



PRESS RELEASE

City of Pompano Beach

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Seahorses Propel Onto the Okinawa
Dock 2750 NW North River Drive, Miami
Thursday, August 17th
10:00 a.m.

A pair of six foot colorful sculpted steel seahorses will be hoisted by crane to their future underwater home aboard the Okinawa, which is currently docked on the Miami River. Shipwreck Park renowned artist Dennis MacDonald will be installing his whimsical creations aboard the 107 foot vessel on Thursday, August 17th at 10:00 a.m. before she sinks on Saturday. Shipwreck Park Board members will also be available to answer questions and speak about the Okinawa Project.

Shipwreck Park, Inc. commissioned Mr. MacDonald to create a fun underwater art exhibit to be installed on the Okinawa vessel that will be sunk off the waters of Pompano Beach. The "Dive Bar" theme is complete with a life size bar, Sylvana the twelve foot 400 pound mermaid, starfish and sea serpents. The seahorses are the last of the artwork to be installed before the sinking. Artist Dennis MacDonald says it will be hard to say goodbye to Sylvana, named after his wife, and all of the creatures he created.

The newest addition to Shipwreck Park, the Okinawa, is a 107 foot tug built for the US government in 1953 currently docked on the Miami River. She will be towed to Hillsboro Inlet Park in Pompano Beach Friday, where she will spend her last night topside before joining her sister the Lady Luck. The Okinawa will be sunk Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. 70 feet below the surface approximately one mile off shore between the Pompano Beach Pier and Lady Luck.

Shipwreck Park, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the creation of an underwater park system establishing artificial reefs, utilizing public art to raise awareness for the need to preserve and conserve our natural coral reef system.