

## “Dive into History” - Shipwreck Survey Form

Thousands of divers visit the shipwrecks around our extensive and rugged South African coast every year, and unknown or unrecorded wrecks are often discovered by divers. Shipwreck sites are fragile and easily damaged, and the condition of sites may change due to many factors. Divers are thus well placed to note and record information about these changes, and regular reports will improve our understanding of the pace and causes of such change. Completing this form will also assist in providing a better record of the location and identification of shipwrecks sites around the South African Coast, and can serve to report the discovery of new sites.

**It is important to understand and conserve our maritime past, and by filling in this form you can help.**

It may not be possible to enter information in every part of the form. Don't worry! Just complete as much as you can. There are sketches to guide you and notes to help you with the questions. Please also feel free to make notes in the margins or on additional sheets of paper. The report can be filled in by an individual or a group leader, and entries can be based on one or more dives.

The information received on these forms will be entered into the national Shipwreck Database to help us manage and conserve our underwater heritage properly.

Name: C.F UYS

Address: 14 Turnberry Close, Greenways, Strand

Date form filled in:   /  /   Diving Experience: 30 years

**Please return this form to:** The Maritime Archaeologist  
South African Heritage Resources Agency  
P O Box 4637  
Cape Town, 8000

## 1. Site Location:

Site or wreck name: SS Strathblane  
 Site location: Chelsea Point

Latitude: 34° 02' 90" S Longitude: 25° 37' 75" E

### Position fixed by:

- Transits   
 GPS   
 Decca   
 Estimate

### Special site conditions:

- Access difficult   
 Slack water dive only   
 Site buoyed   
 Strong current / surge   
 Low visibility

### Site submerged by:

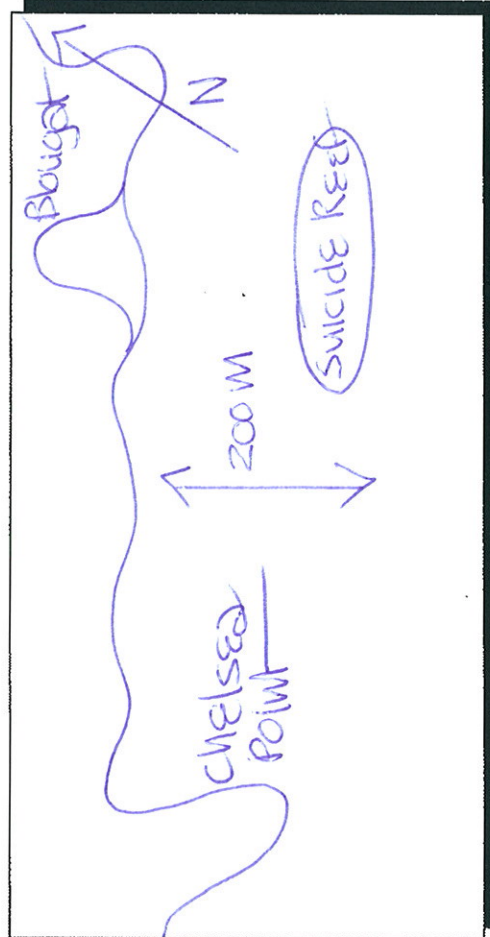
- Sea water   
 Fresh water   
 High tide only

### Site on beach:

- Permanently exposed   
 Covered by sand

### SITE LOCATION SKETCH:

Please sketch the position of the site relative to the shore. Draw transits if possible & include names of prominent landmarks. Include north arrow.



## 2. Dive Details

Date of dive or survey:      /      /       
 Length of dive:       
 Time in:       
 Time out:     

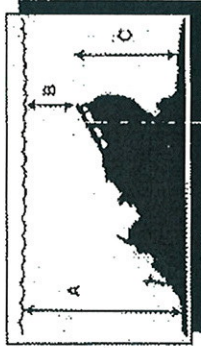
### Depth recorded during this dive:

- A - Maximum depth of wreck 9 m  
 B - Minimum depth of wreck 5 m  
 C - Height above sea floor 4 m

Determined by:  
 Depth gauge   
 Dive Computer   
 Echo-sounder   
 Estimate

### Dive conditions:

Current: 0 knots  
 U/w visibility: 8 m  
 Weather: Fine



Dive base: Shore  Boat

Nearest entry / launching point: Noordhoek

### How often is the site dived:

- Not often  Regularly  Frequently

### How did you find out about the site?:

- Books / magazines  Fishermen   
 Old documents  Chance find   
 Archival research  Map/s   
 Club / other divers  U/w search

Do you know of any other information?:

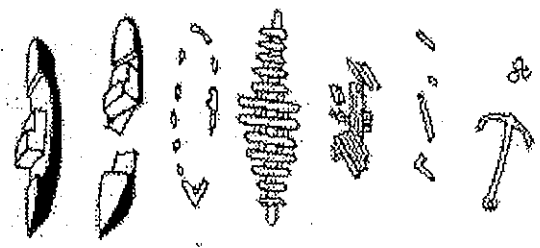
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### 3. Site Description

Which best describes the condition of the wreck:

(Add comments if required)

- Hull intact / largely intact, proud of seabed
- Hull broken into section, proud of seabed
- Outline visible, little structure proud of seabed
- Coherent structural elements flat on/in seabed
- Structure collapsed & jumbled
- Structure scattered
- Isolated artefact / artefact scatter
- Burial prevents good judgement




How much of the site do you think might be buried: \_\_\_\_\_ %

- Hull made mostly of:**
  - Wood
  - Metal
  - Composite
  - Concrete
  - Fibreglass
  - Can't Tell
- Wreck fastened with:**
  - Wooden treenails / pegs
  - Copper bolts
  - Iron bolts
  - Rivetted
  - Welded
  - Can't tell
- Visible structure:**
  - Keel
  - Keelson
  - Stem / Stern
  - Frames
  - Hull planking:
    - Flush
    - Overlapping
- Ships gear & fittings:**
  - Anchor/s
  - Anchor chain / cable
  - Rigging material
  - Engine / boilers
  - Steering gear
  - Guns / Armament
  - Ballast

- Metal hull plates
- Superstructure
- Knees
- Mast / Step
- Cabins
- Propeller/s
- Winches
- Hatches / portholes
- Bell/s
- Decking

- Artefacts:**
  - Coins
  - Ordnance
  - Ceramics
  - Cutlery
  - Organic remains
  - Clothing
  - Glassware

Please note any makers names or marks on artefacts / equipment: Patent 1134 Thomson's  Retina Patent, Sole Moulder, DAN Rylands  
Barnsley

Wreck / Site dimensions:

Length: 100 m  Measured   
Width: 50 m  Estimated

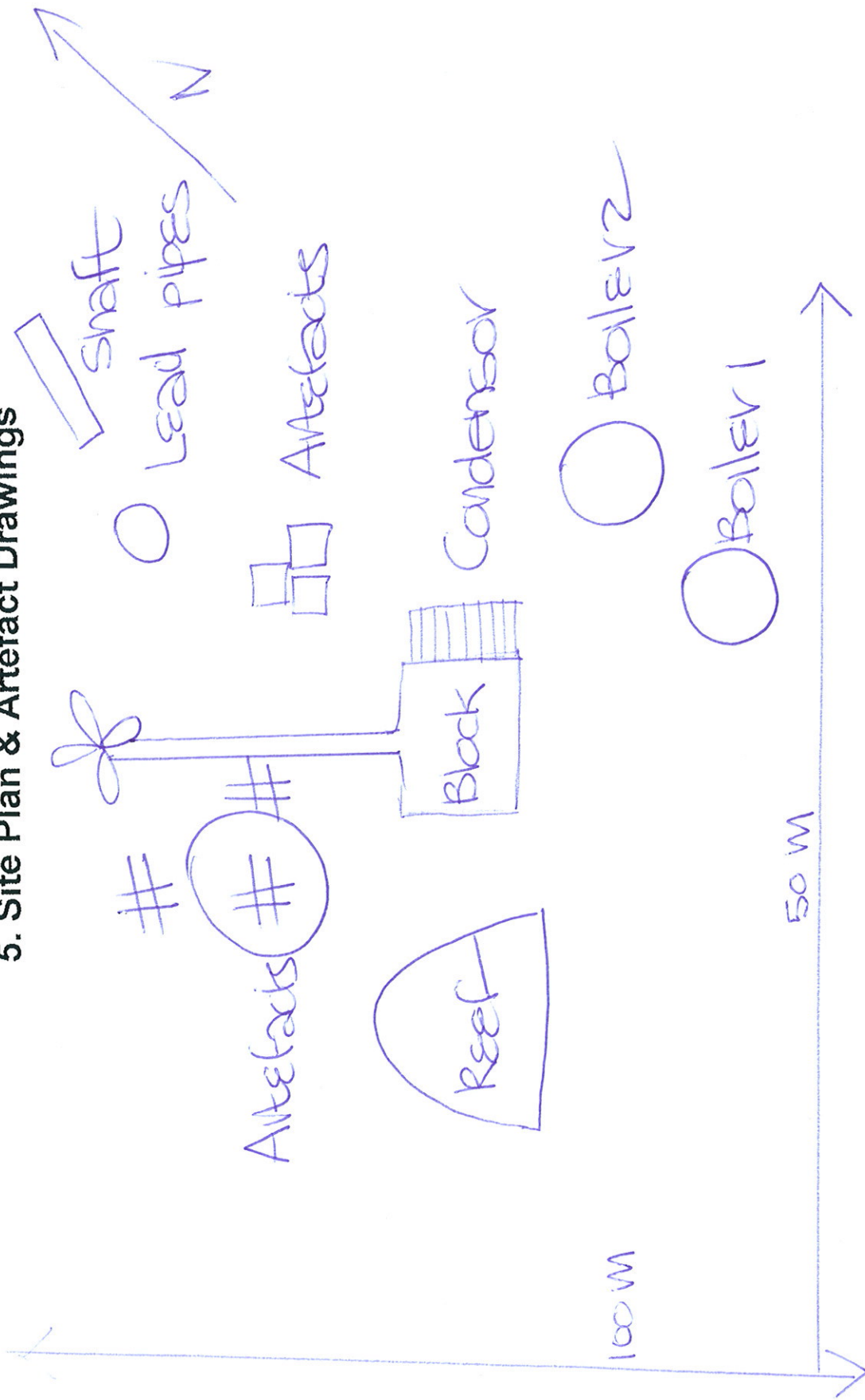
Have you noticed changes / damage to the site over time?:

Some

### 4. Site Environment

- Seabed shape:**
  - Flat
  - Sloping
  - Undulating
  - Gullies
  - Outcrops
  - Mobile
- Seabed Type:**
  - Bedrock
  - Boulders
  - Cobbles
  - Gravel
  - Sand
  - Mud
- Evidence of?:**
  - Salvage
  - Anchorage
  - Angling
  - Trawling
  - Dredging

### 5. Site Plan & Artefact Drawings



Please sketch and label an overview of what you have seen, and note dimensions if possible. Sketch views of free-standing structures & artefacts would also be helpful. Please note any prominent features, and remember to include a scale and north arrow.