

On Thursday, July 3, 2003, David VanZandt and Kevin Magee played hookie from work and decided to go diving in the afternoon. The lake was calm at less than 1' seas, and it had been that way all week. The water looked clear, blue, and inviting. They went out of Cleveland on Dave's boat "Sea Dragon" and headed to the "117th Street Wreck" to check out the near-shore visibility. A visibility of 10'-15' was seen on the surface, and upon descending the same excellent viz was found on the bottom. Everything could be seen on this normally murky wreck, and it was fully explored, including venturing far out into the debris field. The wreck consists of one standing wooden wall with some miscellaneous boards scattered around it. It is assumed this wall is from an early tug. The bottom temperature was 63-65 deg F, and the top temperature was 65-70 deg F with no thermocline in between. A max depth of 46' was reached. Biting black flies were also present in a moderate amount.

If more time, daylight, and tanks had been available, they would have kept diving.