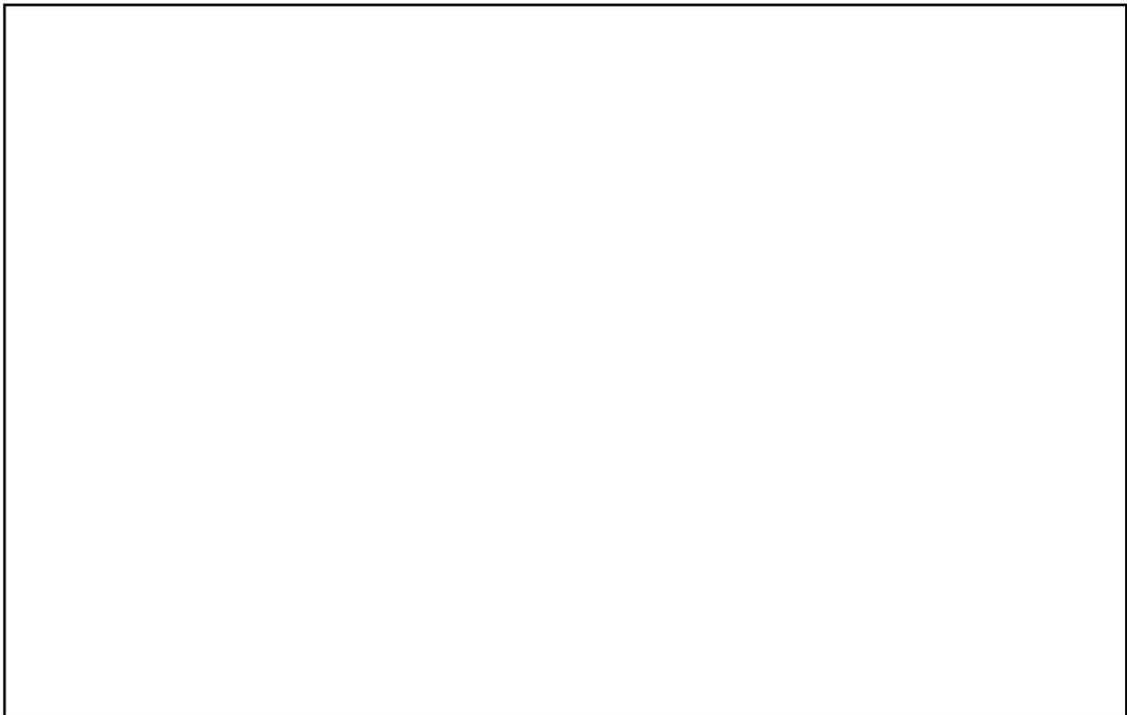




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1.0 Abstract

In 2002, the Welsh Government's Historic Environment Service, asked the Malvern Archaeological Diving Unit to examine a shipwreck in Cardigan Bay, West Wales, that is designated under the United Kingdom's Protection of Wrecks Act of 1973. The exercise was to determine whether the remains on the seabed were from a vessel known as the *Diamond*, wrecked in 1825. During the investigations, a database was compiled of 453-vessels known to have been involved in maritime incidents in the vicinity of the site. In 2020, with Covid-19 restrictions being imposed on many people around the world, a project was developed for anyone interested in carrying out on-line research and reporting on some of the many vessels on the database.

I have attempted to use effectively the time during the pandemic, joining this international project. My aim was to gather all the information available on the internet on the *De Jung Jacob* and to submit a fine report, thus assisting the project and improving research as a whole.

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2.3 Contributors

I wish to thank Ian Cundy B.Sc. M.A., Malvern Archaeological Diving Unit, Nautical Archaeology Society (Regional co-ordinator for Wales), for his valuable hints on the project and for sending me the information on the *De Jung Jacob*, included in: Larn, R. and Larn, B. (2000), 'Shipwreck Index of the British Isles: Volume 5 – West Coast and Wales'. Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

3.0 Introduction

I have chosen to pursue research on the *De Jung Jacob*, for I am interested in Dutch shipbuilding and seafaring during the Age of sailships. I was curious, what specific information on these areas and regarding this late period of the Age (the years around 1800) the ship would provide.

The questions I was willing to answer through my research were:

- What were the vessel's specifications?
- What historical information is available relating to the vessel?
- Was the ship a battle or a trade one?
- If she was a battle one – what armament did she have?
- If she was a trade one – what kind of cargo was she transporting?
- What was the route of the ship?
- What was the purpose of the voyage?
- What was the story leading up to wrecking?
- What caused the wrecking?
- What has happened since the wrecking?
- Has anyone previously investigated or researched the vessel back story?
- Has anyone dived, recorded, surveyed or worked on the site?
- Has any salvage, etc. been carried out?
- Have there been any previous reports produced relating to the vessel?

4.0 Background

Prior to starting the research on the *De Jung Jacob* the following pieces of information on the vessel were at my disposal:

The ship was a wooden sailing vessel, wrecked in Cardiganshire, near Cardigan respectively, on 13th September 1800. Some information on her has already been published in: Larn, R. and Larn, B. (2000), 'Shipwreck Index of the British Isles: Volume 5 – West Coast and Wales'. Lloyd's Register of Shipping.



The area of wrecking of the *De Jung Jacob* (Copyright: Coflein, www.coflein.gov.uk).

5.0 Research Methodology

At my disposal I had a laptop – HP, operating system: Windows 10 –, and a smartphone – Huawei Y5 from 2018, model: DRA-L21, operating system: Android, version 8.1.0, CPU MT6739, RAM 2.0 GB, 1440 x 720 –, both with wifi access to the internet.

I approached research as follows: I have started from the information on the vessel already known. Then I have visited all the web sites included in the project's guidance notes. By these means I stood in my opinion on a solid basis relying on the achievements and experience of research before my involvement. Afterwards I have followed the references and the links in the web sites visited, in order to widen my information. In all steps of research I used, as far as possible, critical as well as comparative analysis, willing to check and strengthen my results.

During research I have visited the following sites and used these search words:

- 1) Coflein, www.coflein.gov.uk (retrieved: 8th July 2020)
- 2) Internet Archive. Wayback Machine, web.archive.org (retrieved: 8th July 2020)
- 3) Rhiw, www.rhiw.com (retrieved: 8th July 2020)
- 4) Google, www.google.com, search words: De Jung Jacob ship 1800; Jacob de Jong; de jung Jacob shipwreck; Captain O'Berg; Maritime Officer, RCAHMW, September 2010; Larn and Larn Shipwreck Database 2002; de jung Jacob ship 1800 London Chronicle (retrieved: 8th July; 21st July; 15th October 2020)
- 5) T. Bennett, Wrecks on Welsh Beaches: Shipwrecks for Walkers in Wales, books.google.bg/books/about/Wrecks_on_Welsh_Beaches.html?id=7Vz5DQAAQBAJ&redir_esc=y (retrieved: 8th July 2020)
- 6) Wikipedia, www.wikipedia.org (retrieved: 8th July 2020)
- 7) Glen Johnson, The Teifi Estuary History Man, www.glen-johnson.co.uk (retrieved: 8th July 2020)
- 8) UK Diving, www.ukdiving.co.uk (retrieved: 8th July 2020)
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- 10) Crew List Index Project, www.crewlist.org.uk (retrieved: 13th October 2020)
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- 12) TheShipsList, www.theshipslist.com (retrieved: 13th October 2020)
- 13) Books Boxes and Boats. Maritime and Historical Research Service, www.maritimearchives.co.uk (retrieved: 13th – 14th October 2020)
- 14) The British Newspaper Archive, www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/search/results/1801-01-01/1884-12-31?newspapertitle=Lloyd%27s%20List (retrieved: 13th October 2020)
- 15) Internet Archive, www.archive.org/details/@lrfhec (retrieved: 14th October 2020)
- 16) Lloyd's Register Foundation. Heritage and Education Centre, hec.lrfoundation.org.uk/archive-library/lloyds-register-of-ships-online (retrieved: 14th October 2020)
- 17) Shipwreck, www.shipwreck.eu (retrieved: 15th October 2020)

6.0 Results

The De Jung Jacob was a wooden sailship from the Netherlands. The captain's name was O'Berg. She was a merchantman transporting gin from Dublin to Malaga. The wrecking on 13th September 1800 near Cardigan was caused most probably by a storm – the ship was driven ashore. There are many reports on the vessel (cf. References) repeating the information just outlined.

Vessel	Name/s	De Jung Jacob	
	Type	Sailship	
		Cargo	
Built	Date	-	
		-	
		-	
	Builder	-	
		-	
Construction	Materials	Wood	
	Decks	-	
	Bulkheads	-	
Propulsion	Type	Sail	
	Details	-	
Engine	Details	-	
		-	
		-	
	Boilers	None	
Drive	Type	-	
	Number	-	
Dimensions	Length	-	
	Beam	-	
	Draught	-	
Tonnage	Gross	-	
	Net	-	
Owner	First	-	
		-	
	Last	-	
		-	
	Others	-	
Registry	Port	-	
	Flag	Dutch	
	Number	-	
History	Routes	Dublin	
		Malaga	
	Cargo	Gin	
Final Voyage	From	Dublin	
	To	Malaga	
	Captain	O'Berg	
	Crew	-	
	Passengers	-	
	Cargo	Gin	
Wrecking	Date	13.09.1800	
	Location	Near Cardigan	
	Cause	-	
	Loss of life	-	
	Outcome	Driven ashore	

Results – Research on the *De Jung Jacob*

7.0 Analysis

Almost all sources confirm the information provided above: the *De Jung Jacob* was a Dutch wooden sailship, a merchantman commanded by Captain O'Berg. On 13th September 1800 she was driven ashore near Cardigan, while sailing from Dublin to Malaga. Most probably the vessel transported gin, since in the 1970's a flagon of gin from the Netherlands was found in the dunes where the vessel was driven ashore; it is regarded as possible legacy of the vessel's cargo (according to T. Bennett).

In my opinion the pieces of information gained should be regarded as reliable – a merchant sailship wrecked, probably during a storm, is nothing unusual around 1800. The Dutch are famous for their trade maritime contacts through the whole Age of sailships. The transport of alcohol is also well attested.

The following web pages delivered the results already outlined:

- 1) Coflein, www.coflein.gov.uk
- 2) Google, www.google.com
- 3) Wikipedia, www.wikipedia.org
- 4) Glen Johnson. The Teifi Estuary History Man, www.glen-johnson.co.uk
- 5) T. Bennett, Wrecks on Welsh Beaches: Shipwrecks for Walkers in Wales, books.google.bg/books/about/Wrecks_on_Welsh_Beaches.html?id=7Vz5DQAAQBAJ&redir_esc=y
- 6) Books Boxes and Boats. Maritime and Historical Research Service, www.maritimearchives.co.uk

All other web sites listed provided no results.

8.0 Conclusions & Recommendations

I have spent around 11 hours in research on the *De Jung Jacob*. Approximately 9 of them were on-line.

There were two conflicting accounts. The first one is the information on www.coflein.gov.uk that the vessel was on route from Malaga to Dublin, when she wrecked. All other sources which deal with the route state that the direction was from Dublin to Malaga. Since the latter prevails with distinction it should be regarded as the real direction of route at the time of wrecking.

The other conflicting account is the map of the wrecking published again on www.coflein.gov.uk. According to it the ship wrecked in the midst of the sea, not far away from Cardigan Island. Nevertheless, all other sources state clearly that the vessel was driven ashore, so it did not wrecked in deep waters. As a matter of fact the *De Jung Jacob* should be regarded as an on land case according to the majority of the sources. Thus it would be suitable to attempt a survey at some future date in order to discover any further material remains besides the flagon of gin, mentioned by T. Bennett.

In my opinion any further on-line research on the vessel will not be worthy. Additional information would be gathered through library and archive research in the Netherlands and the UK.

I have accessed no pay-to-view sites.

The time spent analysing the *De Jung Jacob* has taught me that even mere on-line research may provide decent amounts of extensive reliable information.

The project answered many of my original questions as well as aims and objectives. Nevertheless, many questions remain unsolved, since no information on them has been discovered during on-line research. These include the background information on the vessel (builder and shipyard where built), her specifications (tonnage, decks, etc.), history (owners, voyages, cargo, lifetime), crew, details of the wrecking as well as any information on the fate of the ship, respectively the site, afterwards.

The work carried out has already posed some additional questions which would possibly be answered through library and archive research as well as possibly a field survey: Did the ship transported only gin? Where exactly was she driven ashore? Is it possible to gain further information on the ship herself, the owner and the crew?

The *De Jung Jacob* is interesting enough to be included in a paper for the following reasons: she is a fine example of the late Dutch merchant sailshipping; we already possess relatively significant information on her; furthermore, the vessel represents a decent example for an on land wreck – dealing with shipwrecks does not always mean research underwater. Therefore I am going to include her in my part of the paper, which I and Ian Cundy are going to present at the DEGUWA conference in 2021.

I believe that the information on the vessel is still too scarce in order to develop a whole web site. Similarly, a separate information leaflet, a whole book or a documentary would be hard to compose alone on the *De Jung Jacob* and would probably not awaken much interest.

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- 1) Coflein, www.coflein.gov.uk
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- 3) Wikipedia, www.wikipedia.org
- 4) Glen Johnson. The Teifi Estuary History Man, www.glen-johnson.co.uk
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- 6) Books Boxes and Boats. Maritime and Historical Research Service, www.maritimearchives.co.uk

Other resources:

- 7) Larn, R. and Larn, B. (2000), 'Shipwreck Index of the British Isles: Volume 5 – West Coast and Wales'. Lloyd's Register of Shipping.
- 8) Troughton, W. (2006), 'Ceredigion Shipwrecks'. Ystwyth Press.
- 9) Lloyds List, No. 4090/30.09.1800.
- 10) London Chronicle, No. 6483/30.09 – 2.10.1800.