



Bow of the Carrier Saratoga, with Diver to Starboard

Dive Bikini / Kwajalein Atoll – Expedition 2013

May 4 – May 17, 2013

This live-aboard trip is available to an exclusive and limited number of participants (maximum 10 divers), and the positions are filling quickly. As such, book as early as possible in order to secure your spot, to dive this fascinating, historically significant “Holy Grail” of wreck diving.

The itinerary: Arrive Kwajalein Atoll on May 4th, 2013; and board our vessel “Indies Trader”. May 5th, 6th; At Kwajalein, we will dive several WW-II wrecks which may include: “Prinz Eugen”, “Tateyama Maru”, “Ikuta Maru”, “Eiko Maru”, and several downed aircraft. On the evening of May 6, “Indies Trader” will put to sea and steam 240 Nautical Miles North to Bikini Atoll (an approximate 28 hour run). May 8 to 16, 8 days’ diving at Bikini Atoll, on wrecks including: Aircraft Carrier Saratoga, HIJMS Nagato (Battleship of “Tora Tora Tora fame”), USS Carlise (Destroyer), USS Arkansas (Battleship) USS Anderson (Destroyer), USS Pilotfish (Submarine), USS Apogon (Submarine), and others.

In summary; we will conduct 3 to 4 dives at Kwajalein, followed by 16 dives at Bikini Atoll, returning to Kwajalein for the return flight home. Divers will organize their own airline flights into and out of Kwajalein on United Airlines (contact the organizer by email at FGrieger@aol.com for recommendations and travel advice).



Qualifications: You should have training and experience up to at least the level of AOW, Intro-to-tech, Decompression Procedures, Nitrox, and have logged 100+ dives, with at least 10 air dives to 150 feet of depth.



The Charter: Price per Diver is \$ 5,900 (excluding airfare). The fee includes all food and accomodation from embark to debark; and all diving including air and decompression gas (80% Nitrox). Equipment provided will consist of double steel 100 cu ft. tanks with isolator manifold, and weights. Rebreather divers are welcome; but must pay a nominal additional fee for absorbent.

The Diving: The average visibilty at Bikini Atoll usually exceeds 100 ft. All dives are “deep air” decompression dives, with maximum depths up to 180 feet, average dive depths are 165 feet. For safety and contingencies, there will be a recompression chamber and two certified chamber operators aboard the vessel. Bikini Atoll is an extremely remote, and uninhabited island. There can be no air-evacuation possible. Appropriate conservatism, procedures, contingencies, and precautions will therefore be exercised at all times. Dives will be guided by highly experienced Bikini Divemasters each with thousands of dives on these wrecks.



To Book: Contact the Organizer: Fred Grieger, at: FGrieger@aol.com for more details. A deposit of \$ 1,750 is required to hold your space on the trip. The deposit is fully refundable until Nov 30, 2012. The balance for the \$5,900 charter fee must be paid in full 120 days prior to departure (Jan 4th 2013).

For more information, photographs, or articles on diving Bikini Atoll, contact Fred Grieger at; FGrieger@aol.com.