

# The Wreck of the Eagle Tire Co. MV

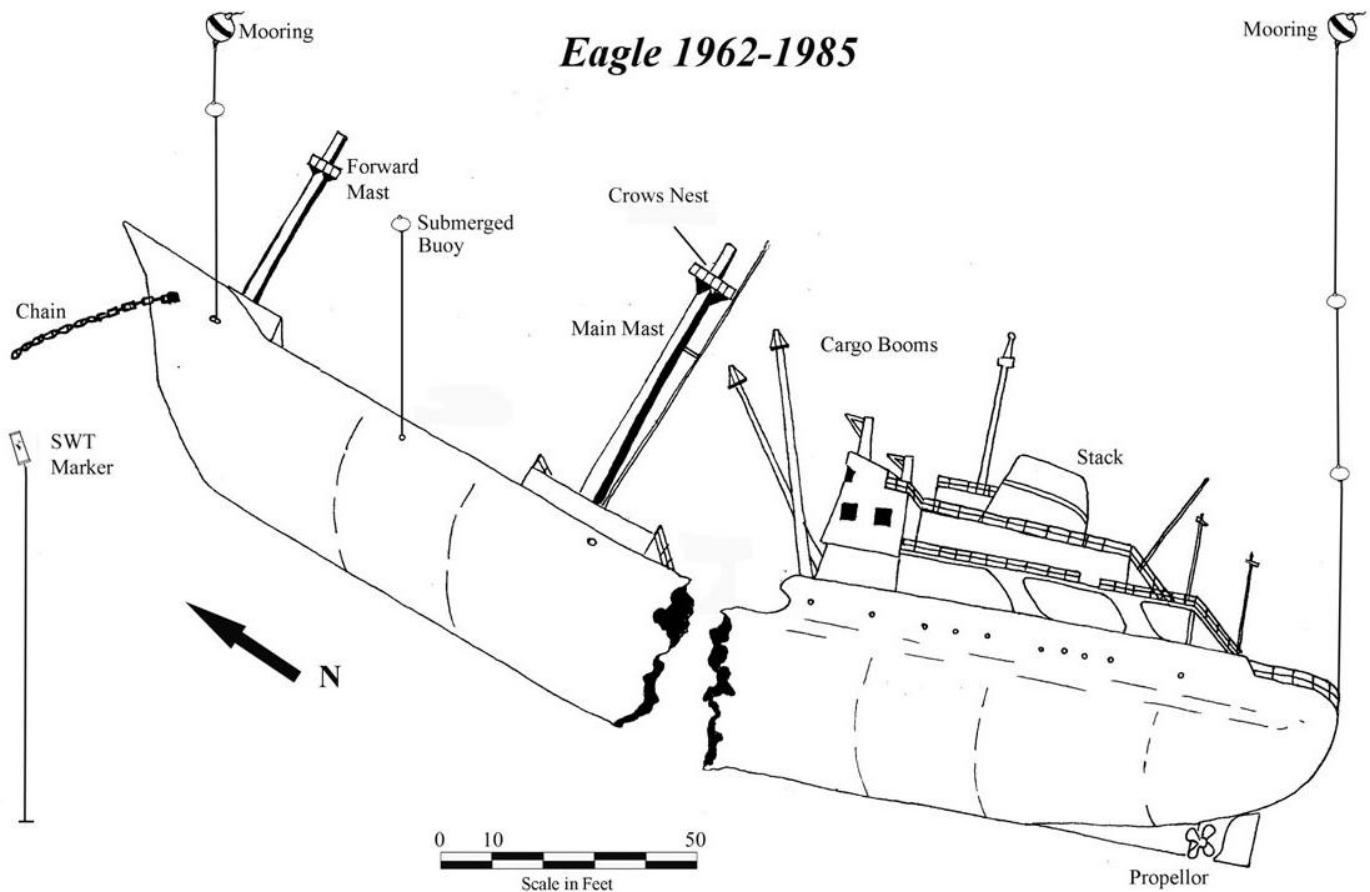
Coordinates: 24°52'11"N 80°34'13"W



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**Ship History** - The ship was built in 1962 for Danish shipowners J. Lauritzen A/S at Bijkers Shipyard, Gorinchem, Netherlands, and named *Raila Dan*. In 1969 she was sold to the Dutch shipping company Poseidon and renamed *Barok*. In 1974 she was sold again, and renamed *Carmela*. She was then sold and renamed *Ytai* in 1976, and yet again sold, and renamed *Etai* the following year. In 1981 she was sold and renamed *Carigulf Pioneer*, and sold for the final time in 1984 and renamed *Arron K*. On 6 October 1985 the *Arron K* caught fire while sailing from Miami to Venezuela, and was damaged beyond economical repair. On 19 December 1985 the ship was bought by the Florida Keys Artificial Reef Association, renamed *Eagle Tire Co.* and sunk as an artificial reef near Lower Matecumbe Key, Florida

**The Wreck** – *The Eagle* lies approximately three miles north-east of the Alligator Reef Light, six miles off the coast of the Lower Matecumbe Key, in between 70–115 feet (21–35 m) of water. On 2 September 1998 the wreck was disturbed by Hurricane Georges and split into two separate pieces, 100 feet (30 m) apart.



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**Location**—The Eagle lies in 110 feet of water three miles northeast of Alligator Reef Light. Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. GPS: 24-52.184N, 80-34.217W.

**Buoy System**—Mooring buoys are attached to the bow and stern of the ship.

**Protected Area**—Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Shipwreck Trail sites are subject to rules and regulations. **“Take only photos and leave only bubbles.”**

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