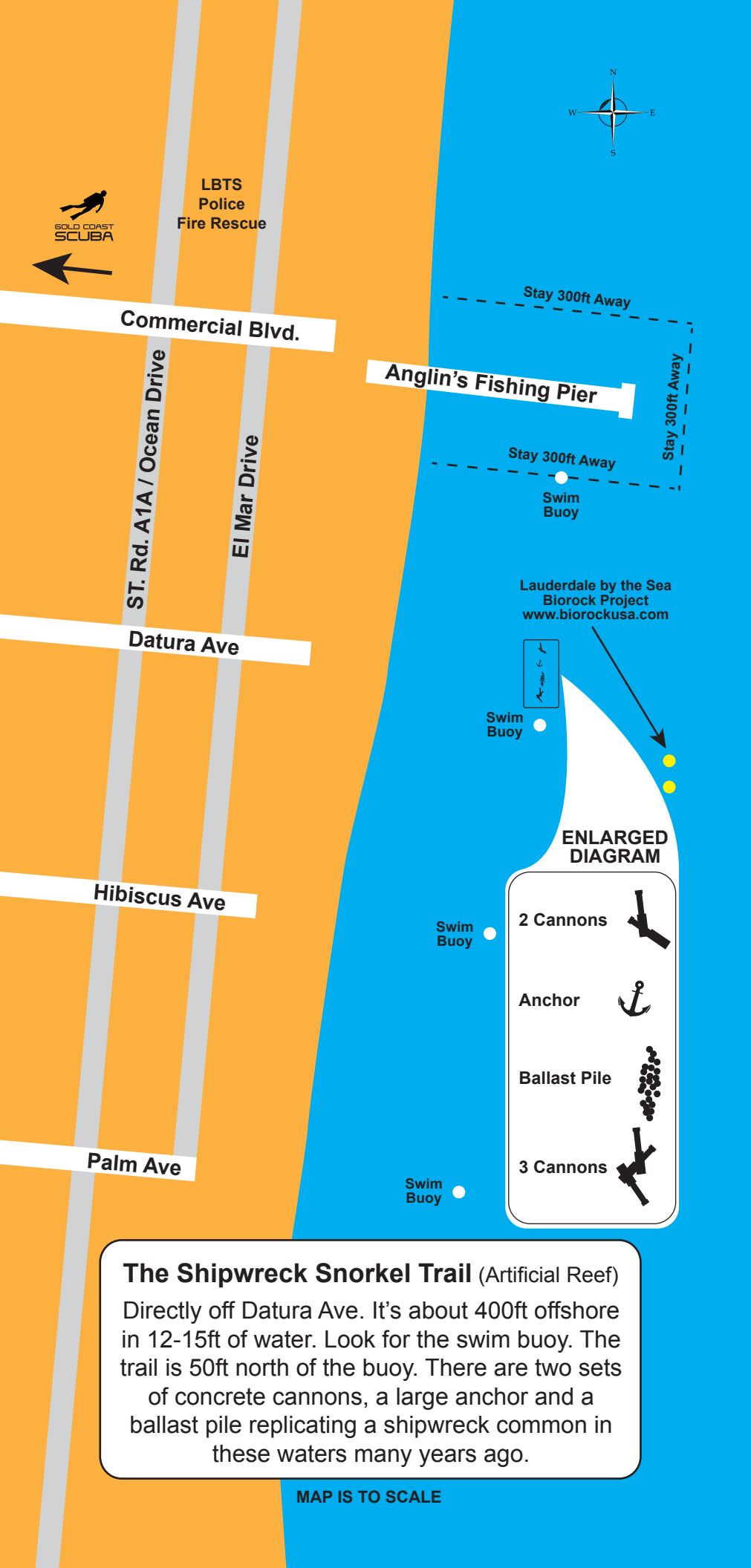
The Shipwreck Snorkel Trail is in shallow water and is easily accessible for snorkelers to enjoy.

The snorkel trail is located off Datura Street, one block south of Commercial Boulevard, in about 12 to 14 feet of water.

When you stand at the beach entrance at Datura Street, look east and you will see a white buoy. The snorkel trail is 150 feet east and 150 feet south of the buoy. All of the shipwreck artifacts are located within a 100' x 20' area.

Sealife You May See:

- Lobster, Eels, Nurse Sharks, Sea Turtles, Rays, Sergeant Majors, Cuttlefish, Barracuda, Trumpet Fish, French angels, Blue Angels, Parrotfish, Doctorfish, Blue Headed Wrasse, Tarpon, Manta Rays, Eagle Rays and more.



The Shipwreck Snorkel Trail (Artificial Reef)
 Directly off Datura Ave. It's about 400ft offshore in 12-15ft of water. Look for the swim buoy. The trail is 50ft north of the buoy. There are two sets of concrete cannons, a large anchor and a ballast pile replicating a shipwreck common in these waters many years ago.

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