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Okaloosa County Sets Timeline for SS United States Deployment as the World's Largest Artificial Reef

Okaloosa County, Florida – The SS United States is one step closer to becoming the World's Largest Artificial Reef. The vessel will be deployed in the Gulf about 22 NM southwest of Destin-Fort Walton Beach, the second week of November 2026. This activity is weather-dependent and dates may change.

The Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners is working with our safety and security partners for a safe and efficient deployment. This is an exciting move forward to create a one-of-a-kind resource for the environment and for our tourism industry.

More details on the deployment will be released in the coming weeks.

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