

SCOTTISH PRINCE

Sketch map of wreck site
(key on reverse)

Sketch adapted with
permission from
a plan drawn by
Queensland Museum



Site conditions vary and will
affect how much of the wreck
and its relics can be seen.
If you notice something
suspicious or see items not
marked on the plan, please
contact EHP.

Help protect shipwrecks!

In Australia, all shipwrecks and their associated relics that are older than 75 years are protected by law. Shipwrecks are underwater museums that reflect the history of exploration, trade and colonisation and provide important scientific, historical and educational information. When artefacts are removed from a shipwreck, valuable archaeological information is lost forever. Shipwrecks are fragile and once lost, cannot be replaced.

Interfering with or damaging shipwrecks is prohibited. Actions that damage or interfere with shipwrecks include:

- divers holding on to fragile structures
- divers uncovering parts of the wreck by digging or 'hand fanning'
- taking anything from a shipwreck site
- anchoring on a shipwreck
- attaching lines directly to a shipwreck.



**Take only photos,
leave only bubbles!**

Just like Moreton Bay is a unique underwater playground for divers, so too is the Great Barrier Reef. Protecting these precious marine areas and their natural and cultural heritage is everyone's responsibility. Visit www.qld.gov.au to find shipwreck locations on the Queensland coast including the reef, or www.reeffacts.qld.gov.au to read more about how the iconic Great Barrier Reef world heritage area is being protected.

Your safety is your responsibility.

Anyone with information or queries about Queensland's historic shipwrecks should email archaeology@ehp.qld.gov.au

DIVE into history



Scottish Prince (1887)



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▼ Diver inspecting wreckage



▼ Wobbegong sharks on Scottish Prince



Images courtesy of Queensland Museum

Scottish Prince (1887)

Vessel type Iron, sailing barque
Built Aberdeen, Scotland 1878
Dimensions Length: 210ft Width: 32.5ft
 Depth: 18ft Tonnage: 894

General information

On 3 February 1887, under the command of William Little, the *Scottish Prince* was proceeding northward along the east coast on the final stages of a voyage from Glasgow to Brisbane. At 11:40pm the master left the deck, leaving the second mate in charge—who had never sailed these waters before. Shortly after midnight the vessel ran aground. Several unsuccessful attempts were made by the steamers *Tweed*, *Otter* and *Gunga* to tow the *Scottish Prince* off the bar. Within a few days, as south-easterly weather conditions deteriorated, the vessel keeled over and was abandoned. Over the following weeks the decks opened up allowing cases of cargo including sewing machines, drapery, whiskey, beer and mineral waters to be washed ashore.

Site map of *Scottish Prince*

The bow of the iron hull is pointing towards the shore and is broken into three main sections. The bow and stern are both reasonably intact; however the side plates and decks have collapsed.

Site marine life

The *Scottish Prince's* underwater superstructure is a habitat which provides food and shelter for a variety of marine life including sponges, corals, pelagic and reef fish, rays, octopus and wobbegong sharks.



This shipwreck diver guide was produced by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) to increase community awareness and to help protect, manage and interpret Queensland's unique underwater cultural heritage.

Dive site information

Dive rating The *Scottish Prince* is suitable for advanced and experienced divers.
Location Southport, Gold Coast, Queensland
Latitude: -27 57.682086
Longitude: 153 26.085492

The wreck lies in 10m of water approximately 2km south of the extremity of the Southport Spit and 500m off shore.



Max depth 14m **AVG depth** 10m

AVG visibility 10m

Current The site can be affected by a strong surge resulting in poor visibility.

Anchoring Avoid damaging the *Scottish Prince* by anchoring away from the shipwreck and letting the boat hang back over the site. Use a shot line to mark the site if necessary.

Scottish Prince map key

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|---|-----------------|---|----------------------|
|  | stern |  | rudder |
|  | section of yard |  | donkey engine boiler |
|  | bow |  | winch |
|  | bowsprit |  | section of mast |
|  | mast |  | cargo of pipes |
|  | mast top |  | rail |

*Artefacts not to scale

