

The Pinta May 5<sup>th</sup> 2007-

The Adventure Scuba group headed out to the Pinta on the Independence II with Capt Jay & Capt Dan at the helm. In 30 minutes we were over the wreck and Dave Oldham & I were tying in.

The Pinta was a freighter and a relatively "new" wreck, which sunk in 1963 after colliding with another vessel. She sits only a few miles off the coast in 85ft of water lying on the port side. She was carrying lumber as cargo, and there are piles of it that have spilled out of the holds onto the sand. This wreck is still mostly intact so it is recognizable as a ship sitting on the sand. It is not too difficult to navigate. The holds are open and accessible.

We had at least 20 ft of vies, and a bottom temp of 43. After doing 40 minutes on the bottom my fingers told me it was time to come up. Fortunately at 20 ft there is about a 6-7 degree thermocline, and the 49 degree water actually felt great! We had nearly a full boat with several of the usual suspects: Dr. Letwin, Joe Rogers, Hans, John, and Tony to name a few.

Weather was great, the seas were flat, and the conversation is always good. It was a great day to be out on the ocean.