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DIVING SITE EAST COAST OF CAPRERA AND MONACI ISLAND



It's easy to find some lobsters into little caves. We start to go up to explore the Canyon to find groupers and Scorpionfishes. Here the rock is colonized by a large population of sea Anemones and multicoloured corals. During the final part of the dive is possible to see some bullets on the sand.

PICCHI DI PUNTA COTICCIO



Starting off from Marina Cala Bitta – which is private Marina near to Baja Sardinia – we can reach every dive spots with 15/ 20 these minutes. Generally speaking, these dive spots are all sheltered from waves and strong currents. Here all divers of every level can enjoy the dive as we have always good conditions, we can observe many corals, a lot of varies of Gorgonia and a complete range of fish, from the small Anthias to the large Grouper, and from the multicoloured Scorpion fish to the predator schools of Barracuda.

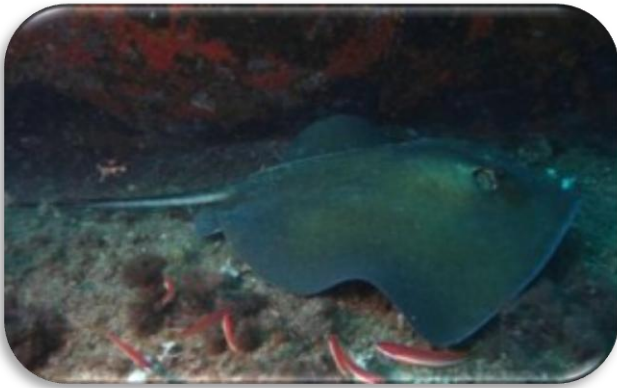
PUNTA THAITI



The dive spot is situated not far from Tahiti beach (it's the most popular bay in Caprera Island, it's called "Tahiti" because of the beautiful colour of its water). The mooring point can change according to diving experience and conditions of the sea. For Advanced divers the dive begins swimming, keeping the east direction, in the blue (12-15 meters) for a few minutes. We cross some Canyon to visit a big rock covered from red gorgonian at a depth of 40 meters. On the bottom we can find some Anchors of the ship.

It is the most famous dive point of Caprera island. The dive runs around two underwater mountains. The environment is varied and suggested. Swimming through little canyons and big channels (recovered by orange coral), we arrive to the vertical wall of the second peak (recovered by yellow gorgonia). On the bottom we can find a lot of rocks which are musdee, scorpion fishes and groupers' holes. According to season and current it's possible to swim in the blue water to watch pelagic fish and rays. At the end of the vertical wall we can swim under a big rock where there are interesting crevices with giant moray. The dive usually ends circumnavigating the higher part of one peak, swimming back to the R.I.B. to ascent along anchor chain.

CALA INGLESE



The dive spot is wide and fans out in northwesterly direction. After mooring the boat into a sheltered bay, we begin the dive. We find some Canyons, at different depth, that run parallel to the coast. Crossing these Canyons we can make different itinerary. According to the period (swimming into the blue) , it is possible to observe the schools of Barracuda and if we are lucky the Eagle rays. Usually we go to visit the deepest part first (30-35 meters), where it's possible to observe some groupers and sciaena umbra. Swimming back to the boat we go to explore the highest part of the dive spot (about 12 meters), here it's possible to find a lot of octopus and small sea anemones. It is a easy diving in a sheltered spot, with mixed reef and pelagic fauna. Suitable for all diving levels.

SECCA DI S. FRANCESCO



The dive spot consists on an under water rock (not so big). The area where is situated this dive site is sheltered from winds and waves. The dive begins swimming on the top of the rock (about 6 meters) keeping the wall on our right we start the descent swimming around it. Since the beginning it is possible to admire a quite landscape recovered by multicoloured sponges and colonies of parazoanthus. At about 12 meters we can admire some lobster and groupers, they hide into the rock holes. We go on with the dive continuing to swim along the east- south wall of the rock . At the depth of 27 meters we find some pinnacles not far from the main wall , it's easy to meet

some conger and morays into the crevices and a lot of nudibranch on the rocks around. According to sea conditions we can observe pelagic fauna as snapper. the deepest part of the dive it is at a depth of 30-35 meters.

GROTTINO DI S. FRANCESCO



We start the dive descending for 7 meters, we go to cross a little bay in southeast direction. After few minutes, we will immediately see the entrance to the Cave, which penetrates the rock for about 15 meters and has a wide exit hole at 6 meters. The landscape inside , has spectacular light effects and walls recovered by soft coral, coloured sponges and nudibranchs, it is perfect for taking photos. Outside the cave, the marine environment is made by channels and granitic pinnacles which rise from the sandy bottom (25-30 meters, where there are some yellow gorgonians) to the depth of about 15 meters. These pinnacles are the favourite haunt of abundant and varied reef fauna, especially *Anthias* and snappers. In the crevices along the walls of the pinnacles we will see Scorpionfishes and lobsters while along the sandy bottom there are moray and Octopus.

LA SELLA



The dive spot is situated to the east of Caprera island, not far from Shark Point . This beautiful site consists in a granitic formation separated by a valley of rocks. It can be considered a quite difficult site because of its average depth and current. We often start the dive from the top of the rock, situated at 12 meters, according to the currents is possible to explore in

many ways the area. Only for deep divers is possible to visit the deepest point at 40 meters situated to the east; the wall, here, has been colonized by red gorgonians. Going on with the dive we find yellow gorgonians at about 30 meters. The western side is characterized by the presence of stones where we find morays and *conger*. By keeping the wall to our left and ascending for 10 meters, we will reach the depression to explore the crevices and caves populated by groupers and *sciaena umbra* and recovered by *parazoanthus*.

PUNTA DEL FARO



Located on the south Cape of Monaci island with a high lighthouse that marks this part of the island. This dive may be done in both directions, depending on the current and the waves; the most frequent moves southeast, with the wall on ours left. The dive begins from a sheltered bay; after swimming among numerous species of stony populated by morays and groupers, we reach the deeper zone at a depth of 25-30 meters to admire some red gorgonians. The west side of Monaci island is bordered by granitic vertical wall standing over a sandy bottom of about 20 meters' depth. Here is possible to observe schools of *salpa* and *diplodus* that swim near the coast and to take nice pictures of marine landscape.

MOTORE DEI MONACI



The dive spot is situated to the north of monaci island. It is an easy and pleasant dive site. The spot takes the

name from an old engine situated at 24 meters . It's very interested the vertical external wall where inside its little holes is possible to discover some crabs, and a wide variety of nudibrach. Just in front of this wall on a sandy bottom lies the old engine which gives hospitality to some morays. Going on with the dive, we enter into a channel which allows us to arrive to visit some pinnacles situated in the northern side, here sometimes is possible to see some lobsters, morays and little groupers. After passing this area, if you have a good reserve of air and the current is not so strong, we go southwards to explore the west side of the island where numerous gullies make a beautiful underwater landscape populated by big school of Salpe (*Sarpa Sarpa*) and Anthias.

SECCA DI MAESTRALE



This dive site is situated in the open water to the north-west of Monaci island. The spot consists on a big underwater granitic formation. After descending for about 12 meters we can find the top of the rock. Here it is possible to find a lot of crevices populated by crabs, sponges and fishes. After passing this point, we swim to the north direction where we will see the drop-off. We explore the wall on our right which is rich in red gorgonians, shelters and caves swarming with corals as yellow gorgonians and *parazoanthus*. On the bottom we find a lot of rocks of different size populated by groupers and morays. Continuing along the bottom we enter an extremely small cave (situated at a depth of about 27 meters) that has a large fissure through which light filters. From this opening we can exit to begin the ascend following the rock profile . If we see in the blue it is to observe the big school of *Diplodus*.

SECCA DELL' ASTICE



The dive spot is situated to the north of Monaci Island. It has a suggestive marine environment. We start the dive from the shallower part (about 8 meters), then we descend swimming in north-west direction, where we will start to swim through some canyons with splendid walls covered by colonies of red gorgonians (about 30-35 meters). This is a perfect habitat for many species of crabs and lobsters. It's not difficult to see even groupers, swimming outside their lairs. During the last part of the dive we go to swim among the stones at 10 meters' depth where we can easily meet octopus, moray and many *anthias* fishes .

SPACCA DELLE CORVINE



The spot is situated about 1 mile east from Monaci island. It is a beautiful site and consists of a granitic formation oriented in a northwest-southeast direction, cut through by two channels. We begin to descend about 10 meters' depth to follow the main channel. Looking at the blue we will easily spot schools of Barracuda that sometimes swim in a circle formation. At the corner of the channel at 27/30 meters' depth we can always find *manysciaena umbra*. From this point, if we have a good pressure reserve, keeping the wall to our left we go to visit the southeaster part of the area. It is renowned for the extraordinary proliferation of red gorgonians and colonies of *parazoanthus* that create a veritable forest. Here the current could be strong and for this reason we can admire in the blue the pelagic fauna (tuna and jackfishes). We start to ascend but we do not

miss to explore the spectacular wide split that begins at the depth of 20 meters and narrows toward the surface, becoming a smaller passage. In these recesses we will see the typical dwellers of gullies and crevices such as Scorpionfishes, moray crabs and nudibranches.