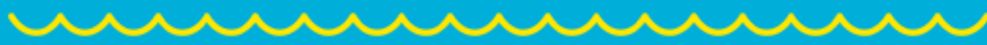


# BJ PUTNAM



Once an oilfield supply vessel and later a working fish processor, this ship found its final purpose just offshore from Panama City Beach. Renamed in honor of beloved local charter captain and community leader B.J. Putnam, the vessel was intentionally deployed on November 29, 1993, becoming a living tribute and a valuable addition to Bay County's offshore reef system.

Today, the wreck rests in 106 feet of water, where it has transformed into a vibrant deep-reef habitat. Its structure rises from the sandy bottom and now teems with reef and pelagic species, making it a rewarding dive for those seeking a deeper, offshore adventure. Popular with both recreational and technical divers, the BJ Putnam offers a mix of history, depth, and marine life that keeps it a standout site within the Panama City Beach artificial reef network.