

Shipwrecks - features of interest

Shipwrecks of the First World War

Just about every type of vessel that was on the water at the time of the Great War is represented in the Forgotten Wrecks that lie on the seabed off the south coast of England. They range from small fishing and sailing vessels, to large battleships and submarines, with everything in between.

Many are steam powered, steel-hulled cargo ships. The plan and section to the right has been produced to help divers identify parts of a ship and orientate themselves on a wreck site.

Identifying Features to look for (and record) on the Seabed

Stern to Bow:

Rudder, Propeller/s, Propeller shaft/s, Holds
Shaft tunnel, Engine, Funnel, Boiler/s, Donkey Boiler/s
Anchors

Features to look out for above deck:

Bollards, Armament, Superstructure, Masts/Derricks.

Other features of interest:

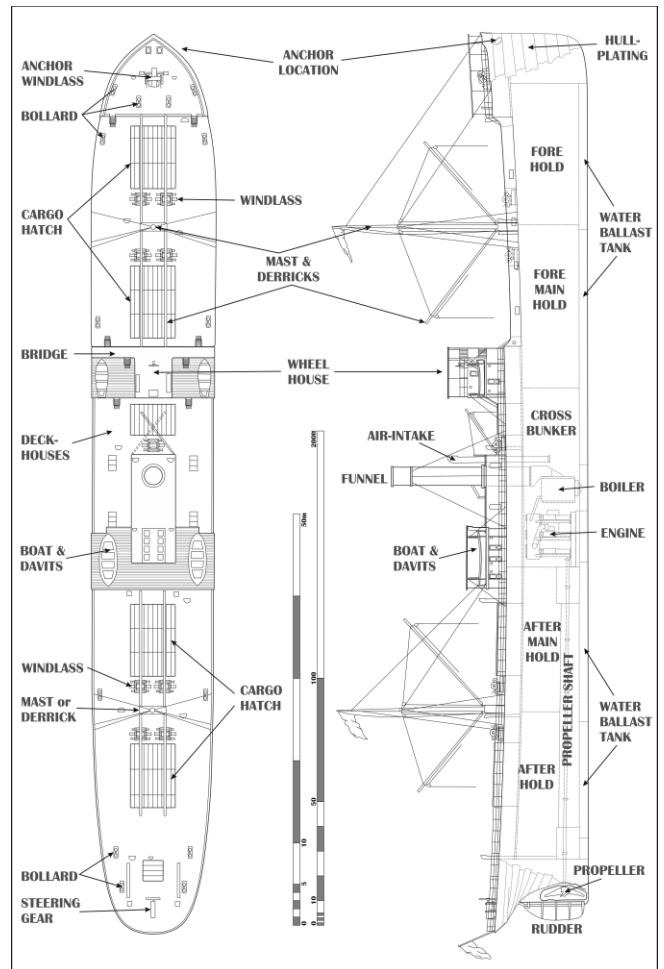
Signs of damage, Degree of preservation, Environment

A Basic Wreck Record Form has been created to help identify and record the main features and details of the Forgotten Wrecks as they survive on the seabed.

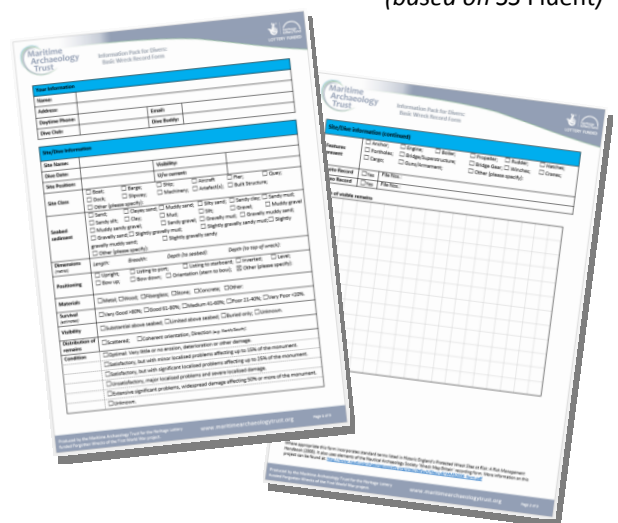
This information will be publicly available beyond the life of the project via the project website and national heritage records.

You can download an editable PDF from the Forgotten Wrecks website, or contact the Maritime Archaeology Trust and we can send you one.

NB a separate version exists for recording submarine sites.



This is a ship's plan and section for a generic merchant ship, typical of the First World War (based on SS Fluent)



*Forgotten Wrecks
Basic Wreck Recording Form*