

HISTORY

WRECKS

3 × 45' (ENG, GER)

Thousands of ship wrecks lie at the bottom of the sea, among them the wrecks "Wakashio", "MT Haven" and "Orient Queen".

They are not only remnants of great ship disasters, but also carry a danger for their environment. We follow passionate divers on their adventure to find the spirit of these past tragedies, looking not only at the engineering of the ship disasters, but on the environmental effects, their impact on the sea and what can or can't be done to remove them.

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1. Orient Queen

When firemen were called to Beirut port to put out a fire that had started in one of the warehouses, they heard a strange crackling sound. Little did they expect what happened next: a massive explosion. The shock wave devastated the city around the port. One hundred and ninety people died, over 6000 were injured and three hundred thousand were left homeless. And Sixteen ships in the port sank. The work to salvage the sunken ships began the very next day.

2. MT Haven

MT Haven sank off the coast of Italy on the 13th April 1991. It has become a popular dive site for deep water divers. The shipwreck was considered one of the worst oil spills in history and certainly the worst in the Mediterranean.

3. Wakashio

On the 25th of July 2020, Japanese owned cargo ship Wakashio rammed into a reef off one of the most beautiful places on earth: Pointe d'Esney, in Mauritius. The ship lay on the reef for a month before the government of Mauritius called for help in removing it. This is one of the worst cases of Maritime incompetence and salvage errors. This is the story of how this tragedy unfolded.