

CABLE REELS



What once powered offshore energy operations now fuels new life beneath the Gulf. The Oceanering Reels are massive industrial steel cable spools, each towering more than 22 feet tall and weighing 60 tons. They were donated by Oceanering Panama City and repurposed by the Bay County Artificial Reef Program. Originally designed to transport heavy subsea cables, these giants were given a second life on the seafloor as artificial reef structures.

Today, their open, cylindrical design creates dramatic vertical relief and complex swim-around structure on the sandy bottom, quickly attracting reef organisms and schools of fish. Juvenile fish shelter inside the reels while larger species patrol the openings, making the site feel active and alive. This unique reef showcases how industry and conservation can work together, transforming retired equipment into thriving underwater habitat and giving divers an unforgettable, one-of-a-kind reef experience in the Panama City Beach reef network.



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