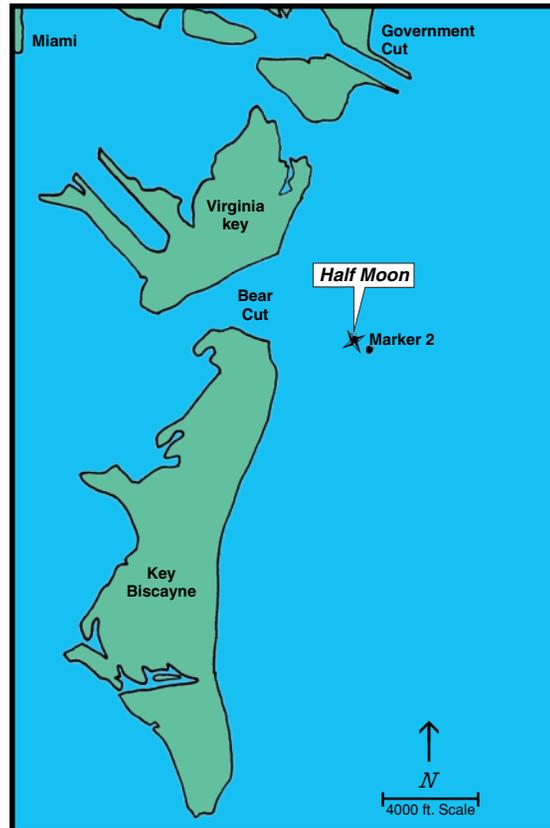


# Exploring **THE** *Half Moon* State Underwater Archaeological Preserve

## Location

The wreck of *Half Moon* is situated just outside Bear Cut at coordinates 25° 43.654'N and 80° 08.069'W. Red day marker #2 is near the site and the wreck is marked as an obstruction on nautical charts.



For more information call: (850) 245-6444  
WWW address: <http://dhr.dos.state.fl.us/bar/uap>

Visit the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center in Crandon Park on Key Biscayne to see an exhibit of *Half Moon* photos and artifacts.

## A Window to the Past...

Make history come alive! Experience the grandeur and elegance of an aristocratic pursuit. Originally christened *Germania*, this yacht was built in 1908 in Germany as a wedding present for a German count. 154 feet long with two masts carrying 15,000 square feet of canvas, *Half Moon* was among the fastest of her day. Today, she teems with life as a vital marine habitat.



## Diving and Snorkeling at Half Moon

are best on a high, slack tide; consult local dive shops for tide tables.

- Use safe diving procedures and always display a diver-down flag.
- Please do not anchor on the site; use mooring buoys or anchor in the sand.
- Water depth varies with the tide and averages 8-10 feet to the bottom and only 3-4 feet over the wreck.

**Maneuver slowly and watch for divers, snorkelers, and swimmers!**

As with all archaeological and historical sites on public uplands and submerged bottomlands, *Half Moon* is protected by Florida laws forbidding unauthorized disturbance, excavation, or removal of artifacts.

**Please take only photos and leave only bubbles!!**

*Half Moon* was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2001.



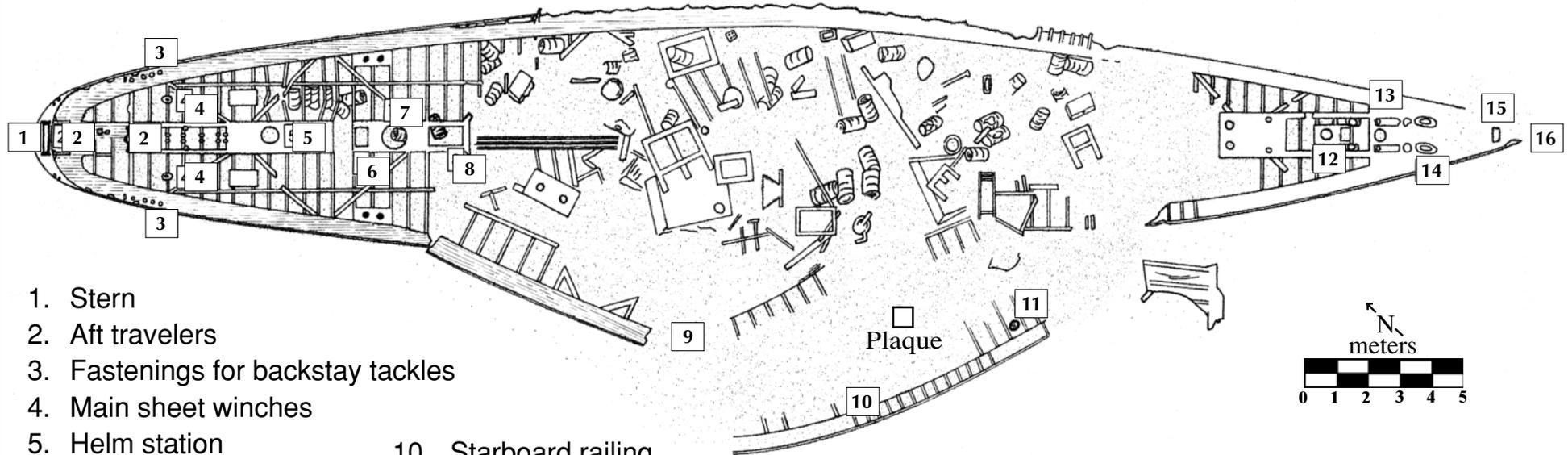
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# *Half Moon*, formerly *Germania*

UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRESERVE

Miami, Florida



1. Stern
2. Aft travelers
3. Fastenings for backstay tackles
4. Main sheet winches
5. Helm station
6. Binnacle
7. Lazarette hatch
8. Salon skylight
9. Starboard side (broken)
10. Starboard railing
11. Porthole
12. Anchor chain lockers
13. Anchor chain guides
14. Anchor chain hawse holes
15. Bowsprit collar
16. Bow

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## THE VIEW FROM DOWN UNDER

*Half Moon* lies imbedded in white sand on a shallow shoal off Key Biscayne, listing slightly to port, bow pointing southward. No traces of her masts are left and the starboard side has been broken outward, probably the result of a larger vessel colliding with the wreck. The yacht's

internal framing is readily apparent, as are the forward anchor chain fittings and the bowsprit collar. The shipwreck is home to many species of tropical marine life, including fish, invertebrates, sponges, and corals. Please visit this preserve with care and respect.