

GREAT EGG REEF COORDINATES (continued)

ID - YEAR SUNK, NAME, STRUCTURE	DGPS	SPONSORS
60-04, Jerry "Togman" Slemmer Reef, Reef Balls	3914.493 7421.102	Carol and Suzanne Slemmer, Family and Friends
61-04, Bruce Alan Ballinger Reef, Reef Balls	3914.196 7421.310	Friends and Family

FACT: Great Egg reef site is home to only one vessel. The Rothenbach II is a 165' tanker barge.



A load of reef balls on a deck barge awaiting deployment.

Black Sea Bass ~ *Centropristis Striata*



Black sea bass are a very common fish around New Jersey's artificial reefs due to their tendency to flock to structure. These fish congregate around wrecks and rocky substrate. They are easily identifiable due to their striking deep blueish-black or brown coloration, sharp dorsal spines and round caudal fin, which in older fish may extend at the top to a thin strand. During the spawning season males may take on a striking blue-green hump in front of the dorsal fin. Black sea bass 8 inches to 15 inches are commonly caught and rarely grow to a maximum of 24 inches. Black sea bass are commonly caught with a 2-hook top and bottom rig that can be baited with almost any type of bait year round.