

The Island of Dolin

The island of Dolin stretches parallel to the south coast of Rab and is separated by the latter by the Barbat Channel. Due to its position, it protects the island of Rab from the strong south and west winds. Barbat, Banjol and the city of Rab owe a part of its tourist attraction and success to this fact and is one of the reason for the numerous white sandy beaches on Rab's side of the Channel. In terms of diving, the more interesting is the south coast of the island. On this side of the island, at 25 to 35 meters of depth, there is the wreck Tabinja, a fishing boat which sank during a storm, due to the fisherman's blinding by love. People say that the storm took advantage of the captain's love and sank the boat while he was occupied. The couple survived, but the boat remained at the bottom. Nearby, there is a bomb case – totally harmless today, but a reminder of WW II. Moreover, close by (at a 15 meters distance) there is a smaller 12 meter fishing boat. Both boats are still in good shape so you can dive in and explore the different boat areas, e.g. the kitchen and the utensils left (plates, cupboards, etc). The boats are overgrown with vegetation and there are quite a lot of fish around them including scorpionfish, conger, two-banded breams and other. When going towards the coastline you can find octopuses and pen shells at 5 to 6 meters of depth - the biggest type of shells in the Adriatic.

