



### **CHANDELIER CAVE**

#### **Dive Site:**

- A Cave system made up of five separate, connecting chambers with air pockets (4 are water-filled)
- Over the millenniums rainwater, percolating down through the limestone, eroded the interior of the islands forming vast cave systems
- Chandelier Cave was once an open-air cave
- The stalactites and stalagmites slowly grew into formations resembling glittering chandeliers
- After the last ice age the water level slowly rose, completely concealing the cave's entrance
- 3 depth charges from WWII can be found to the left of the entrance
- Halocline inside the cave (mixing of salt & freshwater or sediment creating a layered effect)

#### **Marine life:**

- Soldier fish and Cardinal fish inside the cave
- Small shrimp and crabs that cling to the sponges found along the walls
- The elusive Mandarin Fish & other small reef fish around the cave entrance