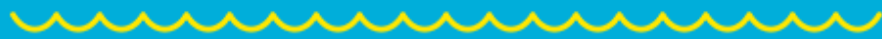


ACCOKEEK



Accokeek began her life as the U.S. Navy tug USS ATA-181. She was built in 1944 and served in the Pacific during World War II, earning a battle star for towing damaged warships away from the combat zone and transporting them to Allied bases for repair.

Renamed USS Accokeek in 1948, she went on to provide submarine and cruiser support throughout the Atlantic, from Labrador to the Caribbean, until her decommissioning in 1972.

She later became a training vessel for the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center in Panama City, where she was repeatedly sunk and refloated for salvage and ordnance-handling exercises. Her final deployment came in July 2000, when she was intentionally sunk to serve as an artificial reef.

Today, divers can explore her remaining three levels while encountering abundant marine life, including grunts, angelfish, damselfish, spadefish, amberjack, snapper, barracuda, and the occasional goliath grouper.



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