

Exploring

Georges Valentine

State Underwater Archaeological Preserve

Location

The Wreck of *Georges Valentine* is situated approximately 100 yards south of the south wall of Gilbert's Bar House of Refuge and 100 yards directly offshore in Stuart, Florida at latitude 27° 11.93' N and Longitude 80° 09.83' W. The site is in 22 feet of water and sand movement around the wreckage is dramatic.



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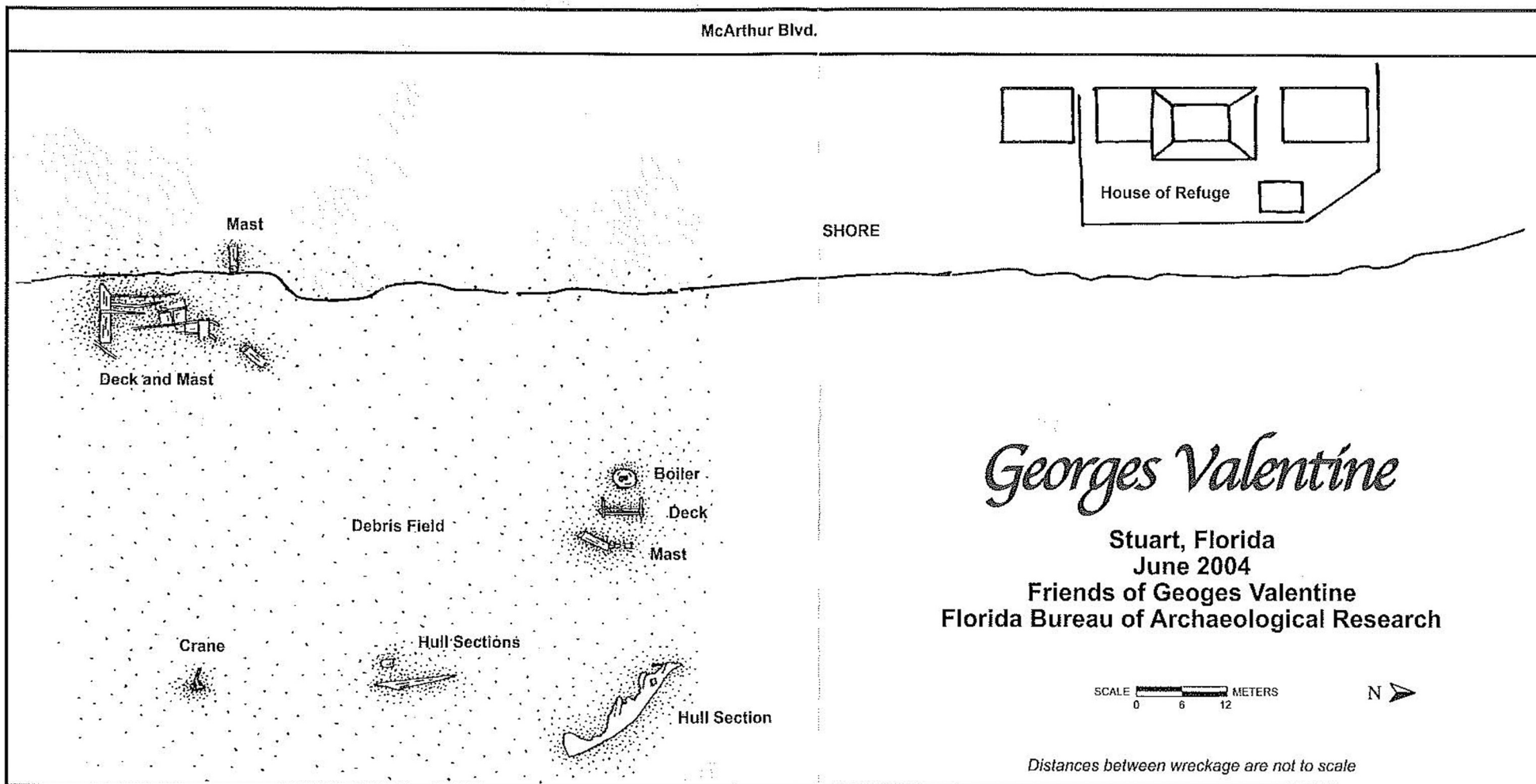
A Window to the Past...

The 767-ton steel-hulled Italian bark, loaded with a cargo of lumber, sank in a violent storm off Stuart on October 16, 1904. The remains of *Georges Valentine* lie scattered in a large debris field approximately 270 feet long and 280 feet wide. The wreckage is partially buried in the sand and is broken into five prominent sections.



Diving and Snorkeling at *Georges Valentine*

- Use safe diving procedures and always display a diver-down flag.
- Please do not anchor on the site; anchor in the sand to avoid losing your anchor or damaging the shipwreck.
- Sand movement is dramatic at this site and the wreck may be completely exposed or almost entirely covered, presenting a new experience with every visit.



The 767-ton steel-hulled Italian bark sank in a violent storm off Stuart on October 16, 1904. The ship's stern grounded in shoal water, her bow broke off, and the remains were driven towards shore. The three steel masts fell, the cargo of lumber was churning in the water, and the deckhouse and lifeboats were washed away.

The wreckage lies in a very dynamic area, where sand movement dramatically changes and can cover or uncover the wreck often. As a result, a variety of marine life can be observed on site including snook, sheepshead, margate, angelfish, moray eels, stingrays, lobsters, and sea turtles.