



Dive 159 - Sifawy / OMAN - 07-05-2015



A mere 15 minutes away from Extra Divers Sifawy Dive Center lies the wreck of the Al Munasir. The Al Munasir was sunk by the Royal Navy of Oman in 2003 and is slowly developing into a beautiful dive site. This

3000 ton vessel that has originally been built in England is 84 meters long and 14.5 meters wide. The Al Munasir wreck is one that any certified diver can explore to a certain extent. You do need to have an Advanced Open Water certification card if you are planning to dive this wreck

Situated on the sandy seabed about the wreck sits upright with her keel at a depth of about 30 meters. The ship's superstructure can be accessed at a depth of just six meters, and as it is slowly acquiring a coating of healthy soft and hard coral and sponge growth.

After its useful life as a landing craft came to an end, the al Munasir was intentionally sunk by the Royal Navy of Oman. It now serves as an artificial reef and as an attraction for divers. The visibility however was a bit limited due to lots of algae in the water. The wreck is easily penetrated by qualified wreck divers. This has been made easy due to numerous large openings in the ship's hull. Openings have also been made in the decks, allowing vertical penetration.



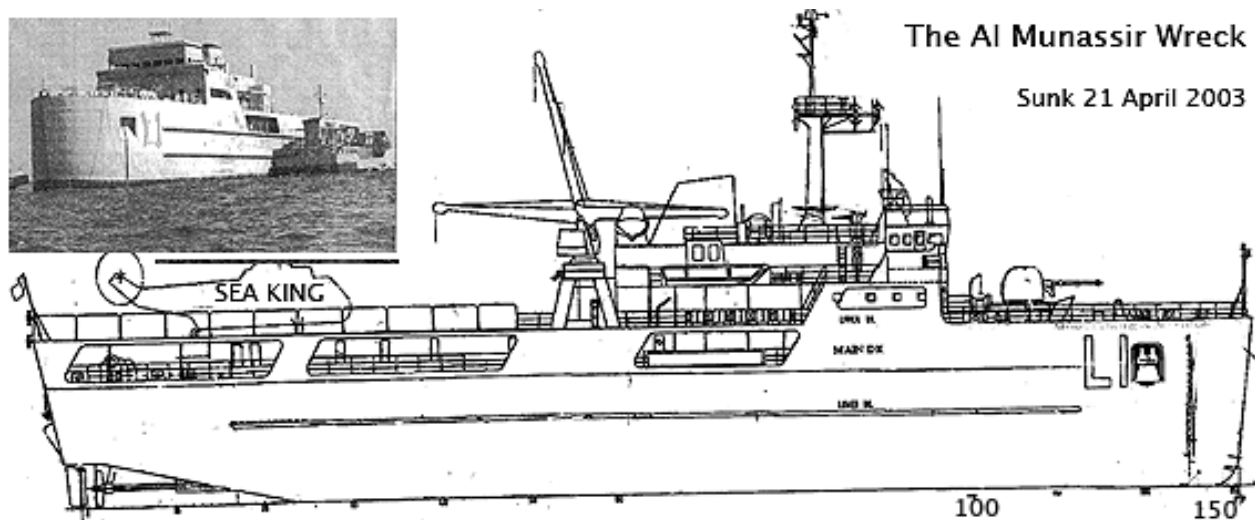
Scuttling of Al-Munnassir 21st April 2003

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Inside you need a good because it is very dark. Some good buoyancy is preferable, since there is some sediment inside the wreck that will obscure the viz if you lack buoyancy control!

Inside, you may encounter knapping turtles, beautifully colored moray eels, and literally thousands of fish and other creatures. The marine life outside is just as stunning, with schooling snapper swirling in clouds, and the occasional shark. Boxfish, grunts, Murray eels, surgeonfish, and angelfish are just a few of the critters you might encounter on this amazing wreck.



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