

LOSS PONTOON



The Loss Pontoon reef is one of Bay County's artificial reef program deployments, placed on May 14, 1988 as part of the county's long-running effort to enhance marine habitat and expand nearshore diving opportunities. The reef is composed primarily of bridge slabs and concrete rubble, materials recovered after a pontoon section was lost during a bridge construction project, giving the site its name.

Concrete materials such as bridge rubble are especially effective reef builders because they closely mimic natural limestone, Florida's native reef substrate. Over time, the concrete becomes biologically active, supporting corals, sponges, algae, and invertebrates that form the foundation of a healthy reef ecosystem. The stacked slabs and broken sections create ledges, crevices, and shaded spaces that attract reef fish, allowing divers to watch a simple structure evolve into thriving underwater habitat. Resting in approximately 45 feet of water, Loss Pontoon is shallow, accessible, and well suited for junior divers to experience a vibrant reef environment.

