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**NEPTUNE blue trails**

# Olbia underwater trail



**Warning  
FRAGILE**



**Snorkelling**



**Cultural and  
natural**



**Average  
frequentation**

## Geographic location

**France, Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur, Var, Hyères**

## Name of the conservation area (or protected area)

**Marine area adjacent to Port-Cros National Park**

## Level of environmental protection

**Natura 2000 Hyères bay**

## Name of the dive site

**Olbia underwater trail**

## Geographic coordinates (reference system)

LAT **E 06°07'22.649"**

LONG **N 43°04'46.841"**

Reference system **WGS 84**



**LOCATION**



## Access to the dive site

**By land:** from Hyères, in the direction of Carqueiranne (free parking nearby) or bus No. 39 (Almanarre stop). Opposite the Olbia archaeological site, the trail head is located at the sailing club on Almanarre beach.

## Site characteristics

Maximum depth **5 m**  
Difficulty **Low**



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## Information about the managing body

The AREVPAM association studies and promotes Mediterranean heritage. It consists of archaeologists, diving professionals and photographers and participates in studies and underwater archaeological digs for the DRASSM (Department for underwater archaeological research) and Port-Cros National Park. In addition, a large part of its activities is dedicated to educational outreach. It manages two underwater trails: one devoted to the Almanarre archaeological remains at the Olbia site, while the other reconstitutes the Pointe du Bouvet archaeological site.

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## INFORMATION



**Authorisation not required**



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## More information:

**The underwater trails booklet** (trail No.3, page 12)

<https://fr.calameo.com/read/000318363320c568f95e>



## Description of the site of natural interest

The remains of a Roman quay and the wreck of a tartane offer shelter for the young of a wide diversity of species. The biotopes present consist of rocky seabed, sandy seabed and seagrass meadow in depths up to 5 metres.

Neptune grass  
*Posidonia oceanica*



Red sea star  
*Echinaster sepositus*



Painted comber  
*Serranus scriba*



Green wrasse  
*Labrus viridis*



## NATURAL

### List of main species

- Snakelocks anemone *Anemonia viridis*
- Damselfish *Chromis chromis*
- Green sponge ball *Codium bursa*
- Red sea star *Echinaster sepositus*
- Rainbow wrasse *Coris julis*
- Ornate wrasse *Thalassoma pavo*
- Green wrasse *Labrus viridis*
- Black sea urchin *Arbacia lixula*
- Neptune grass *Posidonia oceanica*
- Common two-banded sea bream *Diplodus vulgaris*
- Salema porgy *Sarpa salpa*
- Painted comber *Serranus scriba*

## Description of the site of cultural interest

The Olbia underwater trail is located on the remains of a Roman quay and is situated near the wreck of a tartane, which was loaded with blocks of stone that today offer shelter to numerous aquatic species.



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Remains of the tartane



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Olbia underwater trail  
Tartane information board

# CULTURAL

Photos of cultural heritage