

Appendix 16.4 List of Wrecks in the Underwater Archaeological Unit Shipwreck Inventory

The following is a list of wrecks in the files of the Underwater Archaeological Unit of the Heritage and Planning Division of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. It includes only those wrecks that specifically mention the place of loss as Ringsend, Pigeon House or Poolbeg. There are, however, numerous other wrecks listed in the files that have the place of loss as 'River Liffey,' 'South Bull,' 'North Bull,' or simply 'Dublin Bay,' 'Dublin Harbour,' 'Dublin Bar' 'Dublin River' or 'near Dublin.'

Site Name Aldeborough

Date of Loss April 1725

Place of Loss Poolbeg Harbour

This British 'man of war' sank during a storm.

Site Name Antellope/Antelope

Date of Loss 27 Sept. 1852

Place of Loss Ringsend Point

This vessel of Dublin was en route from New York.

Site Name Apollo

Date of Loss 30 Jan. 1799

Place of Loss Poolbeg

This brig had its cables cut.

Site Name Argo

Date of Loss 10 Dec. 1892

Place of Loss Opposite the old coast guard station at Ringsend, River Liffey

This 31-year-old wooden fishing smack of Dublin weighed 46 tons. The master was M. Bisset, and the owner was C. Burnham Jn. of Ringsend. This vessel was moored in the River Liffey when the casualty occurred.

Site Name Ashbourne

Date of Loss 1832

Place of Loss Pigeon House

The captain of the vessel was Bennest of Gibraltar. The vessel was last seen at the Pigeon House and has not been seen since.

Site Name Belle Kate

Date of Loss 17 Dec. 1851

Place of Loss Pigeon House

This barque ran aground as she came up the harbour. However, she is recorded as having been got off again.

Site Name Dorset

Date of Loss 26 March 1804

Place of Loss Pigeon House Dock

This yacht was damaged by a brig but was expected to be able to continue.

Site Name Duke of Leinster

Date of Loss 22 Oct. 1883

Place of Loss c. ½ mile north of Pigeon House Fort/ south bank of the River Liffey near Pigeon House

This screw steamer was en route from Dublin to Glasgow when she struck a sunken dredge while leaving port. The dredge's anchor caused a 60-foot gash in her side and she sank. Around ten days later the wreck was raised and beached on the south bank of the River Liffey.

Site Name Dunbar

Date of Loss 20/22 Feb. 1756

Place of Loss Poolbeg

This brig of Dunbar was en route from Dublin to the Western Isles when she sank.

Site Name Emerald

Date of Loss 2 July 1898

Place of Loss Pigeon House Fort

This 51-ton wooden ketch of Dublin was engaged in fishing when she collided with the steamship Carlow and was lost.

Site Name Flyde of Preston

Date of Loss 11 Oct. 1824

Place of Loss Near the lighthouse, White Bank

This vessel was lost.

Site Name Friendship

Date of Loss 22 Nov. 1798

Place of Loss Poolbeg

This sloop of Barmouth was lost after her cables were cut.

Site Name Glory

Date of Loss 26 Sept. 1805

Place of Loss White Bank

This vessel was en route from Glasgow when she went ashore.

Site Name Govenor Picton

Date of Loss 26 August 1799

Place of Loss Opposite Pigeon House

This ship of Antigua ran aground and sank.

Site Name Henrietta Louisa

Date of Loss 23 Sept. 1799

Place of Loss Opposite Pigeon House

This brig of Dantzic had its cables cut.

Site Name Henry

Date of Loss 12 Jan. 1767

Place of Loss Back of the piles at Dublin Port

This vessel was wrecked.

Site Name Henry

Date of Loss 23 Nov. 1798

Place of Loss South Wall

This brig of Liverpool was wrecked.

Site Name Hero

Date of Loss 11 Oct. 1824

Place of Loss Pigeon House

This vessel hit a sand bar and sank.

Site Name Isabella

Date of Loss 26 July 1811

Place of Loss Poolbeg

This vessel was en route from Sicily to Dublin when she became stranded.

Site Name James and Ann

Date of Loss 7 Feb. 1812

Place of Loss Pigeon Hole, Dublin River

This vessel was en route from Drogheda when she was hit by a collier brig and sank.

Site Name Jealous of me

Date of Loss 5 Dec. 1934

Place of Loss Poolbeg lighthouse

This hobbler was en route from Dublin port to Dún Laoghaire when she was lost.

Site Name London Packet

Date of Loss 8 Feb. 1798

Place of Loss Poolbeg

This ship of London became stranded and sank.

Site Name Naomi

Date of Loss 22 Dec. 1909

Place of Loss Poolbeg lighthouse

This 46-ton wooden fishing cutter was fishing when the casualty occurred.

Site Name Pelican

Date of Loss 8 April 1889

Place of Loss Ringsend, River Liffey

This 37-ton wooden smack of Dublin was at anchor when she was burnt.

Site Name Poisedon

Date of Loss Around 1907

Place of Loss Shally Banks, south of ESB power station, Poolbeg

This Norwegian barque went ashore and remains are said to protrude from the sands.

Site Name Polly

Date of Loss 25 April 1775

Place of Loss Poolbeg

This vessel was en route from London when she sank.

Site Name Princess Augusta

Date of Loss 6 Dec. 1819

Place of Loss White Bank

This vessel was en route from Dublin to London when she ran ashore.

Site Name Prosperous

Date of Loss 21 July/ Aug. 1854

Place of Loss Near Pigeon House

This smack of Courtown was en route from Dublin to Holyhead when she sank after colliding with the Hibernia.

Site Name Providence

Date of Loss 5 Feb. 1771

Place of Loss Behind the piles at Dublin

This vessel was en route from London when she was lost.

Site Name Providence

Date of Loss 16 Nov. 1779

Place of Loss Poolbeg

This vessel was under the command of Maine when she was lost.

Site Name Rainbow

Date of Loss 16 Jan. 1874

Place of Loss Poolbeg lighthouse

This Brixham smack sank when she was hit by the 499-ton steamship Meteor.

Site Name Seaflower

Date of Loss 24 Jan. 1856

Place of Loss Off Ringsend

This vessel of Dublin broke from her moorings and ran into the steamer Liffey.

Site Name Smyrna/Smyra

Date of Loss 29 Sept. 1852

Place of Loss Rocks near Poolbeg lighthouse

This 90-ton brig of Workington was en route from Workington to Dublin when she encountered a northeast force 9 wind and rainy conditions and was driven onto rocks while trying to make the harbour. The Ringsend Coastguards proceeded along the Pigeon House Wall and the South Wall and a boat was seen, bottom up, on the White Bank.

Site Name Speculation

Date of Loss 12 Oct. 1799

Place of Loss Poolbeg

This ship had her cables cut.

Site Name Times

Date of Loss 13 Sept./29 Nov. 1851

Place of Loss Off Pigeon House

This steamer went ashore in dense fog but was got off again.

Site Name Wellington

Date of Loss 1 Dec. 1825

Place of Loss Near Pigeon House

This schooner of Wicklow sank.

Site Name William

Date of Loss Jan. 1609

Place of Loss Poolbeg

This vessel of Ayr was at anchor when she was lost in a storm.

Site Name Wilmington

Date of Loss 4 Feb. 1791

Place of Loss Poolbeg Harbour

This vessel was en route from Philadelphia to Belfast when she was wrecked.

Site Name Young Christian

Date of Loss 17 April 1799

Place of Loss Poolbeg

This vessel of Tidrickstol had her cables cut.

Site Name Unknown

Date of Loss 1524–1561

Place of Loss Poolbeg

The Mayor took charge and returned goods from a wrecked ship to the merchant concerned.

Site Name Unknown

Date of Loss Jan. 1608

Place of Loss Poolbeg

This ship was 'riding at anchor' at Poolbeg when it was caught in a storm and wrecked.

Site Name Unknown

Date of Loss 1760s (Oct.)

Place of Loss Ringsend

A severe gale in Dublin Bay wrecked two ships.

Site Name Unknown

Date of Loss 17/20 Feb. 1770

Place of Loss Poolbeg

This stoop from Wales sank.

Site Name Unknown

Date of Loss 5 Feb. 1771

Place of Loss Behind the piles at Dublin

Two unnamed ships were lost

Site Name Unknown

Date of Loss 16 Dec. 1787

Place of Loss Dublin Bay

A southeast gale in Dublin Bay drove five vessels ashore south of the piles.

Site Name Unknown

Date of Loss 22 Oct. 1883

Place of Loss c. ½ mile north of Pigeon House Fort

This dredger collided with the 60-ton collier Annie and sank. The dredger's anchor caused the Duke of Leinster to sink.

Site Name Unknown

Date of Loss 20 June 1895

Place of Loss 200 yards inside Poolbeg lighthouse

This vessel, a wooden sailing boat, was lost while on a pleasure trip in Dublin Bay.

Site Name Unknown

Date of Loss Feb. 1900

Place of Loss Ringsend Basin

This first-class sailing trawler was damaged and lost when she collided with a steamship.

Site Name Unknown

Date of Loss Unknown

Place of Loss Poolbeg

Six boat timbers were exposed in a sewage trench dug by a dredger.

