

Diving the ex-HMAS Hobart

Encounter Marine Park



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The ex-HMAS Hobart lies within the Rapid Head Sanctuary Zone in the Encounter Marine Park and offers spectacular diving opportunities.

The site is regarded as one of South Australia's, and even Australia's, premier dive sites, complementing the other fantastic diving locations in the region including Port Noarlunga Reef and Aldinga Reef.

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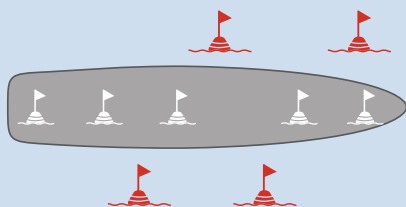
The 134m, 4500 ton ex-HMAS *Hobart* is now completely covered in beautiful marine life such as colourful sponges and algae, and hosts a myriad of fish species. All marine life and the shipwreck itself are protected by law. Fishing at, or removing any part of the wreck, is prohibited.

Divers should note the following safety information.

- The Hobart lies 4.2 nautical miles offshore from Marina St Vincent (Wirrina Cove) in exposed waters to depths of approximately 30m.
- The wreck is located at Latitude 35° 28.9'S and Longitude 138° 09.5'E. A cardinal mark lies approximately 150m west of the wreck.
- Divers should be appropriately qualified, experienced and well prepared.
- Only appropriately qualified divers should penetrate the shipwreck.
- Strong tidal currents may exist. Current flow reduces around the turn of the tide. Plan the timing of your dive carefully. If in doubt, dive with a professional diving tour operator.
- Ensure a competent person remains on your boat at all times.

Boat mooring buoys and diver descent lines

For illustrative purposes only. Position of buoys in relation to vessel will vary with tidal movements. Diagram is not to scale



White buoys

Diver descent lines
(Not for boat mooring)



Red buoys

Boat mooring

For further safety information, divers should obtain and read a copy of the Code of Conduct before diving the Hobart.

The Code and other information is available at www.marineparks.sa.gov.au

In the event of a diving emergency contact the **Diving Emergency Service 1800 088 200**

Please report any hazards or damage to the Department for Environment and Water.

The Government of South Australia accepts no liability or responsibility in relation to diving the Hobart. Divers dive at their own risk.