

***Half Moon***  
**Take an Underwater Tour**  
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**Midships**

A portion of *Half Moon*'s starboard hull and railing has become detached from the boat and lies in the sand nearby. This may have occurred when another vessel accidentally collided with *Half Moon*'s hull sometime after she sank.

A wide variety of sponges and soft corals call *Half Moon*'s chrome-nickel hull, hatches, and portholes home.

**Bow**

The bow section of the vessel rises prominently from the white sand.

Visible today are the hawseholes which were used for guiding the anchor chains, the bowsprit collar, and the deck fasteners.

Much of the wooden main deck on *Half Moon* has long since eroded, leaving behind the remains of the hull frames and fasteners.

Here is the view below the deck. As you can see, the shipwreck is home to many species of marine life, including fish, invertebrates, sponges, and corals.

**Stern**

The 154 foot, steel wreck still has teak decking from Gordon Woodbury's remodeling of *Half Moon* in the 1920s. Some of the vessel's exposed structural features include the port side hull frames, which stand four to five feet off the sandy bottom, the main sheet winches, both port and starboard, and the running gear.

Along the railing, on both the port and starboard sides, we find the main cleats which secured the running rigging of the sailing yacht when she was underway.

The helm station, which held the boat's steering wheel, is located amidships. Nearby we see a skylight that provided light to the dining area below decks.