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Helioxfilm published the multiple award short film by Gyula Somogyi on DVD.

The ships of darkness DVD has several unique features which offer a complex experience:

TWO UNDERWATER SHORT FILMS

Two underwater short films – award-winning artistic “**The ships of darkness**” and recently published documentary-style “**One of us**” take the audience for mysterious voyages in history, descending from the light into darkness in order to visit the twilight zone, where the remains of wood, steel and flesh serve as a basis for the lively creatures of the underwater world. Flooded chambers, broken masts, exploded walls and windows hardened into stones make up the surroundings of a wreck-dive. (*Filmed at the Red Sea, nearby North-Hurgada and South-Sinai.*)

SOLARIS VIDEO CLIP

The third film is an **original Solaris video clip** about the group. The “Book of Prophecies” brings back the viewers to the present time and reveals the musicians behind the scenes. The films are based on the famous Solaris-album: Nostradamus – Book of Prophecies, which was published by Periferic Records.

720p25 HD VERSIONS

The underwater films can be found on the DVD in Apple QuickTime® **720p25 High Definition formats** in order to provide more detailed pictures. The DVD is encoded in PAL. Non-PAL country customers can play back the DVD on their computers, PAL compatible DVD -players and TV-sets or use media players with the QuickTime files.

AFTER DIVE TUTORIAL*

An additional unique feature will enable the viewers to look behind the scenes: a **task-based After Dive Tutorial*** explains the post-production techniques used in these films and will escort users to re-create them in their projects. The 57 minutes tutorial teaches how to use Apple Final Cut Pro® 6, Apple Motion® 3 and Apple Shake® for specific tasks, such as secondary color corrections, image stabilization, optical flow retiming, nested sequences and retouching the moving picture.

16 PAGES COLOR BOOKLET

The DVD is also equipped with a **16 pages color booklet about the shipwrecks**. It contains factual information regarding the wrecks’ GPS position, basic data, and a short history so it can be used for dive-trip planning. The text originated from the **BBC acknowledged DiveSiteDirectory.com**. The beautiful **pencil drawings of Rik Vercoe** help the audience to imagine the superstructure of the wrecks. The **booklet** and the **cover art** is the work of **Csaba Tökölyi**, underwater photographer and graphic artist; the **cover picture** is also an award-winning photograph by **Robert Roka** (Skeleton of lost times).

Heliox Film’s media partners are: DivePhotoGuide.com, DiveSiteDirectory.com, Digideep.com, DiveFilm.com, Submarine.hu, DiveCenter.hu, and Werpixel.com (Werpixel Quaterly). Buyers of the DVD will get \$5 discount if they subscribe to the Werpixel Quaterly.

You can download the cover, a sample page from the booklet and the introduction of the After Dive Tutorial: www.helioxfilm.hu/Reseller
The trailer can be seen here: www.theshipsofdarkness.com, and the intro of the tutorial on Vimeo in HD: <http://www.vimeo.com/1984811>

Suggested retail prices (without sales tax or TVA/VAT): EU: 14 EUR; US: \$19,95; UK: £11; Switzerland: 22 CHF.

If you wished to be a reseller, please do not hesitate to contact us! E-mail: info@helioxfilm.hu



The Salem Express

The Salem Express is a big wreck that makes for a very eerie dive. You cannot help but be aware of the massive loss of life here as you swim over the lifeboats that lie on the sea bed. Somewhat surprisingly there is little in the way of coral growth considering that it has now been submerged for over a decade. There is a little growing on the top but barely any on the sides of this huge ship. There were quite a few boxfish and pipefish and the occasional lone jack. All in all, an impressive dive due to the size of the wreck, but not one for those who are hoping to see marine life. Perhaps marine life can also sense the feeling of death that lingers over this graveyard.

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GPS Coordinates:	27°42'00" N 34°05'00" E
Location:	NA
Description:	Container ship
Length:	126 metres approx (413 feet)
Depth:	16 - 33 metres (52 - 108 feet)
Visibility:	20 - 30 metres (65 - 100 feet)