

Alkimos – Shipwreck

A former WWII Liberty Ship, the 7,291-ton *Alkimos* was first launched on 15 October 1943, to supply war cargo from USA to Britain. For the next 22 years she carried cargo all around the world. In her final years the *Alkimos* was a Greek Freighter.

On a voyage from Indonesia to Bunbury in 1963, the *Alkimos* struck a reef near Beagle Island; damaging her propeller... the vessel was stuck! This mishap was the start of a tragic chain of events. Sadly, all attempts to refloat her failed and in 1965 she was declared a wreck and sold for scrap. Today the wreck is a recreational and educational diving location, and the inspiration behind the naming of nearby suburb: Alkimos.



Alkimos January 1964. © Stan Perkins -Image courtesy of Western Australian Museum



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The remains of the *Alkimos* are located approximately 410m off shore. Pieces of the wreck have been uncovered as recently as 2018!



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A forlorn, lonely and mysterious wreck, the *Alkimos* has become the focus of tales of misadventure and hauntings. Since foundering off the coast, she has gained a reputation for paranormal activity and ghostly sightings.

