

Bermuda Shipwreck Certificate

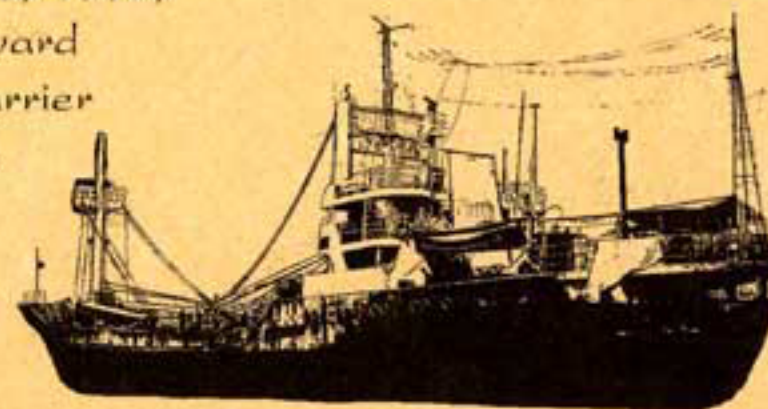
This official Bermuda document certifies that on the date of _____

Bermuda visitor _____ successfully dived and explored the

Xing Da

This 221 foot freighter became the target of a US Immigration sting operation to capture those trying to smuggle illegal immigrants into the United States. On October 6, 1996, crewed by suspected members of the Chinese Mafia known as the Triad, the Xing Da was to rendezvous at a pre-arranged place in the mid-Atlantic with a second, smaller ship to transfer the "cargo" and supposedly continue on to America. Instead, what they found 140 miles off Bermuda was the U.S. Coast Guard and a regiment of the U.S. Marines. After being towed into Bermuda, broken down beyond repair and destined for a water grave, the Bermudan Government negotiated

for possession of the freighter. On May 15, 1997, the Xing Da was towed past the seaward edge of Bermuda's northwest facing barrier reef and sent to the bottom where she was successfully placed even keel in 104 feet of water.



Bermuda Dive Operator



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