

there were few divers in the area. Dive sites were determined based on weather and the desires of the divers. Wrecks are in good shape, easily reached by shot-lines, and well described by the guides before the dive. Dive center's website (www.diving-shark.hr). All dives were relatively deep (30-45 metres), which might restrict beginners. Wrecks were a haven for u/w photographers. Medulin, Croatia (on the Istrian Peninsula) is kind of far away, even for Europeans. Can be reached by car via Austria and Slovenia, by ferry from Venice, or by air via Pula.

CYPRUS

Sun Fish Dive Shop, August 2004, Lisa Vignerot (lvignerot@hotmail.com), Stafford, VA. Experience: 26-50 dives.

Vis: 75 to 100 Feet. Water: 78 to 80 F, calm, no currents. Went to Cyprus for work, and ended up diving with someone in the office who uses the dive shop. Overall, good group, good dive master and professional service. We started at the shop, had about a 35-minute car ride to the dock, and then loaded up the boat (everyone helped load/unload/pack/unpack). After a 5-minute cruise, we were at the Zenobia. We could see the ferry from the boat. Water was crystal clear. The dive boat accommodated several different dive shops, but it was not crowded and we all got in easily off the stern. The first dive was a deep dive of the rear of the ferry (110 ft). This boat was huge! There were lots of ways into the boat, but it is a dangerous penetration dive with all the loose cars, trucks, and other tractor-trailers whose chains are

starting to rust through. There wasn't much life around the ferry, but we did see a few sea cucumbers and other plant life, but there was so much to see on the ferry, it didn't matter. Some groups only did one dive, and some people had to get new tanks. After 1/2 hour, the boat left dock again and we went back out to the site. The second dive was toward the front of the boat, where we did penetrate the cafeteria and the pilothouse. Again, there was a lot to see on this dive. After we finished our dives, we started to go back to dock, but lost the engines, so we sat adrift for a while. Good thing I brought my own drinks and snacks (nothing was provided by the dive shop, which wasn't a problem since they mentioned that when I first talked to them). After they got one engine working, we limped into dock and had to get assisted in docking. After hitting the 'helper' boat and making him do an "abandon ship" and running over his boat, a bigger boat came to the rescue and got us into the slip (only after we hit the bow of the boat next to us trying to get in). We got the stuff unloaded and started back to the shop. We did stop at the bakery on the way home, which was heavenly. Overall, it was a professional group. They were informative about the dives. They kept a good eye on us and felt safe. The equipment was in good shape, and they were inexpensive compared with the other operations around Larnarca (\$115 for two dives and equipment).

SOUTH AFRICA

Sodwana Bay Lodge, August 2004, Nancy Aberg, Greenview, CA. Experi-