

Georges Valentine
Take an Underwater Tour
Audio Transcript

Georges Valentine lies in 22 feet of water offshore in Stuart, 100 yards south of the south wall of Gilbert's Bar House of Refuge. This video was taken at a time when the site was exposed, but sand movement around the wreckage is dramatic and often leaves the remains partially covered.

Here we see the remains of the hull and iron frames. A violent storm in 1904 left the vessel broken into five prominent sections and partially buried in the sand. Marine life abounds on the wreck including snook, sheepshead, angelfish, stingrays, sea turtles and more. Because of the shallow water and migrating sand, the sea life changes from season to season as dramatically as the wrecksite is covered and uncovered. This change in conditions is a common occurrence and allows divers to enjoy a new adventure with every visit to the site.

Although the majority of what we see as we swim over the site is the hull, there are also smaller features such as hawspipes, the remains of the three iron masts, and iron fasteners.