



Maneuver. The "Hailey Glasrud" removed from all hazardous substances (Ex – "Petra Gunda") was towed by the Elizabeth Ann tug and control sunk by specialists

The Second Life of "Petra Gunda"

| Sinking | From the ocean floor near Florida the one time ship of Reederei Heinrich offers a home for the fish. **Text: Hanns-Stefan Grosch**

Truly unusual career for a ship: instead of ship demolition and being disassembled into its individual parts (see page 20), it's beginning its second life – as an artificial reef. The "Petra Gunda," named after both daughters of Reederei Hans Heinrich, is bestowed this glory – and Petra Heinrich, now the head of Reederei registered in Jork, has accidentally experienced more – through a video of the spectacular sinking which is going around the maritime world.

| Appealing Living Environment | "If I were a ship, at the end of my useful life span I would much prefer something completely different as a living reef. I believe that is an honorable burial for a ship," is the opinion of the Martin County Artificial Reef Fund (www.mcacreefs.org).

The sunken ship should attract fish like a reef and offer an appealing habitat for them in order to increase biodiversity in the waters. The basis is the cargo ship, "Hailey Glasrud" sunk in the previous year which originally led Reederei Heinrich to the name "Petra Gunda." With 1,170 tdw, the cargo ship belonged to the fleet of Petra Heinrich's father, Captain Hans Heinrich, from 1966 until 1985. It received its name in 1986 as an indeed larger replacement with 3,025 tdw.

Petra Heinrich is excited by the action and made available for us the Florida organization's historic photographic materials which show her, her sister and father on board the ship. "My family and I want to



History. Petra Heinrich as a small child on the life saver – and delivered as the "City of Rotterdam," the "Petra Gunda" named after her and her sister in all its glory.

travel to Florida soon for us to look at what is happening with our old ship," said the Reederei member.

Just short of 50 years after its delivery from the traditions rich Pella Sieta shipyard in Hamburg, "Petra Gunda" has found a new, meaningful assignment. **|•••**



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