

1. SS Cedar Grove

A 14-hundred-ton Steam Ship headed to Saint John, New Brunswick from London, UK was carrying a cargo of Christmas wares. On November 30, 1882, she became stranded by the current and sank at the site of Walkers Head, Cape Island off Canso between 130-140 feet below the surface. With a hull made of wood, no wreck remains today, but much of its wreckage such as children's dishes, toys, and glassware, remain to be discovered.

2. SS Finchley

Built in 1881 in Sunderland, UK, the Finchley was a steam ship freighter measuring 271 feet in length and 37 feet across. September 29, 1884, on a voyage from Coosaw, SC returning to London UK, this 2-thousand-ton freighter carrying manganese ore, became stranded in the fog. Striking a shoal, in Country Harbour, the steel, 2-deck, 3-masted ship was a total loss and sunk to the bottom of Isaac's Harbour while being towed into shore. She now lies between 60-97 feet below the surface at a location marked with a buoy. With abundant plant life covering her hull, she appears to have grown out of the bottom of the ocean. Recently having succumbed to the demands of the ocean's turbulence, she remains a popular dive site.

3. Irish Patriot

December 10, 1953 this 40-ton trawler foundered off Canso. She was not reported until January the next year. Look for her remains around Cranberry Island.

4. Highflight

In 1999, a local recreational yachtsman took his craft out for her maiden voyage. Striking rocks, hidden beneath the surface off Goose Island, the yacht sank straight down to the bottom. She remains, amongst breathtaking aquatic life, intact.

5. SS Ealing

This 2000 ton, 285 foot iron steam ship was sailing from Pelly Island, NF towards New York, NY. January 6, 1896, cutting through heavy fog, she struck the SE breaker off Green Island at Isaacs Harbour. Forty-seven the crews abandoned ship, and were set adrift in boats for 4 days before landing at Canso. One boat remained missing. The SS Ealing carried a cargo of copper and some sources suggest that grinding wheels may be found where she lies 7km from Goose Island at a depth of 60 feet.



6. Foundation Masson

A 228-ton barge foundered in Country Harbour. Having gone down February 8, 1975, she remains today upside down in 60-70 feet of water.

7. SS Arrow (stern)

This 11-thousand-ton oil tanker leaving Venezuela for Point Tupper, NS with a full cargo of fuel oil, became stranded in the fog near Arichat 700 yds. N. of Cerberus Rock February 4, 1970 due to bad radar. Built of steel, her stern is completely intact and lies approximately 90 feet below the surface.

8. SS Arrow (bow)

When the oil tanker SS ARROW went down in the fog in 1970, the pressure split her in half, her bow and stern going down in two pieces. The Arrow bow lies scattered about the rock pinnacle in small pieces.

9. Cerberus Rock

This dangerous pinnacle of rock rises from depths of 100 feet and lies just beneath the surface in the Strait of Canso. This hazard has been the cause of many shipwrecks, and remains a favorite site amongst local divers.

10. SS Baleine

This 154-ton steam ship trawler registered to Newfoundland, left Port Hawkesbury, NS piloted by Captain Gus Hollberg in 1921. September 30 she became stranded off Cape Hogan while being used for fishing purposes. Her hull constructed of iron, and lying in 60 feet of water, she is an excellent dive site for beginners and is used as a training site for wreck diver certification. She is positioned straight on the ground, with her two anchors still in position. Marine life is abundant.

11. Nelson L. (R.)

This Lunenburg schooner, grounded on Middle Ledge, 7 miles off Port Bickerton September 17, 1938 at 8:30pm. The raging, heavy seas swept her under in ten minutes. Three men survived making their way to the Bickerton lighthouse in a leaky dory they feverishly bailed with their boots and plugged with their socks. The remaining crew members who were lost had been thrown by the sea against the rocky ledge.



12. Ivanhoe

Going down off the middle ledge of Isaacs Harbour, this two-masted, 96-foot schooner had left Perth Amboy, NJ for Charlottetown, PEI. She is only one of many to have succumbed to the hazardous rocks hiding beneath the surface around Nova Scotia's coastline.

13. Mount Misery

Located in Country Harbour, and jutting into the water like the head of a pick axe, the waters around this rise are a great location for those interested in diving for scallops.

14. Canso Causeway, Auld's Cove

This man-made link spanning the Strait of Canso between Cape Breton Island and mainland Nova Scotia was completed in 1955. Since that time, it has created a deep-water, ice-free port with many unique dive opportunities. Being home to a variety of plants and animals, divers are encouraged to enjoy the many unique sites to be explored on the mainland side, as the Cape Breton side reaches greater depths of up to 200 feet.

15. Strait of Canso

Along the highway through Mulgrave to Sand Point, there are many unique sites abundant with plants and aquatic life. The strait is a great area for divers to see unusually large lobster as well as a variety of antique bottles and items discarded during the days when the area was a major shipping centre.

16. Salmon River

This lengthy river, twisting and weaving its way through Guysborough County along the Trans Canada Trail system is a great spot for snorkeling with many sites for scenic fresh water dives. Local enthusiasts view a variety of fish including brown trout and salmon.

17. Liscomb Island

For those interested in the adventures and escapades of pirates, Liscomb Island offers a cute little cove where Captain Kidd carved his initials in 1748. Divers should explore the beautiful waters in anticipation of finding the clues to the rumored treasure left behind.



18. Country Harbour

This large body of water encompasses Isaacs Harbour, the area around Country Island, Goose Island and Harbour Island. With its many shoals and points, sunken ships have been a tragic part of life, while many wrecks still remain to be discovered. Burnt wood and gold coins add to the mystique of the area which encourages tales of ghosts and hauntings. Abundant with marine life, divers often view seals, porpoise, urchins and scallops in these waters.

19. Fox Island, westside

This little island is a 75 minute boat ride from Janvrin's island wharf. Search its hidden nooks to find the hundreds of red soft corals who make this island their home. Snorkelers will also enjoy its beautiful coves and beaches.

20. Canso Harbour

With depths of 60-90 feet, the granite bottom gives divers the opportunity to view marine life in clear, pristine waters. Ships anchors still rest at the bottom as another reminder of the many vessels that went down.

