

Texas man dies during Andrea Doria dive

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A 40-year-old

Houston man died Wednesday while diving on the wreck of the ocean liner Andrea Doria in the Atlantic Ocean 40 miles south of Nantucket, Mass., the Coast Guard reported. Diver Terry DeWolf, on the New Jersey dive boat John Jack, was visiting the wreck, which has now claimed 15 divers since its sinking July 25, 1956.

DeWolf, who East Hampton police said had extensive wreck diving experience, failed to surface after a dive at 11 a.m. The Andrea Doria lies on its side in 240 feet of cold, murky water, making it one of the most difficult wrecks in the world to visit safely. Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England received a radio distress call around noon from the 50-foot dive vessel reporting that one of the divers had not surfaced. Two Jayhawk helicopter crews from Air Station Cape Cod searched the area aided by the Coast Guard Cutter Hammerhead, an 87-foot patrol boat from Woods Hole, Mass., spokeswoman Connie Terrell said. **Later in the day, the diver's body was recovered off the wreck by other divers** and brought back aboard the John Jack with help from the crew of the Hammerhead, Terrell said. The John Jack returned to Montauk about 8:30 a.m. Thursday and turned the body over to the East Hampton Police Department. Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound will be investigating the death.

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