



PRESS RELEASE

City of Pompano Beach

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Press Conference – Shipwreck Park
Ship Sinking Event Announced Aboard Ship
Bunnell's Dock 2750 NW North River Drive, Miami
Tuesday, May 31st
10:00 a.m.

Climb on board the 324 foot vessel to find out when the ship will sink and to reserve your seat on a designated boat to view and cover its historic sinking. Members of Shipwreck Park, Inc. will announce the sinking date and will christen the vessel in a renaming ceremony aboard the ship currently docked on the Miami River. The cargo vessel, close to the size of a football field, will soon live underwater as a natural habitat for marine life and a once-in-a-lifetime diving experience creating an artificial reef. This extraordinary ship has 16 staterooms and tons of deep crevices for divers to explore.

An exclusive underwater art exhibit with a casino theme is being created to include giant dice, a poker table with card sharks, an octopus dealing craps and whimsical slot machines creating a fun, interactive dive experience and provide for amazing underwater photography. Pompano Beach artist Dennis MacDonald, will be on hand with samples of his unique art.

The ship was purchased from the Department of Environmental Protection Agency in New York City by Shipwreck Park, Inc., a private 501(C)(3) corporation, who received sponsorship from the City of Pompano Beach and the Isle Casino Racing Pompano Park. While docked on the Miami River, the ship will be meticulously cleaned in compliance with Federal and State regulations.

This massive cargo ship will be sunk in 120 feet of water approximately one mile off Pompano Beach's shore promoting marine life and creating a distinctive world class dive destination for local and international tourists.

**Wear comfortable shoes in order to climb the narrow gangplank to board the ship.