

Daihatsu Landing Craft



The Vessels

The Daihatsu Class landing craft was a large motorized boat used by the Japanese Special Naval Landing Forces during WWII. It had a catamaran hull and bow ramp that was lowered to disembark cargo and troops. It was powered by a diesel engine and had a relatively long range for its size. Two Daihatsu landing craft are located in Tanapag Harbor, although the circumstances surrounding their loss are unknown.

The Wrecks

Both landing craft are included in the WWII Maritime Heritage Trail - Battle of Saipan. They are located in approximately 11m (35ft) of water on an open, sandy bottom. One Daihatsu is more intact than the other, and several of its hull features, including the bow, midships hull and stern, are in their original upright orientation. To access this site, follow your GPS to: 15 13' 52.82"N, 145 43' 18.95"E. The other Daihatsu can be found approximately 45m (150ft) due southwest. It is considerably more degraded and its hull has largely collapsed. If you visit these wrecks, please be mindful that they are fragile heritage sites protected by Commonwealth Law against damage or molestation. Remember, take only pictures and leave only bubbles.



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大発上陸用舟艇



船舶

大発上陸用舟艇は大戦中旧日本海軍特務上陸部隊によって使用された大型の発動機を搭載したボート(上陸用舟艇)である。双胴形の船体を持ち、歩板兼用の艇首を低くして積載物と兵士を降ろせる。ディーゼルエンジンを動力とし、そのサイズのために相対的に長い航続距離を有した。2隻の大発上陸用舟艇がタナパグ港に位置していますが、どういった経緯でこれらが残っているのかは不明です。

残存機体

2隻の大発上陸用舟艇とも、第二次大戦サイパン戦の海事遺産トレイルに含まれています。これらは水深約11mの砂面の海底に沈んでいます。一隻は、もう一隻よりも良い状態で残り、船首、船体中央部、船尾などのいくつかの船の特徴が原型をとどめています。この遺跡へのアクセスは、GPSの位置情報で、15 13' 52.82"N, 145 43' 18.95"Eにしてください。もう一隻の舟艇は南西に45mほどのところで見ることができます。船体の劣化が顕著であり、大部分が壊れています。これらの遺跡を訪れるにあたっては壊れやすい史跡であり、損害や不法行為に対して連邦法によって保護されていることを心がけてください。トルのは写真のみ、ノコスのは泡だけを忘れずに。



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