



## Shipwrecks off the Waterford Coast 1914-1918

SHIPWRECK and LINKS	DETAILS
<a href="#">SV Morning Star 1915</a>	This schooner carrying a cargo of coal was en route from Cardiff to Cork when it struck a reef 0.5 miles east of Dunabrattin
<a href="#">The SS Meadowfield</a> 9 July 1915 <a href="#">The SS Meadowfield EU</a>	The SS Meadowfield was a 2,750 ton steamer with an unknown cargo. She was shelled and sunk by U-20 50 miles southwest of Waterford. The ship was shelled while those aboard were boarding the lifeboats. One life was lost in the attack, that of, Ordinary Seaman Neil McLean of Inverness.
<a href="#">Kenmare</a> 1915	A 1330 ton steam with unknown cargo, she sank between Ardmore and Capel Island. The cause is not known.
<a href="#">SS Manchester Engineer</a> <a href="#">SS Manchester Engineer EU</a> 27 March 1916	This Manchester steamer was carrying a general cargo en route from Philadelphia to Manchester when it was torpedoed by U-44, 13 miles south-southwest of Waterford. There were no casualties.
<a href="#">Montezuma</a> April 1916	In April 1916 the Montezuma was en route to Swansea when it foundered 2 miles north-northeast of Smalls Light. The steamer Courier of Milford had sheltered in Passage on 31st March and then came upon the Montezuma in distress. They attempted to assist but the ship went down before they could. There were no survivors among the crew of 15.
<a href="#">SS Sea Fisher SS Sea Fisher EU</a> 9 December 1916	This steamer was en route from Waterford to Barrow and left the harbour on 9 December 1916 never to be heard from again.
<a href="#">ML-197 ML-197 EU</a>	This motor launch sank near Ballinacourty Lighthouse. Cause unknown.

31 January 1917	
<a href="#">Mediterranean</a> <a href="#">Mediterranean EU</a> 10 March 1917	The Mediterranean was a schooner carrying a cargo of coal and cast iron ingots to Schull. It was shelled by U-70 13 miles south of Hook Point. U-70 was captained by Otto Wunsche. There were no casualties.
<a href="#">SS Folia</a> <a href="#">SS Folia EU</a> 11 March 1917	The SS Folia was an ocean liner on a journey from New York to Avonmouth with trench digging machinery, shell cases and general cargo. It was torpedoed 4 miles off Ram Head, Ardmore by U-53. The submarine surfaced and sunk the vessel by gunfire. 7 crew were lost and there were 68 survivors.
<a href="#">FV Pancaer</a> <a href="#">FV Pancaer EU</a> 16 March 1917	The FV Pancaer sank 8 miles south east of Mine Head lighthouse. A fishing smack, it was stopped and scuttled by UC-48 captained by Kurt Ramien. All crew survived.
<a href="#">SS Providence</a> 22 March 1917	While on a voyage from Cork to France with a cargo of hay the SS Providence was mined by UC-48 when 1.25 miles southwest of Barrels Rock. No lives were lost.
<a href="#">SS Linconshire</a> 29 March 1917	This cargo ship was on a voyage from New York to Le Harve when it was torpedoed and sunk by U-57 eight miles south west X south of Hook Head. There were no casualties
<a href="#">SS Bandon</a> <a href="#">SS Bandon PDF</a> 13 April 1917	The SS Bandon was owned by the Cork Steam Packet Company and was captained by PF Kelly. It was en route to Cork from Liverpool with a crew of 32. The ship was torpedoed and sank with a loss of 28 crew members and 4 survivors.
<a href="#">SS Gold Coast</a> <a href="#">SS Gold Coast EU</a> 19 April 1917	A Liverpool armed steamer en route from Dakar to Liverpool. It was torpedoed by UC-47 14 miles south of Mine Head.
<a href="#">Loch Eye</a> 20 April 1917	This admiralty trawler hit a mine from UC-33 one and a quarter miles southwest of Hook Point. 7 lives were lost.
<a href="#">SV Marie</a> <a href="#">SV Marie EU</a> <a href="#">SV Marie UBoat</a>	This French sailing vessel was stopped and scuttled by UC-75 30 miles south of Waterford.

4 May 1917	
<a href="#">SS Feltira</a> <a href="#">SS Feltira EU</a> 5 May 1917	The SS Feltira was an ocean liner on a voyage from New York to Avonmouth when it was torpedoed and sunk by UC-48 eight miles south west of Mine Head with the loss of 45 lives.
<a href="#">SS Greta</a> <a href="#">SS Greta EU</a> 5 May 1917	A Liverpool steamer en route from Cork to Neath Abbey it was shelled by UC-48 eleven miles southeast of Mine Head.
<a href="#">SS Barrister</a> <a href="#">SS Barrister EU</a> 11 May 1917	A British cargo ship en route from Brazil to Liverpool. It was torpedoed by U-49 and sank 7 miles southwest of Mine Head. All aboard survived.
<a href="#">Lady of the Lake</a> <a href="#">Lady of the Lake EU</a> 30 June 1917	This 51 ton ketch was carrying a cargo of pit wood from Cork to Newport when it was sunk by a mine from UC-31 twenty-five miles southeast by east of Mine Head.
<a href="#">George Milburn EU</a> 12 July 1917	A Royal Navy minesweeping trawler it was sunk by a mine from UC-42. 11 lives were lost.
<a href="#">Excelsior</a> <a href="#">Excelsior EU</a> 23 July 1917	A sailing ketch en route from Youghal to Liverpool, it sank 3.5 miles east of Ardmore Bay. Cause unknown.
<a href="#">Excelsior</a> 1917	A Waterford trawler carrying ballast sunk 200 yards east of the Coastguard Station in Helvick. Cause unknown.
<a href="#">UC-44 Uboat</a> <a href="#">UC-44 Commanders</a> <a href="#">UC-44</a> 4-5 August 1917	A German submarine sunk by her own mine. The Captain, Kurt Tebbenjohanns and 2 crewmen reached the surface and were separated. The Captain was rescued by local fishermen. The two crewmen could not be rescued. All but one of the 28 crew died.
<a href="#">SS Falkland</a> <a href="#">SS Falkland EU</a> 12 August 1917	A Norwegian tanker en route from Philadelphia to Liverpool, torpedoed by U-55 south by east of Mine Head. 10 crew were lost.
<a href="#">The Comita</a> 13 August 1917	A Glasgow ship this was mined and sank 5 miles from Ardmore. The crew was rescued by lifeboat.
<a href="#">SS Zeta</a> <a href="#">SS Zeta EU</a> 14 September 1917	An armed steamer en route from Barry to Zarate. Torpedoed by UC-51 fifteen miles south-southeast of Helvick Head. No casualties were recorded.

<a href="#">SS Sandsend</a> <a href="#">SS Sandsend EU</a> 16 September 1917	An armed steamer en route from Barry to Cobh. It was torpedoed by UC-48, six miles southeast by east of Mine Head. Three of the crew were lost.
<a href="#">SS Bedale</a> <a href="#">SS Bedale EU</a> 6 October 1917	Armed steamer en route from Cardiff to Berehaven. Torpedoed by U-96 twenty-five miles southeast by east of Mine Head. Three of the crew were lost.
<a href="#">SS Formby</a> 15 December 1917	Clyde Shipping Company cargo ship for the Waterford Steam Packet Company. It was torpedoed on a voyage from Liverpool to Waterford by U-62, captained by Ernst Hashagen. All on board were lost.
<a href="#">SS Coningbeg</a> 17 December 1917	Waterford Steamship Company and Clyde Shipping Company ship. Returning from Liverpool to Waterford carrying livestock, food and general cargo. Due to bad weather the telegraph office were unable to warn the Coningbeg that the Formby had not arrived safely in Waterford. It was torpedoed by U-62. All aboard were lost.
<a href="#">SS Canova</a> <a href="#">SS Canova EU</a> 24 December 1917	A Liverpool steamer carrying a cargo of wheat. It was en route from Brazil to Liverpool when it was torpedoed by U-105 fifteen miles south of Mine Head. Seven of the crew were lost.
<a href="#">FV Friendship</a> <a href="#">FV Friendship EU</a> 13 February 1917	A 37 ton smack it was sunk by U-65 off Smalls Light. Four of the crew were lost.
<a href="#">SS Pinewood</a> <a href="#">SS Pinewood EU</a> 17 February 1917	A London armed steamer shelled by U-86 en route from Cardiff to Cobh. It was shelled 22 miles south-southeast of Mine Head. Two of the crew were lost.
<a href="#">SS Lough Fisher</a> <a href="#">SS Lough Fisher EU</a> 30 March 1918	This steamer was en route from Cork to Garston when it was shelled and sunk by U-101 twelve miles south-southeast of Helvick Head. Thirteen of the crew were lost.
<a href="#">SS Hebburn</a> <a href="#">SS Hebburn EU</a> 25 September 1918	A Newcastle steamer it was torpedoed by UB-91 fourteen miles south of Mine Head. Six of the crew were lost.

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