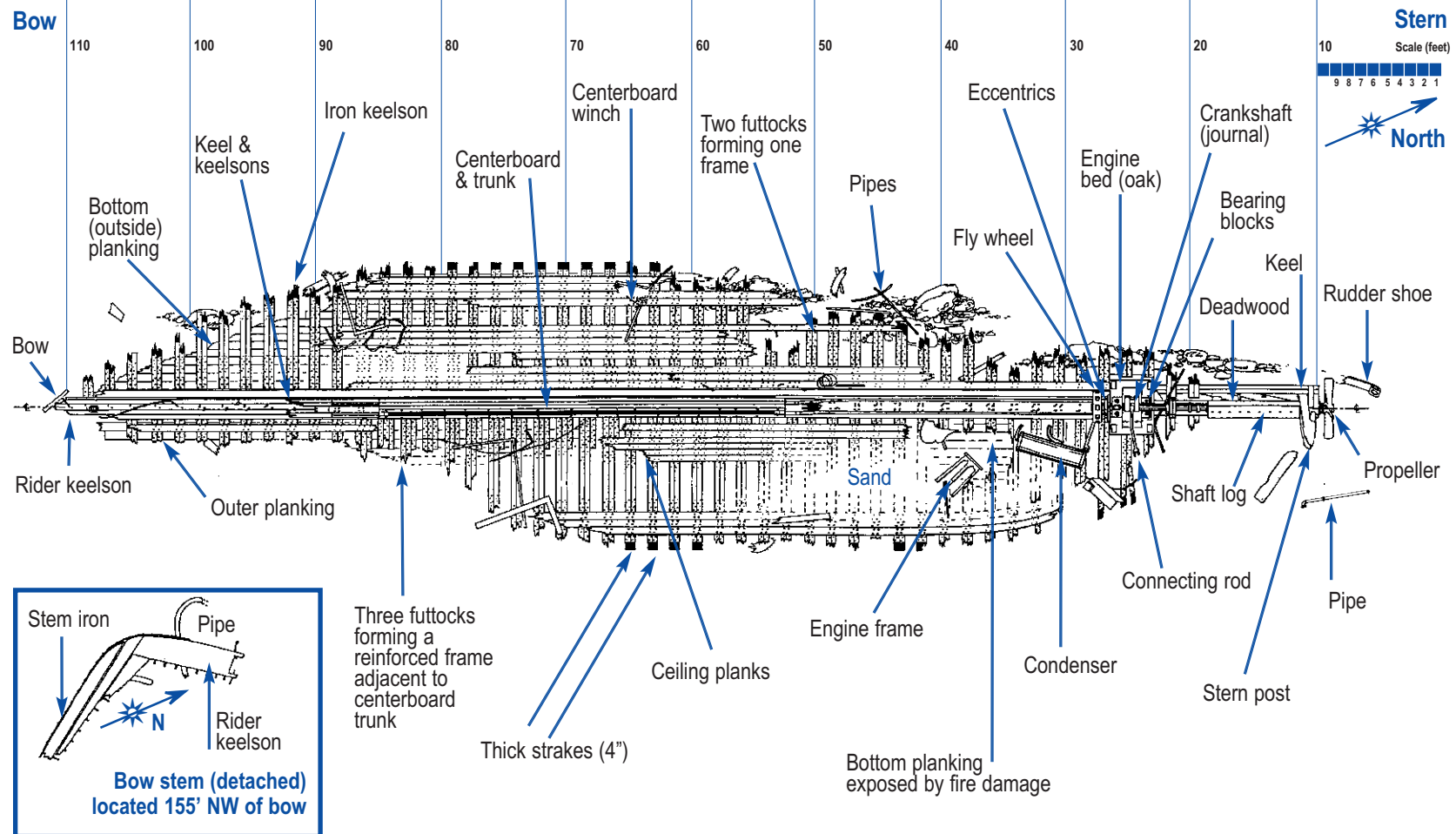
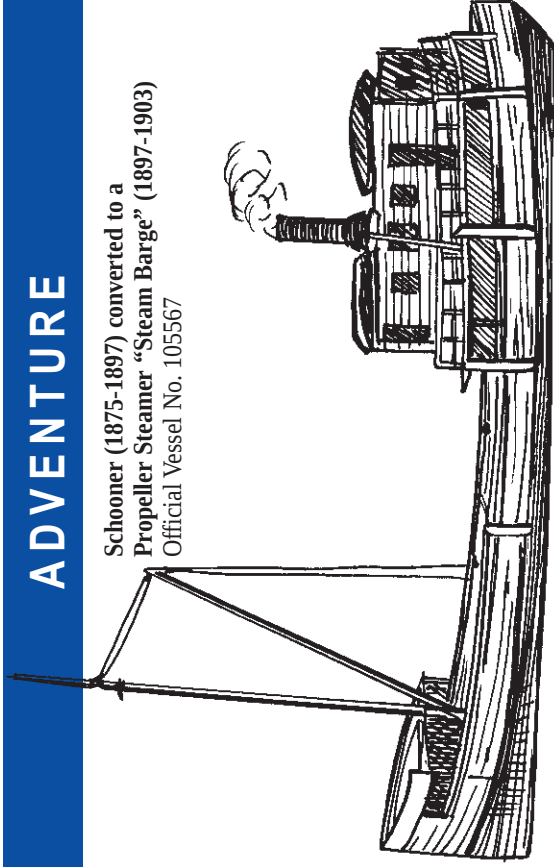


ADVENTURE Site Plan



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Schooner (1875-1897) converted to a
Propeller Steamer "Steam Barge" (1897-1903)
Official Vessel No. 105567

Sank: October 7, 1903

Depth: 5 to 15 feet

Location: 41°37.085'N, 82°40.867'W (DGPS)
North Bay of Kelleys Island, Ohio in Lake Erie
(200' offshore from Long Point)

State of Ohio Archaeological Site: No. 33ER481

BUILT: Detroit, Michigan in 1875 by John Oades (two-masted schooner with straight stem and a square transom stern); rebuilt as a steam barge in 1897 at Sandusky, Ohio by Henry D. Root of Lorain, Ohio for J. M. Robinson and Frederick Groch of Sandusky, Ohio.

SPECIFICATIONS: 108' length x 24' breadth of beam x 8.3' depth of hold; 141 gross and 95 net tons; propeller 1,600 lb., 4 blades; centerboard trunk 33' long. Reconstruction to a steam barge included a fantail stern to accommodate propeller and rudder, installation of boiler from the tug *Myrtle*, and steam engine from the steam barge *Handy Boy*.

CARGO: Lime stored in wooden barrels; archaeological survey of site in 1997 yielded an estimate of 900 barrels (none remain at the site).

CAUSE OF WRECK: Caught fire at the North Bay Dock of Kelleys Island (Kelley Island Lime & Transport Co. facility); towed to east side of North Bay off Long Point by steam tug *L. P. Smith* where she burned to the water line and sank in 15' of water.

LOSS: Vessel valued at \$2,500, cargo at \$1,000, plus personal belongings; no insurance. Captain, his wife & young daughter, and crew escaped.

SITE: Sand and boulder bottom over rock; depth 5' to 15'; burned timbers (planking & frame); centerboard trunk; winch midship on starboard side; propeller; some machinery in place. Propeller was removed in 1964 and returned October 1997.

