



SIREN FLEET

TRIP CODE: PAL-19-270-PI10	DIGITAL CRUISE LOG  PALAU SIREN	November 8 -18, 2019
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#	Date	Location	Dive Site	Vis	Current	Dive Site & Marine Life
1	November 8	Malakal	Hafa Adai	15m	None	Local lore says that Hafa Adai was a ferry between Palau and Guam that sank in the late 1960's at anchor during a storm, likely an insurance job. She sits upright with a lifeboat still hanging off of her starboard side and resting on the sea floor. Coral covers much of the exterior and lots of macro life is present including: decorator crabs, Banded coral shrimp, flatworms, Blue dragon nudibranchs, Phylidia nudibranchs, Sea stars, sea cucumbers, Black Velutinids, cowries, Porcelain crabs, Lionfish, Puffer fish, and more.
2	November 8	Malakal	St. Cardinal's Reef	10m	Mild	Sandy bottom with scattered coral bommies. Pipefish, Marble & Commensal Shrimps, Red Spawner Crab, Hydroid Crab, Flatworms, Nudibranch, Banded Boxer Shrimp, Ceylon Gymnodoris, Cuttlefish, Black Velutininid.
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4	November 9	Malakal	Double Reef	20m	Mild	Channel leading to wall at edge of inner reef. Channel sides covered with massive fan corals, hard coral, and some soft corals. Many Spotted and Oriental Sweetlips, Black and Red Snapper, Yellowmargin Triggerfish, Pyramid Butterfly Fish, Bumphead Parrotfish, Squat Shrimp, Nudibranchs, Flatworms, Baraccuda, Grey Reef sharks, Anemone with Anemone fish.
5	November 9	Malakal	Chuyo Maru	15m	None	Japanese Standard Type D coastal freighter utilized by the Imperial Japanese Navy in WWI. She is 295 feet in length with a beam of 40 feet. She was sunk at anchor April 1, 1944 in Operation Desecrate One by US air bombardment. Struck with several 500lb bombs over 2 days she sank slowly. She sits upright on the seabed at ~35m with the top of her king post at ~12m. On her aft is a defensive short-barreled gun on a platform as well as 2 depth charge launchers on either side and a box of depth charges still sits on deck. Never salvaged there is much to see even without penetrating the wreck. Currently it is encrusted with coral and is home to much small sea life
6	November 9	Ulong	Ulong Channel	20m	Mild	Channel drift from the Walls of the outer Reef to the inner Lagoon. Inside the channel stunning coral diversity is present with abundant hard corals and some soft coral. Grey Reef Sharks including a school of babies, Whitetip Reef Sharks, schooling Crescent-Tail Big Eye Squirrelfish, Yellowfin Barracuda, Black and Midnight Snapper. Many Yellowmargin triggerfish. Massive stand of Cabbage Coral estimated to be over 2,000 years old with resident Soldierfish and Magnificent anemone with

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7	November 9	Ulong	Kane's Wall	Night	Mild	Sloping sand with coral leading to shallow wall down to 18m. Lots of healthy hard corals and some soft corals, many large table corals. Nudibranchs, flatworms, skeleton shrimp, crabs, Blue Streak fusiliers, butterflyfish, octopus, Black Velutinid
8	November 10	Ulong	Siae's Corner	35m	Mild	Near Siae's Corner the tunnel entrance begins at 25m depth and opens all the way to 40m, opening up to a cathedral size cavern with 2 windows full of beautiful fans corals. Inside the cavern a large school of jacks can be seen circling above the deep bottom. Further inside Whitetip Reef sharks can often be seen sleeping and Decorated and Helfrich's Dartfish can be found. Nudibranchs and flatworms can be found inside including the Grey Norse God Nudibranch as well as Electric File Clams. The Harlequin grouper and Collins butterfly fish are found inside, commonly found much deeper. Shallowing up along the wall outside hundreds of butterfly pyramid fish and anthias are common, Green and Hawksbill Sea turtles, lobsters, anemone with Pink Anemonefish, and much more.
9	November 10	Ulong	Siae's Tunnel	35m	Mild	Near Siae's Corner the tunnel entrance begins at 25m depth and opens all the way to 40m, opening up to a cathedral size cavern with 2 windows full of beautiful fans corals. Inside the cavern a large school of jacks can be seen circling above the deep bottom. Further inside Whitetip Reef sharks can often be seen sleeping and Decorated and Helfrich's Dartfish can be found. Nudibranchs and flatworms can be found inside including the Grey Norse God Nudibranch as well as Electric File Clams. The Harlequin

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11	November 10	Ulong	Jurassic Cove	Night	None	Sandy bottom with scattered coral bommies. Pipefish, Marble & Commensal Shrimps, Red Spawner Crab, Hydroid Crab, Flatworms, Nudibranch, Banded Boxer Shrimp, Ceylon Gymnodoris, Cuttlefish, Black Velutinid, lobster.
12	November 11	Ulong	Sandbar	40m	Mild	Hard Coral Garden sloping from surface to 28m where a sandy bottom surrounds the reef with Whitetip Reef Sharks, Leaf Scorpionfish, Mantis Shrimp, Yellowtail Barracuda, Golden Trevally, Bluestreak Fusiliers, Garden Eels, Lionfish, Glassfish, Giant Moray, school of Big Eye Jacks, Tiger Jacks, Bumphead Parrotfish, Napoleon Wrasse, Baramundi Grouper, Bigeye Barracuda, Yellowmargin Triggerfish.
13	November 11	Peleliu	Barnum's Wall	25m	None to Mild	Beautiful deep wall covered in hard corals from the very top down to 30m with a sprinkling of soft corals and sea whips, Whitetip Reef Sharks,

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						occasional Grey Reef Shark in the blue, Hawksbill and Green Sea Turtles, Unicorn Fish, Butterfly Fish, Anthias, Boxfish, Morey Eel, Tridacna Clams, Blacksaddle Grouper, Marble, Feathertail, Ornate Eagle Rays and Leopard Sharks
14	November 11	Ngemelis	German Channel	30m	Moderate	Shallow basin 18m to 23m with scattered coral heads and cleaning stations for Grey Reef Sharks, Whitetip Reef Shark and Manta rays. Schools of Black Snapper, Yellowtail and Bluestreak Fusiliers, Unicornfish, school of Yellowfin Barracudas, and Big Eye Jacks. Garden Eels in the sand, Green and Hawksbill Sea Turtles, 5 Manta feeding!
15	November 11	Ngemelis	Vernie's Reef	Night	Mild	Sandy bottom with scattered coral bommies. Pipefish, Marble & Commensal Shrimps, Red Spopper Crab, Hydroid Crab, Flatworms, Nudibranch, Banded Boxer Shrimp, Ceylon Gymnodoris, Cuttlefish, Black Velutinid
16	November 12	Ngemelis	Ngerchong Outside	30m	Mild	Sloping coral wall on exterior of Denges Passage from 5m depth down past recreational dive depths, then when the wall meets the channel divers turn in to the passage at approximately 10m. Site was hit by a typhoon in 2012 but is recovering nicely with hard and soft corals repopulating the site, marine life has returned to a healthy level. Grey reef sharks, Whitetip reef sharks, Black & Midnight Snapper, Unicorn fish, Pyramid Butterflyfish, Yellowtail and Bluestreak Fusiliers, and more
17	November 12	Ngemelis	Big Drop Off	35m	None to Mild	Beautiful deep wall with lots of soft corals, sea fans and sea whips. Juvenile and adult Whitetip Reef Sharks, Hawksbill and Green Sea Turtles, many types of fusiliers, Unicorn Fish, Pyramid Butterfly Fish, Anthias, Boxfish, Morey Eels, Squirrel fish, Napoleon wrasse, nudibranchs, flatworms, headshield slugs, Orangotan crabs, and more. Very

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18	November 12	Ngemelis	German Channel	30m	Moderate	Shallow basin 18m to 23m with scattered coral heads and cleaning stations for Grey Reef Sharks, Whitetip Reef Shark and Manta rays. Schools of Black Snapper, Yellowtail and Bluestreak Fusiliers, Unicornfish, school of Yellowfin Barracudas, and Big Eye Jacks. Garden Eels in the sand, Green and Hawksbill Sea Turtles
19	November 13	Ngemelis	Blue Corner	35m	Mild	A moderate size corner that projects off the wall with current and current driven nutrients attracting large groups of fish and sharks. Grey Reef sharks, Whitetip Reef Sharks, Napoleon wrasse, School of Big Eye Jacks, Spanish Mackerels, Yellowfin Barracuda, Black and Midnight Snapper. Orangespine and Bignose Unicornfish, Redtooth Triggerfish, Moorish Idols, Dogtooth Tunas, Green and Hawksbill sea turtles, Giant Moray, Yellowmargin Moray, juvenile Spotted Eagle Rays, Great Barracuda. A popular dive for using a reef hook when there is current.
20	November 13	Peleliu	Turtle Cove	30m	Mild	Located at the tip of the channel after Barnum's Wall off of Carp island in the State of Peleliu the site starts with a chimney from the top of the reef, widening as it deepens, and opening on to the reef at about 18 meters. After exiting the chimney a sheer wall is followed that is covered in many hard and soft corals, sea whips, fan corals, sponges and more. Many small creatures can be found including flatworms, Orangutan crabs, hermit crabs, nudibranchs, squat lobsters on feather stars and more. As you approach a small corner schools of Black and Red Snapper, barracuda, Humpback snapper, fivelined snapper appear, Grey reef sharks can be seen. Occasionally on this dive turtles,

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21	November 13	Ngemelis	Blue Corner	35m	Moderate	A moderate size corner that projects off the wall with current and current driven nutrients attracting large groups of fish and sharks. Grey Reef sharks, Whitetip Reef Sharks, Napoleon wrasse, School of Big Eye Jacks, Spanish Mackerels, Yellowfin Barracuda, Black and Midnight Snapper. Orangespine and Bignose Unicornfish, Redtooth Triggerfish, Moorish Idols, Dogtooth Tunas, Green and Hawksbill sea turtles, Giant Moray, Yellowmargin Moray, juvenile Spotted Eagle Rays, Great Barracuda. A popular dive for using a reef hook when there is current.
22	November 13	Ngemelis	German Channel	Night	Mild	Shallow basin 18m to 23m with scattered coral heads and cleaning stations for Grey Reef Sharks, Whitetip Reef Shark and Manta rays. Schools of Black Snapper, Yellowtail and Bluestreak Fusiliers, Unicornfish, school of Yellowfin Barracudas, and Big Eye Jacks. Garden Eels in the sand, Green and Hawksbill Sea Turtles
23	November 14	Ngemelis	Blue Holes	40m	Mild	Four large holes leading down to a Cathedral Cavern with one large and one small entrance/exit out to the deep Wall. Life includes: Disco Clams, Hermit Crabs, Giant Moray, nudibranchs, Whip Coral Shrimp, Mantis Shrimp, Hairy Hermit Crabs, flatworms, Lionfish, Bignose Unicornfish, Pyramid Butterflyfish, Harlequin Grouper, various Sweetlips, Moorish Idols, Green and Hawksbill sea turtles, Giant Moray, Parrotfish, Anthias, Bluestreak Fusiliers.
24	November 14	Ngemelis	Dexter's Wall	35m	Mild	A sloping section of the outer reef Wall covered in many soft corals. Beaches on shore are Green Turtle nesting grounds so many turtles can be seen on this dive as well as their resident Batfish. Grey Reef Sharks, Whitetip Reef Shark, Pyramid Butterflyfish, Yellow tail and

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						Bluestreak Fusiliers, schools of Blacktail Snappers, Scorpionfish, nudibranchs and more.
25	November 14	Ngemelis	New Drop Off	35m	Mild	Small corner on the edge of Ngemelis Island Complex that gets nice currents attracting Grey and Whitetip Reef Shark, schooling Barracuda, Black Snappers, and Big Eye Jacks. Reef top shallow with Green and Hawksbill Sea turtles, Yellowmargin trigger fish, many Anthias, Scorpion Leaf fish, Parrotfish, schooling Five-Lined snapper, humpback snapper, Goatfish, and more. Wall has many large healthy fan corals.
26	November 14	Ngemelis	Big Drop Off	Night	Mild	Beautiful deep wall with lots of soft corals, sea fans and sea whips. Juvenile and adult Whitetip Reef Sharks, Hawksbill and Green Sea Turtles, many types of fusiliers, Unicorn Fish, Pyramid Butterfly Fish, Anthias, Boxfish, Morey Eels, Squirrel fish, Napoleon wrasse, nudibranchs, flatworms, headshield slugs, Orangutan crabs, and more. Very healthy and colorful corals. WWII relic ball and chain found at 14m from Admiral Barnum's prop fouling chains set between islands.
27	November 15	Peleliu	Peleliu Express	40m	Moderate	Wall on South Eastern tip of Peleliu Island, varies between sloping and sheer wall. Some hard corals present but very scrubbed by the extreme currents often found here. Grey reef sharks, Whitetip reef sharks, Bumphead Parrotfish, Napoleon Wrasse, Green and Hawksbill Sea Turtles, schools of Barracuda, Pyramid Butterflyfish, Palette Surgeonfish, occasional Bull Shark.

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28	November 15	Peleliu	Orange Beach or WWII Landtour	40m	Moderate to Strong	<p>Landing Beach in major Battle for Peleliu in WWII between US and Japanese forces. Artifacts from the war can still be found including landing vehicles, ordinance, anchors, and more but all is completely coral encrusted. Massive healthy coral garden extending from shallow to about 30 meters where sandy areas fall away beyond recreational dive depths. Green and Hawksbill sea turtles, marble rays, Morish idols, parrotfish, Bumphead parrotfish, anthias, butterfly fish, Big eyes, filefish, and many more small reef fish.</p> <p>Historical land tour of Peleliu Island run by Peleliu Adventures. The land battle named The Battle of Peleliu, codenamed Operation Stalemate II by the United States military, fought between the U.S. and Japan from September 15 to November 27, 1944. Approximately 27,000 American and 11,000 Japanese soldiers took part, with Americans suffering 9,800 casualties and the Japanese 10,700 casualties, with 200 captured.</p>
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30	November 16	Ngemelis	Big Drop Off	30m	None to Mild	<p>Beautiful deep wall with lots of soft corals, sea fans and sea whips. Juvenile and adult Whitetip Reef Sharks, Hawksbill and Green Sea</p>

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31	November 16	Ngemelis	Jellyfish Lake	20m	None	Palauan: <i>Ongeim'l Tketau</i> , "Fifth Lake" is a marine lake located on Ell Malk Island. Jellyfish Lake is connected to the ocean through fissures and tunnels in the limestone of an ancient Miocene reef. It is one of five marine lakes in Palau to contain Golden jellyfish. Jellyfish Lake is home to the golden jellyfish, <i>Mastigias cf. papua etpisoni</i> , and moon jellies as well as several fish species, an anemone, sponges, mussels and more. Jellyfish in the lake have evolved to be substantially different from their close relatives living in the nearby lagoons. The Golden Jellyfish have a symbiotic yellow algae that lives inside them and photosynthesizes. The jellyfish utilize the carbohydrate waste of photosynthesis as a food source and the algae benefits from the protection of living inside the jellyfish. The carrying capacity of the lake is approximately 8-10,000,000 Golden jellyfish.
32	November 16	Malakal	IJN Iro	25m	None	The IJN Iro was a Japanese fleet oiler on her way from the Philippines to Palau when she was hit by a torpedo in the bow launched by submarine USS Tunny on March 22nd 1944. She limped to Palau preparing to be repaired in shipyard. Instead the US bombed the Japanese fleet in Palau within the week. Finally sunk on March 30th 1944 during operation Desecrate One after several 1000 pound bombs hit it over 2 days. One bomb caused an explosion in the engine room and she burned for 4 days

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						before finally sinking. The entire wreck is heavily coral encrusted, guns still at bow and stern, engine room in good condition, oil barrels visible in holds. Yellowtail and Bluestreak Fusiliers, jellyfish, boxfish, Tomato Anemone fish.
33	November 16	Malakal	Chandelier Cave	15m	None	Shallow cavern formation composed of four chambers containing large air pockets with stunning Stalactite formations. Shallow Coral Garden around the entrance is a nice muck dive with Mandarin fish, Cardinal fish, Signal Goby, nudibranchs, crocodile fish and more.



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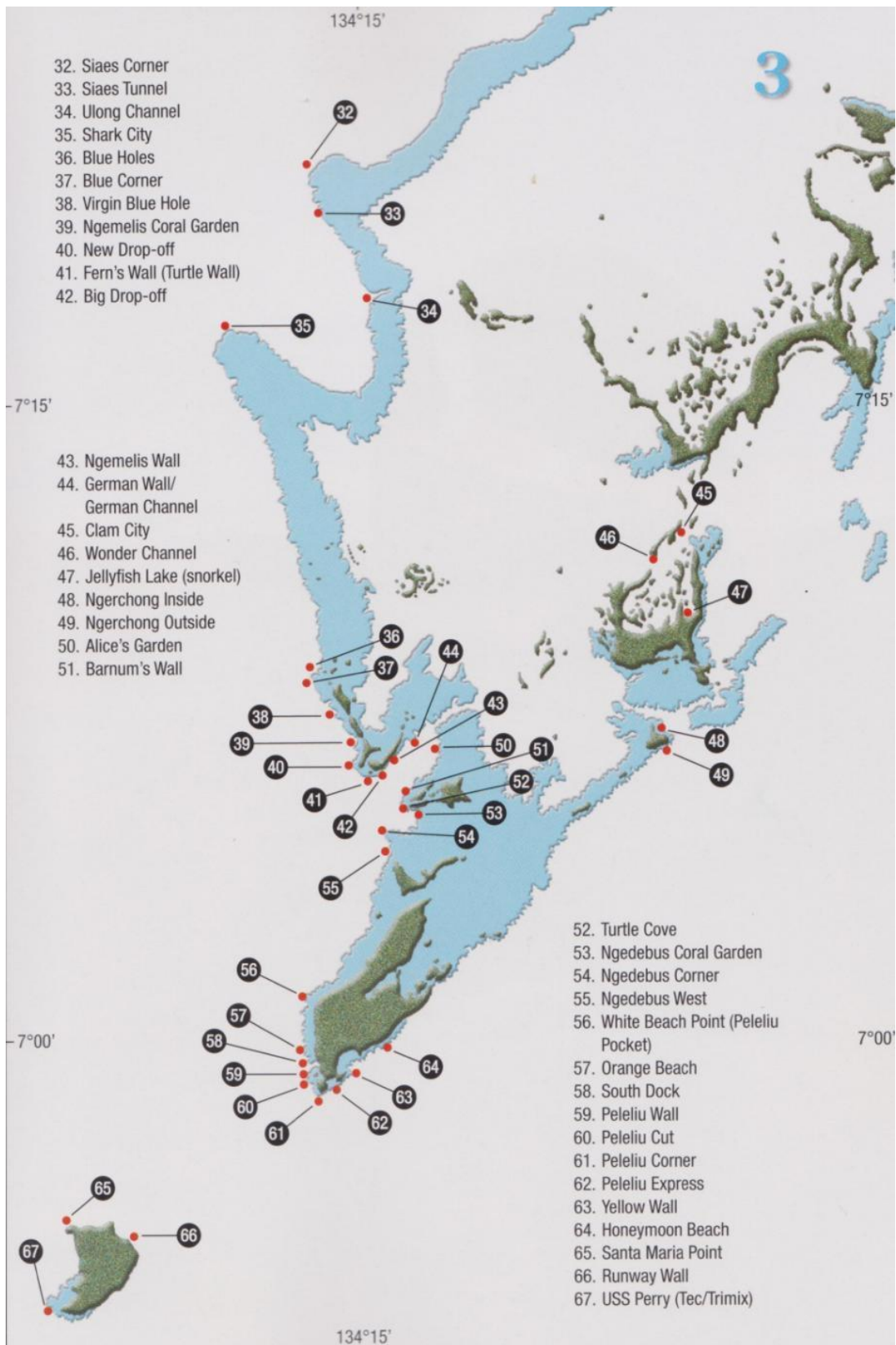
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