

SECRET SPOTS & MUST-DIVE CLASSICS

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SILVERTIP BANK Hop a live-aboard out of Phuket or Ranong to reach this spectacular site in the Burma Banks, completely submerged seamounts on the Myanmar/Thailand border. Strong currents often wash over these banks, but that doesn't keep the barracuda, potato cod, silver-tip, white-tip and black-tip sharks away.



(BRITISH COLUMBIA)

HMCS Saskatchewan

WITH EIGHT MAJOR SINKINGS in the last 15 years, the Artificial Reef Society of British Columbia runs one of the most active and successful artificial reef programs in the world. One of its crown jewels of the program is this 366-foot destroyer sunk in 1997 off Nanaimo on Vancouver Island. After nine years on the bottom, the *HMCS Saskatchewan* is making the slow transformation from steel hulk to living reef in style, with a forest of snow-white metridium anemones covering much of the structure and charismatic residents including octopuses and big ling cod. The intact ship is perfect for wreck lovers and fish watchers alike, and makes a great two-dive site. Start by exploring the main structure between 80 and 100 feet and make a second dive down around the bridge at 65 feet. Currents are milder here than at many sites in the area, and visibility can be stellar.



