

SITE ASSESSMENT:

Location/ Site: EX-HMAS Adelaide
GPS: 33 27.743'S - 151 27 25.010' E

Depth: Top deck 21m, Bottom hull 36m

General Currents: No strong rips or currents at this site, but when currents and surge increase they may cause Venturi effect when diving near openings in the ship, causing the diver to get sucked into ship.

Entry / Egress: Boat access from Terrigal haven with various moorings on the wreck site.

Benthos / Substratum: Ship wreck on sandy substratum

Dominant Marine Species Identified:

Various fish species. This will need to be updated as the wreck becomes

Hazards Identified:

Marine life: Many fortescues on top deck, possible sharks

Moorings: Keep clear to avoid entanglement

Ship structures: There are minimal overhead structures. Divers not to enter shipwreck without authority from Dive Officer.

Sharp edges: Avoid sharp edges of ship, use PPE

Boat traffic: Especially during weekends.

Depth: The wreck is at a great depth so care must be taken to ensure planned depths are not exceeded. Maxir depth for Unrestricted Scientific Divers is 30 meters under University policy.

Altitude: For divers driving over Mount White after diving (i.e. returning to Sydney), Appendix L of the DCIEM ta must be adhered to.

Closest Medical Institution:

Central Coast Day Hospital, 1/2 Ilya Avenue, Erina NSW 2250 **PH (02) 4367 3880**
Gosford Hospital, Holden St, Gosford NSW 2250 **PH (02) 4320 2111**

Recompression chamber:

HMAS Penguin on Middle head Rd, Mosman **PH (02) 9960 0333**

Additional Special Requirements:

Permits required from <http://www.hmasadelaide.com/bookings>

Directions: 1.5- 2 hours north of Sydney. Take M1 then take Gosford/Terrigal turnoff.

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msa=0&msid=208690998987977794787.0004a6e4266380e2c7745&ie=UTF33.463096,151.457348&spn=0.051913,0.060253&z=14>

