
RINA NSW and IMarEST ACT & NSW Technical Presentation 'SS President Coolidge'



SS President Coolidge was a trans-Pacific passenger ship built by Newport News Shipbuilding for the Dollar Steamship Line and delivered on 1 October 1931, the largest merchant ship built in the USA up to that time. On 26 October 1942, whilst transporting 5000 troops and vital supplies from the USA to Solomon Islands, the ship sank in the Segond Channel in Espiritu Santo (now Vanuatu) after striking a US Navy-laid minefield.

The ship has been on the sea floor for 80 years. It is unique for its sheer size and for being accessible to divers directly from the shore. At 200 m in length and at depths ranging from 20 to 70 m, diving the wreck is an awe-inspiring yet complex and risky experience. This presentation will tell the story of the ship, the circumstances which led to her loss, the aftermath of the sinking, an overview of the ship's condition today, and provide observations on what it is like to dive the wreck.

Presenter: Carl Linkenbagh, Defence Consultant

Date: Wednesday 4 October 2023, 18:00 for 18:30

Location: Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club, 160 Wolseley Road, Point Piper NSW

Online Attendance via Zoom Link (please register below).

Register here for the presentation.

Registrations close at 6:00 pm AEST on Tuesday 3 October. Those registered for online attendance will be emailed the Zoom meeting ID and passcode on the evening of Tuesday 3 October.
