

Press Release Date: 6/15/20

Shipwreck Park to Sink Two Displaced Seahorses on Lady Luck
Sands Harbor Resort & Marina
101 North Riverside Drive
Tuesday, June 16th
8:30 a.m.

(See highlighted section below for coverage details)

On Tuesday, June 16th, Shipwreck Park will sink two eight-foot seahorses and install them on the bow of the 324 ft. Lady Luck which was deployed in July of 2016.

The beautiful bronze colored seahorses were originally intended to adorn the deck of the 107-foot Okinawa tugboat, sunk just a mile off the Pompano Beach Pier in August of 2017. However, there was extreme turbulence at the time of the sinking, so the seahorses were removed for diver safety. The hope was to return them to the Okinawa as soon as possible, but Hurricane Irma put a damper on that plan, shifting the Okinawa from her original upright resting spot and making redeployment impossible.

That will all change on Tuesday when the two pieces of artwork, sponsored by Club Wyndham and created by artist Dennis MacDonald, will be transported aboard a South Florida Diving Headquarters dive boat and positioned on their new forever home. Six scuba divers will install the seahorses under water. When Lady Luck was prepared for deployment, a number of stainless steel 'receivers' were welded to her deck to accept future art. The seahorses will be the first new additions with a second planned for December.

****Media interested in covering the sinking need to meet at the south end of the Sands Marina no later than 8:30 a.m. and will be taken aboard a dive boat to shoot the sinking. Facemasks will be required. Please RSVP me by email if you intend to cover the sinking****

Shipwreck Park is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the creation of an underwater park system establishing artificial reefs, utilizing public art to raise awareness of the need to preserve & conserve our natural coral reef system.