



MVSAC commonly dived sites from Littlehampton

Wreck	Depth	Approx slack times*	Time to get from Littlehampton marina
Mulberries	8-12m (inner) 10-15m (outer)	2hrs before HW	
Kingsmere rocks The Waldrons	10-15m	NOT TIME CRITICAL AS DRIFT	15mins from harbour entrance (therefore around 30-35mins from Marina).
Ore Wreck	16-22m	1.5hrs before HW/HW+5	¾ hour from marina plus need time to shot
Shirala	24-28m	1hr before HW/HW+5	¾ hour from marina plus need time to shot
HMS Northcoates (the Armed Trawler)	26-33m	6hrs after HW Littlehampton (info from wreck tours). 1½ to 2 hours before HW	¾ hour from marina plus need time to shot
War Helmet	27-33m	40mins before LW 1½ to 2 hours before HW	1 hour from marina plus need time to shot
Basil	33-39m	1hr 20mins before HW Littlehampton or 1hr before LW (info from wreck tours). 40mins before LW	1¼hrs from marina plus need time to shot

*Predicting slack is not an exact science. Therefore please note that these are not exact times, some have been obtained from the internet and some are from experience. They are provided to give you an estimated time to allow planning. You will need to assess the state of the tide when you arrive on site.

Mulberries

Artificial wartime harbour unit which broke apart before it could be sent to France. A great dive for all levels due to the interesting variety and quantity of wildlife, numerous areas to explore and swim through plus the added chance to explore the nearby Landing Craft and Cuckoo as part of the same dive.

Kingsmere Rocks

Rocks/reef. Lots of marine life including crabs and fish

The Waldrons

Rocks/reef. Lots of marine life including crabs and fish. (Some people find it more interesting than Kingsmere. Spent 20mm cannon shell cases have been found. Not different start point for flood and ebb tides.

Iron Ore Wreck

In 2003 the ore wreck was identified as the Belgian steamer Concha by Wessex Archaeology on the basis of geophysical data and documentary research. The Concha was a well decked steamer of 883 tons, built in 1877 by the Société Anonyme des Etablissements John Cockerill in Hoboken. She measured 64.98m x 8.32m x 5.09m and was equipped with a two cylinder compound steam engine. In general the hull structure is heavily eroded and where present only survives to a level of one metre proud of the seabed. The most prominent feature on the site is the engine room 20m forward of the stern. Here, the two cylinder compound steam engine and the main scotch boiler are fully intact and stand 3.36 and 3m proud of the seabed respectively.

Shirala

The Shirala was torpedoed in 1918 and sank with her cargo that included elephant tusks, brass shell cases, wine, Dundee marmalade in stone jars and vehicle spare parts. The wreck is an excellent rummage.

HMS Northcoates – see Divernet wreck tour 77

The WWII Admiralty trawler HMS Northcoates was lost in bad weather whilst under tow following engine failure in 1944. The wreck sits upright and is fairly intact with the 12pounder gun still visible on the remains of its platform behind the bow. The propeller and rudder are still in place on the stern, just forward of which a toilet can be found on the starboard side

War Helmet

This 8184 ton British Armed Steamer was a WWI torpedo casualty (UC75 19 April 1918). Fortunately the crew were saved before it sank. The wreck now lies upright on the sea floor with the bow facing northwest. The engine room is easy to locate and there are three prominent boilers. The wreck is quite flattened from the stern to its middle, but the masts are still upright. At 135m in length this is an interesting wreck to dive.

Basil – see Divernet Wreck tour 36

This 3200 ton WW1 munitions steamer was sunk following a collision in 1917. The stern and centre sections of the hull are upright and are reasonably intact. Forward of the superstructure is a hold stacked with shells. The bow is recognisable but collapsed to port. The shallowest part of the wreck is the stern where a 4.7in deck gun can be found on its platform at 32m.

Other potentials:

The Gascony – 30m (slack 1.5hrs before HW and 1hr before LW Portsmouth). Wreck Tour 26

The Carindhu – 29m (slack water at HW). Wreck tour 103

SS Jaffa – 25m

HMS Pine – 15-18m – An armed trawler but well broken up (slack 2hrs before HW and LW)

Zaanstrom – 29m (slack 6hrs after HW Littlehampton). Divernet Wreck Tour 92