

July 22nd Dive Report

Last Sunday we had our first charter of the season on the Venture III. Anyone who's been on the Venture knows it's always great diving with Paul and Ruth. We had nine divers on board and our plan was to head to the Immaculata. Captain Paul told us the seas were going to be "fluffy", not a term normally found on the National Weather Service Marine Forecast, but better than "snotty".



We did have a fairly bumpy ride going out and decided to hit some wrecks a little closer. Our first dive was on a sunken barge called "Rules Wreck". It was named after the fishing boat that reported the sinking, but is also known as the "New Deal". The wreck sits in 85 FSW and visibility was about 15 feet. It is a nice wreck with about 10 feet of relief and lots of nooks and crannies.

For our second dive we decided to look for better visibility and headed for the Pinta. The seas laid down which made getting off and on the boat a lot easier. The Pinta was a Dutch freighter carrying a cargo of hardwoods from Nicaragua, which are now scattered across the bottom. She sank after a collision and lies in about 85 FSW. While the visibility wasn't any better, because the wreck is mostly intact, it was easier to navigate.

It was a beautiful day on the ocean with both new and old friends. Lunch, as always was compliments of Adventure Scuba.