

DIVEWISE – DIVE SITE INFO

The P29 – Patrol Boat

The wreck of the P29 was scuttled on the 14th August 2007, just off Cirkewwa reef, intentionally for divers. Even though this wreck has only been underwater a relatively short amount of time, the marine life is starting to build and big schools of fish and marine life are starting to make this wreck their new home.

This dive site is a short swim from shore and within about 5 minutes of jumping in the water you will be swimming around the decks of the P29. This wreck sits in around 30m of water, with the main deck in around 27m. The deepest part of the wreck is under the bow which sits in around 37m of water.

The P29 was cleaned and stripped of a lot of debris before she was scuttled which offers some great swim through opportunities for those of you with a Wreck Diving certification. There are some tighter spots which we would only recommend for more experienced wreck penetration divers, such as under the wheel house.

The engine room and electrical area of the P29 still has many of the gauges and instruments in place which allows you to really get a feel for what this ship was like when she was a functioning craft. At the bridge the P29 still has the remains of the glass in her windows, though these are pretty broken now, divers need to be cautious in this area. The back of the bridge has a painting of the Tasmanian Devil (cartoon character) in pride of place! This is a great wreck which is only getting better with time.

The P29 – Wreck Statistics

Description:	Condor Class Patrol Boat
Length:	51 meters
Visibility:	Superb - 30m+
Depth of the deck:	27m
Depth to the seabed:	37m @ The Bow
Min Certification:	PADI Advanced Open Water or equivalent
Preferred Certification:	PADI Deep & Wreck Specialties or equivalent
Divewise Wreck Rating:	7/10