The wreck of Vamar is situated approximately 3.7 miles off the shore of Mexico Beach just north of the channel leading into St. Joseph Bay at latitude 29° 53.941' N and longitude 85° 27.806' W. The site is in 25 feet of water and wreckage rises several feet off the sea floor. Please anchor in the sand to avoid fouling your anchor or damaging the shipwreck. Remember to display a “divers down” flag when diving or snorkeling. A laminated underwater guide is available from local dive shops to orient divers on a self-guided tour of the preserve.

As with all other historical and archaeological sites on public uplands and submerged bottomlands, Vamar is protected by Florida laws prohibiting unauthorized disturbance, excavation, or removal of artifacts. Please help keep the site intact for others.

Please take only photos and leave only bubbles!!

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The 170-foot long steel freighter sank on a flat sandy bottom lying on her port side with her bow pointing south. Features of the freighter still are recognizable, including deck beams, rivets, and hull plates. A major feature is the ship’s large steam engine with exposed connecting rods. To the north, the stern is twisted dramatically to port; the rudder quadrant and rudder shaft are exposed and the rudder is lying partially buried in the sand. *Vamar* ultimately was declared a total wreck and, some years later, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had the wreckage dynamited as a hazard to navigation. This action produced the scattered and disarticulated features seen today.