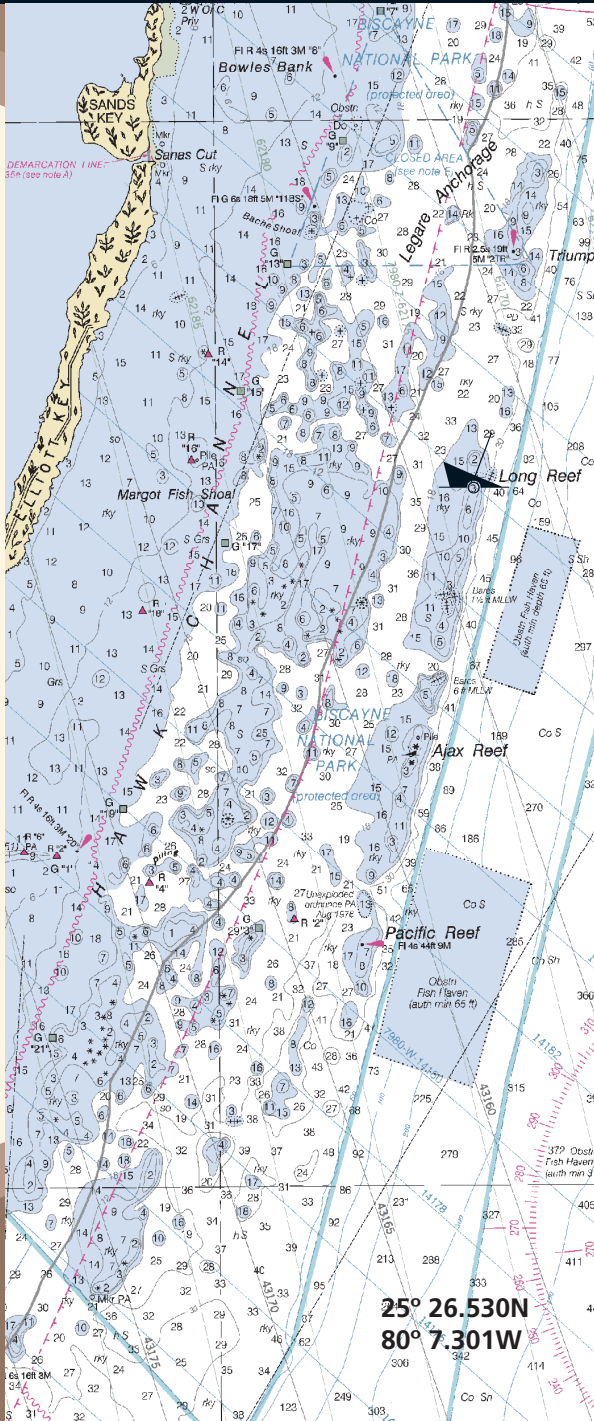


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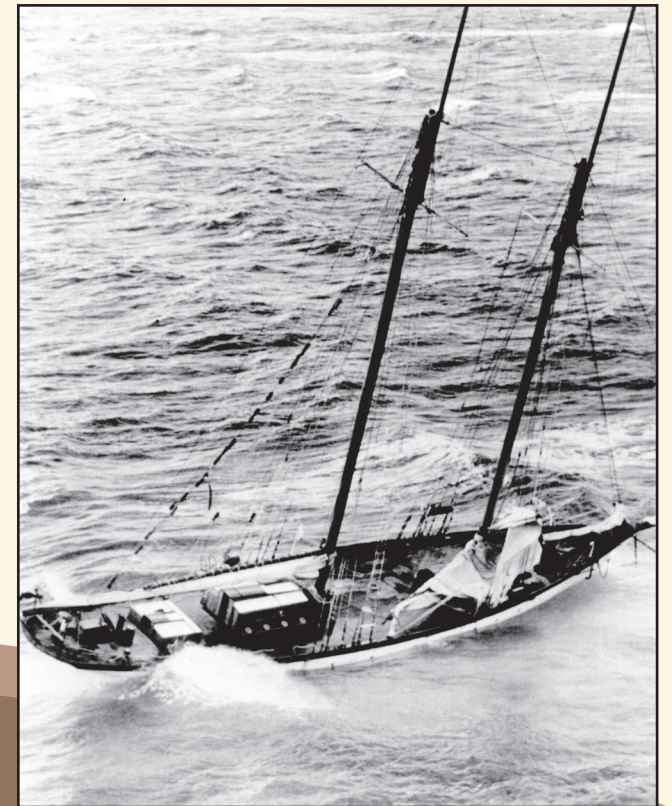
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## Biscayne National Park Maritime Heritage Trail

### *Mandalay* 1928 - 1966



*Mandalay* aground on Long Reef, New Years day, 1966.  
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## Mandalay (1928 - 1966)

## SITE PLAN

### History

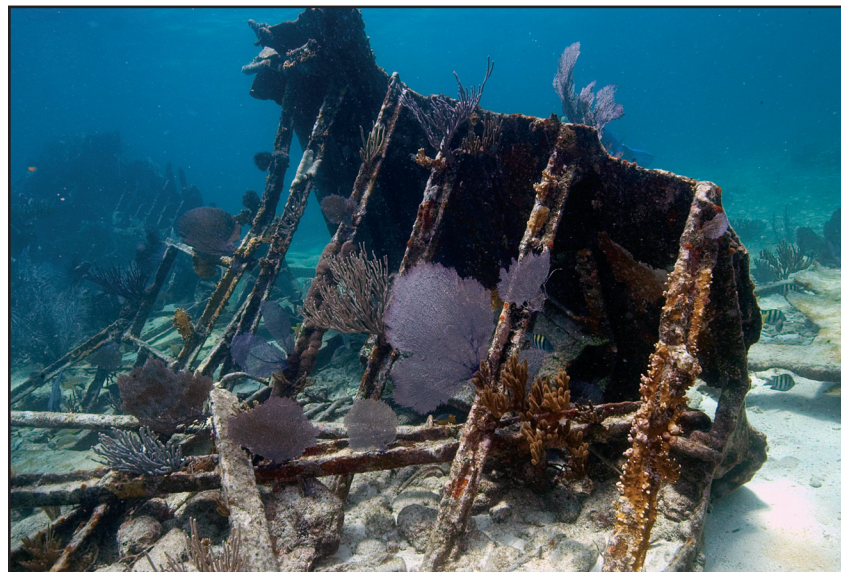
John G. Alden Naval Architects, Inc. designed the ship *Hardi Biou*, for Dr. Henry D. Lloyd of Brookline, Mass. The 110 foot long, steel-hulled schooner was built by George Lawley & Son, Corp. in 1928, at a cost of \$177,000. The schooner was sold in 1931 and renamed *Valor*, and subsequently had five other owners under that name. Michael Burke, owner of Windjammer Cruises, Inc., purchased, refitted, and renamed the vessel *Mandalay* in 1965, for use as a luxury cruise ship.

*Mandalay* was beautifully outfitted in mahogany, brass, and ivory, and had a teak deck. Aft quarters were a suite of two rooms with an adjoining bath, three single staterooms, each with a bath, and a large guest room with an individual bath. Forward of the main mast were a large saloon and living room, three officer's staterooms with baths, and ample forecastle space for six men with a washroom and shower.

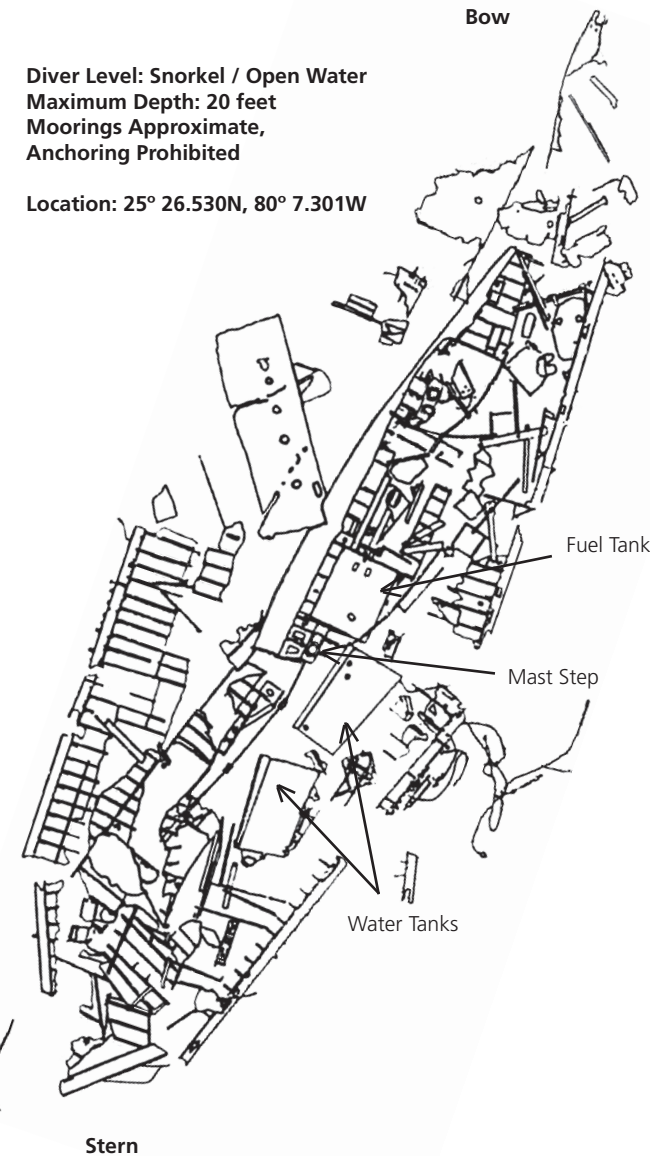
In late 1965, *Mandalay* was headed toward Miami with 23 vacationers and 12 crew, returning from a 10-day Bahamian cruise. Passengers had retired to their rooms after celebrating the arrival of the New Year, 1966, and *Mandalay's* 26-year-old Captain, Jim Gjevick, went to sleep about 1:00 AM, leaving a novice seaman at the helm. Early on New Year's Day all the passengers were awakened when the schooner ran aground on Long Reef. Later, Captain Gjevick admitted he had miscalculated the distance from Fowey Rocks, causing *Mandalay* to be 20 miles off course. At the captain's request, an SOS was sent at 3:45 AM, which brought Coast Guard helicopters and patrol boats to the scene. Flares were dropped by the helicopters, and fired by the *Mandalay* crew to illuminate the rescue operation that took place in windy conditions with 10-foot waves. Three helicopters lifted all 24 people, one by one, and flew them to Homestead Air Force Base.

Almost immediately, scavengers stripped the vessel, taking the ship's compass, sextant, chronometers, passenger cameras, watches, and purses, and the owner's personal gear. On the Sunday after *Mandalay* grounded she had been "picked to her skin and bones" by average work-a-day boat owners before salvage tugs could arrive. The tugs failed to pull the ship off the reef, and scavenging and salvage continued. Today the skeleton of *Mandalay*, "red carpet ship of the Windjammer fleet," can be found embedded on Long Reef in Biscayne National Park and is one of the best shallow dive sites in the park.

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Diver Level: Snorkel / Open Water  
Maximum Depth: 20 feet  
Moorings Approximate,  
Anchoring Prohibited

Location: 25° 26.530N, 80° 7.301W



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