

# Wreck Diving Specialty Course

Exploring the H.M.C.S. Saskatchewan  
&

H.M.C.S. Cape Breton!



We are heading back to Nanaimo Canada to dive the H.M.C.S. Saskatchewan. The ship was sunk in 1997 to become an artificial reef to increase the sea life and for scuba divers to enjoy. We will also be diving on the H.M.C.S. Cape Breton. This **ship was also sunk to become an artificial reef** for divers to enjoy. Combined with the RivTow Lion Tugboat, the three massive wrecks make up the world's largest underwater artificial reef!



We plan to do 5 dives during the weekend, with at least 4 on the wrecks! The 366' Saskatchewan holds a lot of history, some of which we cover during our Wreck Diving Specialty Course. The **70 - 80 foot visibility** enables a spectacular view of the ship as you descend down the mooring lines. While **the ship is still relatively clean and identifiable**, each time we return to dive the ship more life is evident. There's even a resident Lingcod living inside! Floating through the bridge, down the stairway and out through the side is an absolutely amazing experience!



The **Cape Breton** is another ship that was sunk exclusively for divers and is very much like the Saskatchewan. The Artificial Reef Society of Canada worked diligently for several years to sink this ship and finally succeeded in the fall of 2001. **This will definitely be a spectacular trip!**

Should we get "blown out", or encounter unfavorable conditions on either of these two ships, we can still complete our 4 wreck dives using the **RivTow Lion Tugboat**. This ship was sunk in 2004 as an alternative to the other two ships. Located just outside the Nanaimo marina, this tugboat sits at about 100' at its deepest point,

with most of the superstructure between 60 - 80 feet. The ship is quite accessible on just about any dive.

Our [Wreck Diver Specialty](#) Course includes an academic session, video presentation, pool session, 5 dives and **tons of fun!** We teach you how to **plan and execute a safe wreck dive** as well as proper fin and body positioning when diving on a wreck. We discuss the hazards associated with wreck diving, how to avoid them and deal with them in the unlikely event you have a problem. After playing on the wreck during the first day, **we explore together** and train you how to conduct a safe penetration dive into the ship.



This course is **one of our most popular specialties**, as well as an **unforgettable experience** for anyone 15 years or older who holds an Advanced Open Water certification or better. The course fee includes:

- **One Classroom Session**
- **One Pool Dive / Wreck Simulation Training**
- **Two Full Days of Boat Diving**
- **Four Wreck Dives**
- **One Special Dive to Dodd's Narrows or Comparable Site**
- **Two Nights Hotel Accommodations**
- **Two Days Lunch & Delicious Snacks on Boat**
- **All Diving Conducted from Liveboard Vessel**
- **Wreck Diver Specialty Certification**
- **Tanks & Weights**

\*NOTE: Does NOT include Transfers

**This Specialty Course also counts toward your [Master Scuba Diver Certification!](#)**



**This course has a habit of filling fast, so please contact us right away if you're interested!  
Please be sure to contact the Dive Center for further details!**