

# SHERMAN TUG



The Sherman Tug spent her working life pushing, pulling, and guiding vessels along the Gulf Coast before earning a powerful second act beneath the waves. On May 22, 1996, the retired steel tug was intentionally sunk by the Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association in approximately 80 feet of water, about 12.7 nautical miles from St. Andrews Pass, where her solid frame now rises from the seafloor as a beacon for marine life.

Today, the Sherman Tug delivers a rewarding recreational dive, offering strong vertical relief that attracts reef fish and passing predators. Green sea turtles are frequently seen resting and cruising around the wreck, adding an extra layer of excitement to each dive. The structure provides shelter, forage, and orientation for a growing reef community, making every visit feel dynamic and alive. For certified divers exploring the Panama City Beach reef network, the Sherman Tug is a classic tugboat wreck rich with marine life.

