

On Sunday, June 4, David VanZandt and Kevin Magee once again dove the steamship "Atlantic" off Long Point in the eastern basin. There is still no buoy attached to the wreck, so we had to grapple it. Weather conditions were good with 1'-2' waves, thinly overcast skies, and a 65 deg F air temperature, but water conditions were somewhat poorer than encountered in previous weeks. Visibility was noticeably less at only about 30', and below 60' it got very dark, requiring lights to see anything, including gauges. All the recent rain may be to blame. However, the bottom water temperature was warmer at about 42-43 deg F. The water surface temperature is also warmer at about 53 deg F, but there is no noticeable thermocline yet. Some said they felt it started getting warmer at about the 40'-60' level with a gradual increase towards the surface. Maximum depth was 149', bottom time 20 minutes, and run time 43 minutes. It was a great relaxing dive with no problems being encountered other than watching someone lose their reel in front of us on the way up. Too bad we couldn't go back down and get it.