

**SAURIAN & TWO TELFOR BARGES – Port Stanvac  
(also known as 'The Stanvac Barges')**

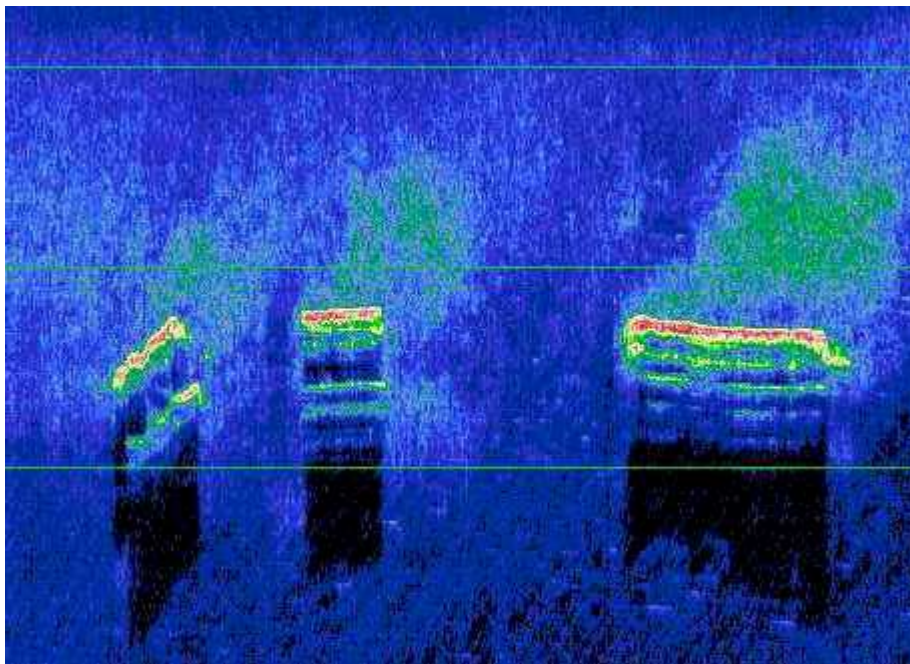
On 24 November 1954 the Department of Marine and Harbors deliberately scuttled an ex-dredge and two barges in St Vincent Gulf, north-west of the Port Noarlunga jetty and approximately 5 kilometres offshore from the Port Stanvac Oil Refinery.

The iron vessel known originally as No.16 Dredger, and later as the coal hulk *Saurian*, was built in 1871. The bucket dredge was 164.0 feet (50m) in length, 30.2 feet (9.2m) breadth and 11.8 feet (3.6m) depth. In 1929 it was condemned and converted for use as a coal lighter.

The two metal barges were coal loaders of the Telfor design. They were unnamed, but marked I and II. The barges measured 70.5 feet (21.5m) in length, 49.2 feet (15m) width and 11.5 feet (3.5m) depth.



*Saurian*, c1990s



Side-scan sonar of the *Saurian* and barges, 2001  
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