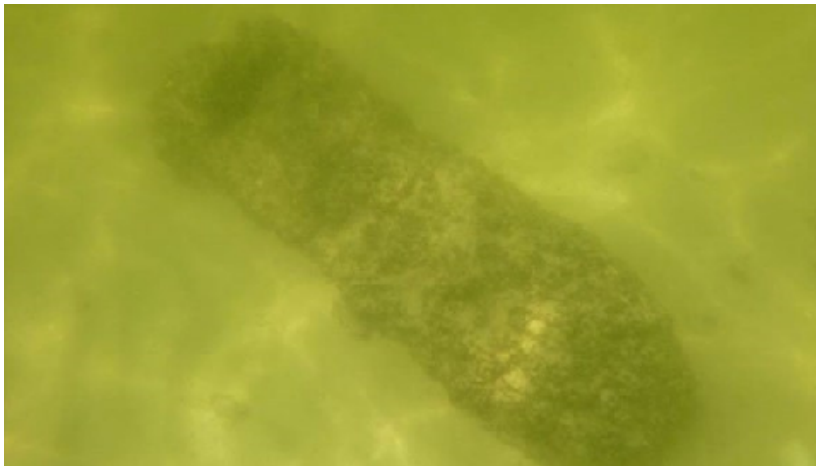


WWII Era Photo Flash Bomb Detonated Off Passage Key

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Manatee County, Florida The Tampa Bay Regional EOD Bomb Squad successfully detonated a WWII photo flash bomb found in the water just north of Anna Maria. U.S. Fish and Wildlife officers found the device in two feet of water off Passage Key. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officers contacted MCSO's Marine Unit for additional assistance. Passage Key, a sand bar north of Bean Point, is uninhabited.



Passage Key is approximately 3-miles south of [Mullet Key Bombing and Gunnery Range](#), a former WWII era training area. The bomb was likely associated with WWII era training as the bombing circles and SDZs from the WWII era targets and ranges extended into the waters surrounding Mullet Key.

From a safety perspective, it is important to note that the NOAA charts for the area DO NOT accurately reflect the actual hazard / UXO areas associated with the former Bombing and Gunnery Range.