

# SHIPWRECKS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

## LEETON

The wreck of the ex-tug *Leeton*, approximately 12 kilometres SSE of Whyalla, is well-known by local divers. It lies in the main shipping channel, at a depth of approximately 22 metres.

Whether the wooden vessel sank accidentally or was deliberately scuttled at this position is currently unknown.

A local diver describes the wooden hull as approximately 45 feet in length. The superstructure has been torn off and the remaining hull is draped with prawn nets. The forward hatch is open and filled with silt. The wreck is subject to extremely strong tidal movement and can only be dived on dodge tides.

An extensive artificial reef, consisting of car bodies, washing machines, stoves and refrigerators, lies immediately south of the Leeton.

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