



Dive 123 - Portimão - 08-06-2014



The "Hydrographical ship Ex-NRP Almeida de Carvalho" with NATO designation A527 started construction in 1961 in California, in the summer of 1965 the ship was struck by a merchant navy vessel, sinking in the shipyard. With salvage operations the ship was afloat again; however, the recovery work on the ship was carried out by another shipyard in New Orleans. In January 1969 the "Kellar" was put into service for the US Navy and later acquired by Portugal and incorporated into the fleet of the Armed Forces on January 1972 with 47 crew members.

Due to lots of algae floating in the water at twenty five to thirty meters, visibility was limited to 3 to 4 meters. The ship has been in the water for only about a year or two, and is therefore not completely corroded. The wreck has large areas covered with mussels.



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