

DESCRIPTION

IOCI # 0025
STATE SITE #

This shipwreck is located NE of Caesar's Creek in approximately 15 feet of water. Efforts at this site have focused on documenting exposed elements and artifacts. In 1989 the Maritime Archaeological Society conducted research here with permission from BNP. Iron rigging, pins, deadeyes, wood were found on the site and documented.

References:

- Maritime Archaeological and Historical Society News, v.1,n7&8
- Meylach, 1971
- *Submerged Cultural Resources, T. Helmers*

Marty Meylach, *Diving to a Flash of Gold*, 1971, pp.276-277.

"Boxcar Wreck: Offshore of Margot Fish Shoal. In the broad region of flats and rockheads is a clearly defined trench seventeen feet deep. It is known as slough.

About one hundred yards east of the southern end of the slough, before it fans out into a loose area of heads and shallows, lies a wreck. It rests in a sand pocket a short distance offshore of a coral head at the edge of the straight slough, which is shaped roughly like a figure eight. The plankings show as a dark rectangular mass in the center of the pocket. Hence the name *Boxcar*.

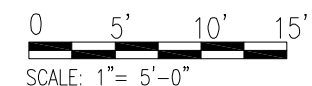
Thick bronze rods rose from these plankings by the hundred until recently. Despite electrolysis, they were too stout to break off. At their base, they were still gripped tenaciously by the rot-softened wood. No one had been able to remove them easily. But a six-foot length of two-inch water pipe, dropped over each pin in turn, provided the leverage to break off the rods flush at the base.

As scrap, the dollar value was quite considerable.

There is still a quantity of brass buried around the wrecksite as well as the crumpled copper bottom sheathing. Classification: schooner."

LEGEND:

- BASELINE
- C-59 • B-36 FLAG NUMBER AND LOCATION
- 120 • 60' BASELINE CLIP LOCATION & DISTANCE
- ▽ SEAWEED
- SAND
- ⊗ CORAL



MASTER MAP OF SITE: BOXCAR WRECK

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DIVING WITH A PURPOSE UNDERWATER ARCHEOLOGY PROGRAM

IN COOPERATION WITH BISCAYNE NATIONAL PARK, FLORIDA

PROJ. NO. BISC-0059

SCALE: 3/16"=1'-0"

DATE: MAY 2, 2009

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MASTER MAP PLAN **A-2**