

BLUE HERON BRIDGE DIVE SITE MAP

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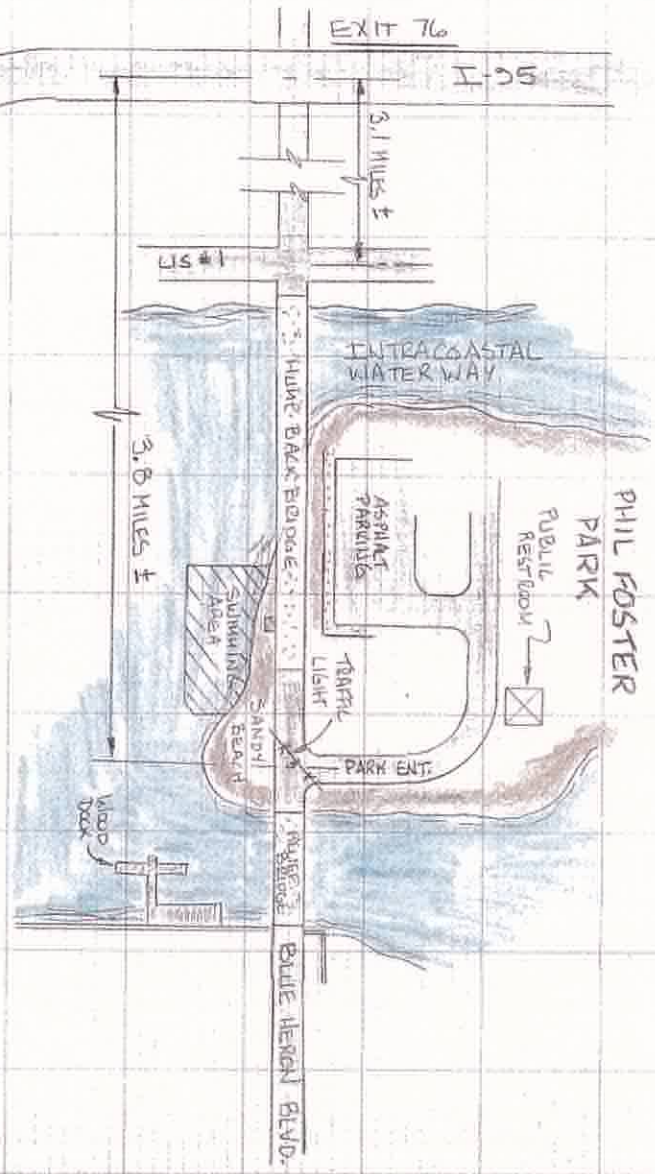
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SITE DIRECTIONAL MAP



DIRECTIONS:
 I-95 TO BLUDE HERON BLVD,
 EXIT 76, HEAD EAST ON BLUDE
 HERON, ACROSS U.S. #1; OVER
 THE INTRACASTAL WATERWAY OVER
 THE LARGE HUNTPACK BRIDGE WHEN
 YOU GET CLOSE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE LARGE
 HUNTPACK, TURN LEFT AT THE TANK LIGHT
 INTO PHIL FOSTER PARK. THE ENTRANCE IS
 APPROX. 3.8 MILES FROM I-95

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DIVE PLAN

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This plan is directed more at diving the smaller "Relief Bridge" (commonly known as the "Frial Bridge" or "Small Bridge") but it can be generally used for diving the flats and the Huntpack (Big) Bridge, all being accessible from the parking area in Phil Foster Park.

Phil Foster Park is a county park and is closed from sunset to sunrise with the exception of access to the park's boat ramps. Park Rangers and Police do not allow any allotment of time for divers participating in Sunrise or Sunset Dives. This means we, as divers, are not allowed in the park between Sunset and Sunrise, even if we and just entering or exiting the water, so plan all dives accordingly.

The water adjacent to the park is tidal, and best dived at slack high tide, although you can dive at slack low tide. Low tide generally has considerably less visibility due to the waters being flushed from the lagoon, through the Port of West Palm, located less than a mile South of the park. High Tide brings in fresh Atlantic water, normally yielding great visibility. It is not recommended to dive this location during incoming or outgoing tides due to the strong currents created by the tides.

It is recommended that this site be dived only at slack high tide or the immediate time window before and after slack high tide. As general rule of thumb experienced divers can enter the water up to 60 minutes prior to slack high tide and less experienced divers should enter the water 30 minutes prior to slack high tide. High tide forecast can be found at several different websites but a recommended website to use is the "WWWW Tide and Current Predictor" choosing the "U.S. Lower East Coast (North Carolina to through Florida Keys)" and the tidal station of "Port of Palm Beach" at time of this publication the main page could be found at <http://honne.hind.se.edu/tidel/>.

When planning your dive be sure to include time for parking, gearing up and walking into the water. Water entries are to the left and right (East and West) of the Life Guard Station, beyond the guarded swimming area marked by white buoys. There is no scuba diving, water entries or dive equipment allowed in the guarded swimming area, please respect this rule.

Depths of this dive are shallow and rarely exceeded more than 22 feet but currents can rapidly become strong. It is highly recommended to dive this site with a Surface Marker in the event you are washed out or accidentally navigate into the boating channels. Also a dive knife and line cutters are also strongly recommended due to the vast amount of broken, loose and active fishing lines in the vicinity.

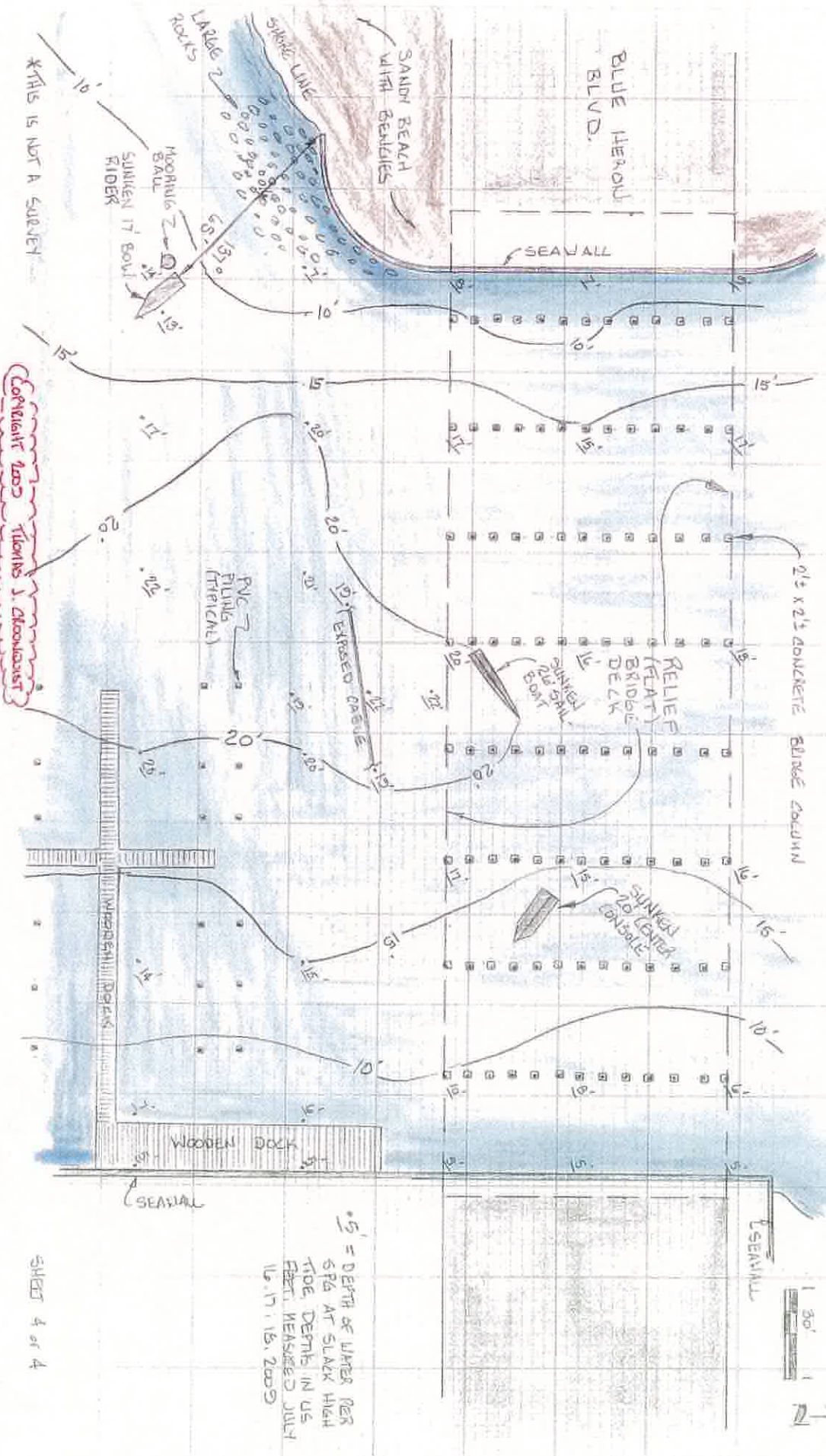
The dive site being closely situated to the Port of Palm Beach offers a wide variety of sea life, some of which are rarely seen in the open waters of the Atlantic such as Sea Horses and juvenile fish species. Unfortunately this also means nuisance species such as hydroids can easily be washed into the area, so always keep your eyes open for sea life as jellyfish and bristle worms.

Emergency Services, if needed, are offered by the Life Guard Station, but their scheduled hours are limited by seasonal and daily activities. In the case Emergency Services are required and the Life Guard Station is not manned dial 911. If a Diving Emergency occurs, first call 911 and then follow up by calling DAN (Divers Alert Network). DAN Emergency Number is 1-919-684-4326 (non emergency) number 1-800-446-2871).

RELIEF BRIDGE DETAIL

(SEE SHEET 3 FOR OVERALL SITE LAYOUT)

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SHEET 4 OF 4

5' = DEPTH OF WATER NEAR STA AT SLACK HIGH TIDE. DEPTH IN US FEET. MEASURED JULY 16, 17, 18, 2009

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