

## **Mohawk August 5<sup>th</sup> 2007**

On the cold wintry evening of January 25, 1935 the S.S. Mohawk on the New York to Havana to Vera Cruz, Mexico run for the Clyde Lines was steaming at full speed when her steering gear failed and she sailed across the path of the Norwegian freighter the Talisman. Within an hour she was on the bottom in 80 FSW. There were 118 survivors and 46 killed or missing including Captain Joseph Wood who was last seen entering his cabin after assuring that all survivors were away in boats. Apparently Captain Wood decided to go down with his ship rather than facing inquiries by the courts and the press.

On the hot summer morning of August 5, 2007 the Venture III sailed into the Atlantic through the Shark River Inlet with the Adventure Scuba gang onboard. We headed south to the wreck site 6 miles of the Jersey coast. The liars at the National Weather Service predicted seas of 2-3 feet but they gave us 3-4 foot seas with some bigger ones thrown in for fun and a wave period of a few seconds. This made for a bumpy and wet ride to the wreck site. While the conditions made it difficult to operate on the surface there was no current or surge on the wreck itself making for two very good dives. The Mohawk was blasted after it's sinking to prevent it from being a hazard to navigation so it is definitely a wreck reel dive. As a group we managed a lobster, a few small scallops, a piece of brass and a floor tile from the wreck (a well known feature of the Mohawk).

It was a gorgeous summer day on the ocean, an outstanding group of divers and lunch, as always, was compliments of Adventure Scuba.

Join us on the Independence II on Saturday August 18 and Sunday August 25 for more Jersey diving. Alas, the dive season, like the summer is quickly slipping by.