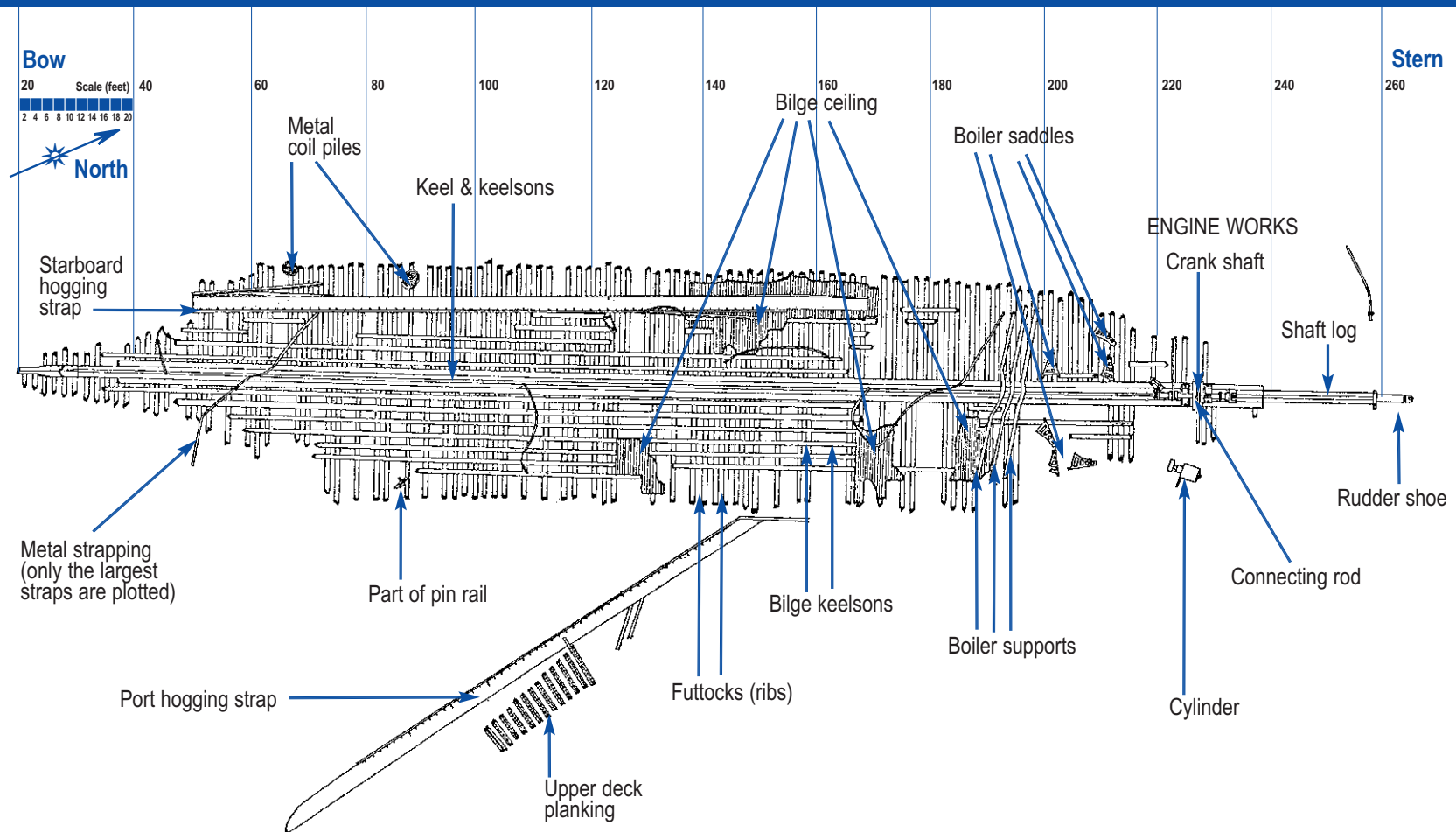


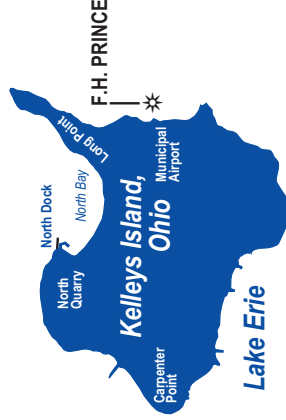
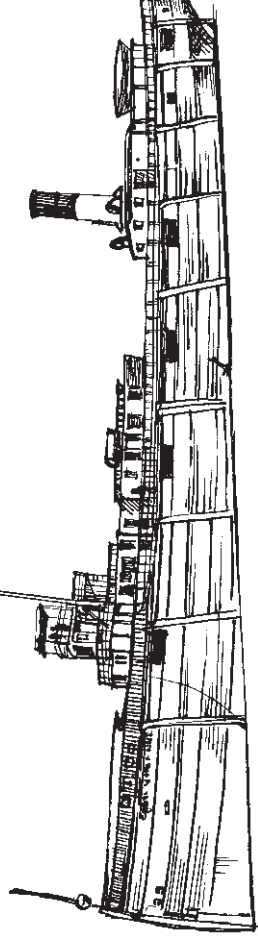
F.H. PRINCE Site Plan



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Propeller steamer; used as a package freighter (1890-1910) converted to a sand dredge (1910-1911)

Official Vessel No. 120797



Sank: August 8, 1911

Depth: 5 to 18 feet

Location: 41°36.240'N, 82°40.520'W (DGPS)

East side of Kelleys Island, Ohio in Lake Erie (0.5 mile offshore from Municipal Airport)

State of Ohio Archaeological Site: No. 33ER496

BUILT: Wyandotte, Michigan in 1890 by Detroit Dry Dock Company (Wyandotte hull no. 102) for Rutland Transit Company; rebuilt as sand dredge in 1910.

SPECIFICATIONS: 240' length x 42' breadth of beam x 23' depth of hold; 2,047 gross and 1,548 net tons; wood hull; fore and aft compound engine. Metal straps were used to reinforce the interior of the hull.

CARGO: Sand and gravel.

CAUSE OF WRECK: Ruptured engine room machinery caught fire during routine sand dredge operation; captain intentionally ran vessel aground east of Kelleys Island; high winds continued as ship burned. Steamer sandsuckers *Albert Y. Gowen*, *Clinton*, *Mary H.*, and *Protector* attempted to save the *F.H. Prince* by pumping water on her; the heavily damaged bow prevented the vessel from being moved. On August 14 fire again swept across her destroying what remained above the waterline.

LOSS: Vessel and cargo valued at \$50,000; crew salvaged some materials, other items lost to theft; insurance abandoned to underwriters. No lives lost.

SITE: Rocky bottom, depth 5' to 18'; framing and planking timbers; metal straps used to reinforce interior of hull; machinery at stern. Engine and boilers removed in 1914; propeller and shaft recovered by salvage company and now on display at Neil Shrock Towing & Salvage, Inc., Marblehead, Ohio.

