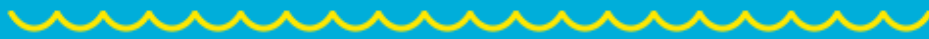


# DAN BARGE



The Dan Barge is a 100-foot steel barge intentionally deployed as part of Bay County's artificial reef program to create new habitat and expand offshore diving and fishing opportunities. Sunk on July 1, 2000, approximately 2.4 nautical miles from the pass in 60 feet of water, the barge is one of several purpose-placed structures designed to add relief and complexity to the sandy Gulf bottom.

Today, the Dan Barge supports a thriving reef community, with soft corals growing along the steel structure and reef fish sheltering within its open framework. Divers frequently spot green sea turtles resting in the surrounding sand and goliath grouper tucked into the barge's voids, making this an especially exciting and accessible site.

