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## **1.0 Abstract**

This project is to discover information relating to the reported wreck of the schooner *SV Harkaway* (MADU Ref. 237) for which there is a newspaper archived report of it having gone aground on 14 October 1881 at Abererch, Caernarfonshire, Wales. The home port was given as Chester.

The objective is to establish the facts relating to the wreck report and discover the circumstances leading up to the grounding and the outcome, together with any other relevant information.

The research is limited to information available on-line as access to libraries and record offices was not possible at this time due to the lockdown for the CORVID-19 pandemic.

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**2.5 Abbreviations**

A list of abbreviations some may have been used in this report,

GAT	Gwynedd Archaeology Trust
IJNA	International Journal of Nautical Archaeology
MADU	Malvern Archaeological Diving Unit
NAS	Nautical Archaeology Society
NPRN	National Primary Resource Number
OS	Ordnance Survey
RCAHMW	Royal Commission on the Ancient & Historical Monuments of Wales
URL	Uniform Resource Locator

### 3.0 Introduction

The *SV Harkaway* was selected for research because it was one of a group of five vessels driven aground on Abererch beach on 14<sup>th</sup> October 1881. Although listed in the data base as wrecked (MADU Data Base Ref.237) it was damaged but later repaired and re-floated. It was reported as 'Lost' on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 1886 whilst based in Truro, Cornwall.

#### Figure 1, Extract from MADU data-base

Ships aground at Abererch 14<sup>th</sup> October 1881.

235	14/10/1881	Amble Packet		Abererch
236	14/10/1881	Dreadnought		Abererch
237	14/10/1881	Harkaway		Abererch
238	14/10/1881 *	Jane Ellen		Abererch
239	14/10/1881	St George		Abererch

Schooner	tc, ch		1832		235
Schooner	tc, iwj			home port: Barmouth	236
Schooner	tc, ch, iwj			home port: Chester	237
Schooner	tc, iwj	78	1863	* iwj: 04-10-1881/ home port: Porthmadog	238
Brig	tc, ch, iwj				239

The following topics form the basis of the research enquiries

- What were the vessel's specifications?
- What historical information is available relating to the vessel?
- 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?

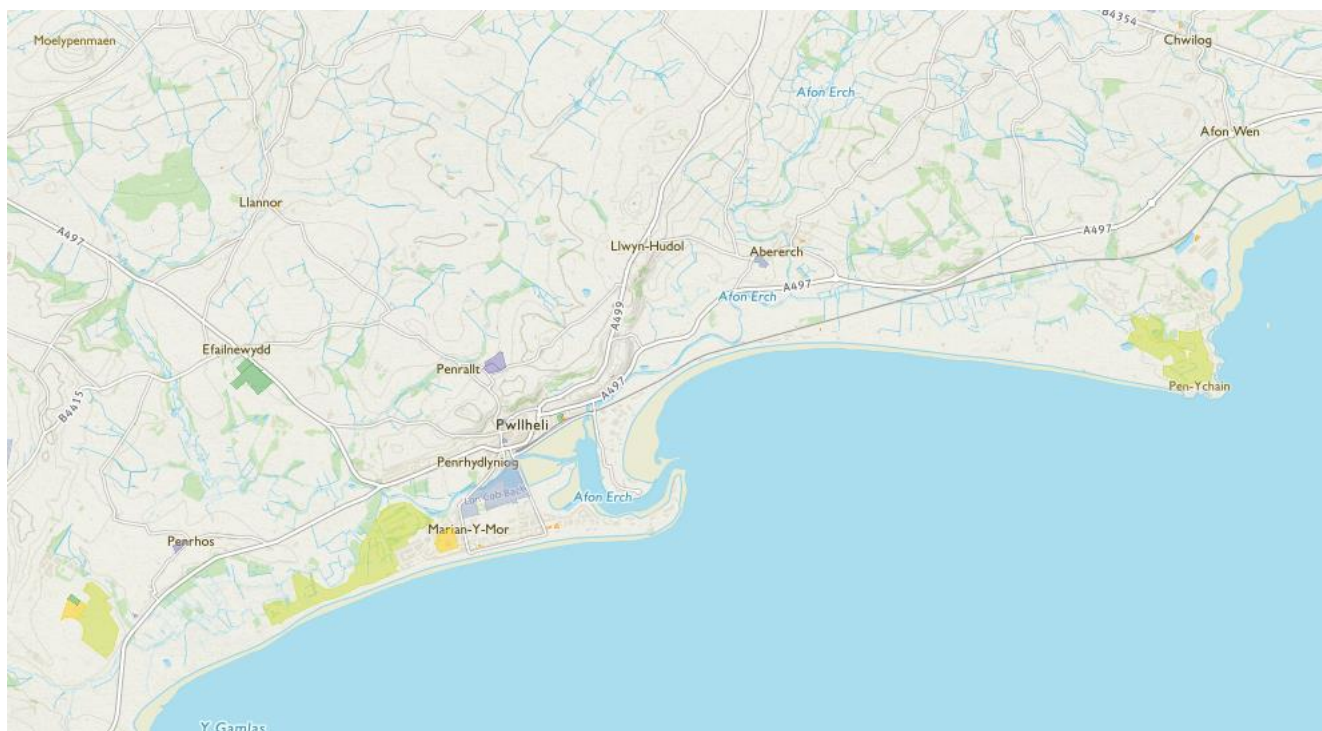
## 4.0 Background

No previous knowledge of this vessel was available other than a mention in the contemporary newspaper report (see Appendix E) of the beaching at Abererch during the storm of 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 1881.

St Tudwals Roads had for many years been relied upon for shelter for sailing vessels during westerly gales and on previous occasions ships anchors had failed to hold and the vessels driven onto Abererch beach. This storm was exceptionally severe and at least five ships suffered this fate. With the exception of the *SV Dreadnought* all survived, were re-floated and continued their voyage. In the case of the *SV Harkawit* it remained on the beach until December.

The site of the beaching is given as Abererch referring to the sands about 1 mile East of Pwllheli at the North of Cardigan Bay.

**Figure 2, Location of Abererch sands.**



Site map showing location of Abererch sands to East of Pwllheli.

## 5.0 Research Methodology

The following were used in this research:-

Acer Laptop with fast fibre wireless internet connection, I-phone.  
 Search engines used were  
 Google Chrome  
 AVG Secure Browser  
 Microsoft Office  
 Windows 10  
 Snip & Sketch

**Methodology:** first step to check out Coflein, but nothing there relating to this 'wreck' at Abererch, or ultimate 'Loss' in 1886.

Then Lloyds Register. Mercantile Navy Lists. Newspaper records. Crewlist.

### List of sources,

Coflein: <https://www.coflein.gov.uk/en/site/search> No record of the beaching (Abererch) nor of any subsequent loss or wrecking of the *SV John Ellis*.

Lloyds Register of shipping: <https://hec.lrfoundation.org.uk/archive-library/lloyds-register-of-ships-online> - Lloyds Register, starting point. Records missing for some of the crucial years.

Library of Wales: <https://newspapers.library.wales/view/3310679/3310687/68/> - excellent for local news reports on the storm and beaching but could find nothing else relating to this ship.

[The Cambrian News and Merionethshire Standard Archive](#)— good source.

<http://www.maritimearchives.co.uk/> - good to identify ships and for crew lists but no detail available for this ship.

Crew lists and other documents: <http://www.crewlist.org.uk/about/findingoncrewlists> - good for dates but no crew information available

<http://shipbuildinghistory.com/shipyards/emergencylarge/foundation.htm>

[https://content.libraries.wsu.edu/digital/collection/cchm\\_photo/id/6983/](https://content.libraries.wsu.edu/digital/collection/cchm_photo/id/6983/)

<https://www.wrecksite.eu/wreck.aspx?33705>

<https://www.crewlist.org.uk/data/vesselsalpha?>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20070425234855/http://freespace.virgin.net:80/r.cadwalader/maritime/lifeboat/wreck.htm>

<https://southampton.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/FULL/WPAC/BIBENQ/>

<http://coraweb.com.au/Contents/Item/Display/2710>

<https://hec.lrfoundation.org.uk/archive-library/ships/harkaway-1856/> Perth Shipbuild records.

## 6.0 Results

- The *SV Harkaway* was built at Perth, Scotland. Built by the Perth Shipbuilding Company (Fig. 3). Described as a Coastal trading Schooner part iron bolted, 95 Ton. 76ft long, 20ft beam, 9ft 7ins depth. Built to carry general cargo in coastal trade.
- The vessel was commissioned to be built by Captain M Leed of Applecross, Ross, Scotland. He was Master of the ship until 1865.

The *SV Harkaway* was registered 13<sup>th</sup> March 1856 and given the official number 11509 (Fig 3). Note the name written as 'Hark a Way' - Listed as a sailing ship of 94 Tons with port of registry Dundee.

**Figure 3, Extract from the Appropriation record.**

Official Number.	Name of Ship.	Tonnage.	Whether Steam or Sailing Ship.	Port of Registry.	Date of Registry.	Occasion of Appropriation.	Date of Appropriation.
11501	Three Sisters	10	Sailing	Ferry	18 July 1850	Col. presented	Nov 24 1850
11502	Mary	21	"	"	15 Oct. 1850	"	" 26
11503	Amelia	22	"	"	25 Dec. "	"	" 27
11504	Commerce	71	"	"	8 Aug. 1850	"	Dec. 1 1850
11505	British Merchant	270	"	Dundee	15 Jan. 1851	First Registry	Jan 25 1851
11506	Calcutta	246	"	"	12 Feb. 1851	Col. presented	Feb 12 1851
11507	Colin Campbell	670	"	Belfast	21 Mar 1850	"	" 16
11508	Heron	146	"	Dundee	21 Feb. 1851	First Registry	" 26
11509	Hark a Way	94	"	"	13 Mar. "	"	March 13 1856
11510	Pursuit	601	"	Dundee	24 Jan. 1850	Col. presented	" 24

The vessel was registered at Dundee which was also the home port. Operated by the Master and owner Captain M Leed. Sailing from Dundee and Aberdeen.

**Figure 4, Build record SV Harkaway.**

### Harkaway

**Unique reference code**

LRF-PUN-ABN4-0323-R

**Ship builder**

Perth Shipbuilding Co

**Year of build**

1856

**Gross Register Tonnage**

95

**Port belonging to**

Dundee

**Picture 1, Perth Harbour.**

## Perth Harbour (Perth and Kinross)



- Sold to John Reney in 1876 and registered at Chester also home port. In earlier centuries, the River Dee was a far mightier waterway than it is today, and large ships could discharge their cargoes at wharves situated immediately alongside the City Walls.

**Picture 2, Chester's 'Old Port'**



- The SV Harkaway was sold to John Dennis of Truro in 1884 and registered then at Truro. Coastal trading in Irish Sea with home port Truro trading Llanelli, Swansea, Cardiff, Dublin, Belfast, Beaumaris etc.

**Figure 5, Port of Truro and Extract from Cornwall Archive for ships Registered at Truro.**



## Sailing Vessel 'Harkaway'

Add to my collection +

Registration number 11509, Truro. Voyage type: home & coastal.

Reference number:	MSR/1613	Rectangular Ship
Date:	1884-1885	
Level:	Item	
Access status:	Open	
Subject:	Maritime	

Merchant Shipping Records  
MSR

This record  
MSR/1613

Reference number: MSR/1613

## Sailing Vessel 'Harkaway'

Read more

Add to my collection +

Date: 1884-1885

- **Events leading up to 'wrecking'** – the beaching at Abererch 14<sup>th</sup> October 1881, A particularly violent storm was travelling west across the Atlantic crossing Ireland on the 13<sup>th</sup> October and the west coast of Wales. The storm's intensity was greatest on the 14<sup>th</sup> southerly to south westerly as it passed. This storm became famous for the destruction of a great part of the Eyemouth fishing fleet with great loss of life there. It is possible that Master Willoughby had observed a storm warning when passing a signal station or just his experience and seamanship motivated him to seek shelter which caused him to seek shelter at the 'safe' anchorage on the south side of the Llŷn peninsular at St. Tudwal's Roads. Coastal storm warnings had been developed and instituted by Admiral Robert Fitzroy at his newly established Meteorology Department in London. But after his suicide in 1865 the forecasts were suspended in 1866, subsequently to be re-instated in 1879, after much lobbying from shipping companies and fishermen. St. Tudwal's roads was recognised and much used, by vessels of the period, to seek shelter from westerly gales and considered a safe and secure anchorage by virtue of the clay sea bed. Indeed there were several other vessels there also – most of the ships including the *SV Harkaway* with both anchors (port & starboard) deployed.
- **The wrecking**, Hurricane force winds blew up during the night of 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> such that at approximately 6 a.m. both anchor cables parted and the schooner was driven ashore onto Abererch beach one mile east of Pwllheli. The crew were all saved by means of ropes attached from the shore to the rigging. Several other ships were driven ashore on the same beach (see figure 1. MADU list). Although the tides were neap the seas were tremendous and 'all will sustain heavy damage' it was observed. The waves were sweeping over the vessels and pounding them on the beach. The wind was such that railway carriages were blown over from the rail track and seas crashed over the harbour wall at Pwllheli. (Appendix E). However the *SV Harkaway* survived with some damage and remained there for repairs completed in December and then re-floated. It was not listed as a wreck by Coflein or Lloyds or Larn & Larn.
- **Previous investigation or research of this vessel**,  
The only previously documented information is that which is contained in the contemporary newspaper report of the beaching at Abererch.
- **The Site**,  
As an aground wreck site, on a beach, there is nothing to record by diving or surveying at the site.
- **Additional Information**,  
With research limited to on-line at the present time I have not been able to discover a copy of the builder's original plans or any photographs, drawings, sketches, paintings, pictures etc.  
Information given in the MADU data base (Fig. 1) and R Cadwalader data base and also in Henry Parry 'Wreck and Rescue on the Coast of Wales' record a beaching of several vessels on Abererch sands on the morning of the great storm of Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1881. Ivor Wynne Jones in 'Shipwrecks of North Wales' Ed 3 1986 includes the *SV Harkaway* in his wreck map and Index of Ships but with no text, indeed he has no reference to the 1881 storm or the many wrecks resulting. The *SV Harkaway* was one of the vessels beached at Abererch (along with four other ships) according to contemporary local newspaper (Appendix E).
- **Passengers and crew**,  
The *SV Harkaway* did not normally carry any passengers, her typical crew would comprise The Master, Mate, two Seamen, a Cook and a Boy.

- **Owners and Masters,**


Captain M Leed was first owner and Master.

The ship was sold during 1876 to John Reney, Connah's Key, Flintshire, and re-registered at Chester which was also the home port.






The ship was then sold during 1883/4 to John Dennis of Truro and re-registered there.

Because Lloyds registers are not available on line for the period from 1875 to 1882 I have not been able to ascertain who was master of the ship after it was sold in 1876. Nor is any crew information available on-line from the Clip Files. Although the ship was in use until January 1886 it is not listed in Lloyds for the year 1883.

### Figure 6, Extract from Clip Files.

 Ships whose name is HARKAWAY

[Notes](#) [Search again](#)

Ship	Official number	Port of registry and details	Source	Crew lists	Links	
HARKAWAY	11509	Chester, Crew lists 1876-1882	Crew lists, Flintshire RO 	<a href="#">MHA</a>	<a href="#">CLIP</a>	<a href="#">More...</a>
		Chester, Sail, Schooner	MNL, 1880 			
		Dundee, Sail	MNL, 1870 			
		Truro, Crew lists 1884-1885	Crew lists, Cornwall CRO 			
		Truro, Crew lists 1883	Crew lists, Flintshire RO 			
		Truro, Sail, Lost, 6/1/1886	MNL (closures), 1886			

- **Since the beaching.** The *SV Harkaway* remained on the beach until December. The other vessels with the exception of the *SV Dreadnought* were re-floated, repaired and continued on passage. The *SV Harkaway* was repaired, re-floated and returned to service. In 1884 it was sold to John Dennis of Truro and re-registered at Truro, Cornwall.
- The *SV Harkaway* was removed from the Lloyds Register by 1883 and from the Mercantile Navy Listing by 1887. In the Clip File records there is a note that the ship, then registered at Truro, was 'lost' on 6<sup>th</sup> January 1886 (Fig.5). I have failed to find any record of the vessel having been wrecked (Lloyds, Coflein or Larn & Larn). Because a specific date was recorded and the term 'Lost' used, it is possible that it was.
- **Other research,** I do not believe that anyone has previously investigated or researched the vessel back story.
- **The site** was a grounding so is not appropriate for any work to be carried out at the site.
- **Previous reports,** There have been no previous reports produced relating to the vessel.
- **A timeline** relating to the *SV Harkaway* is detailed at Appendix D.

## 7.0 Analysis

I believe that the conclusions arrived at are accurate and the only information that I could discover that in some way match the basic information provided in the data bases. The *SV Harkaway* was re-floated in December after the beaching at Abererch in October 1881.

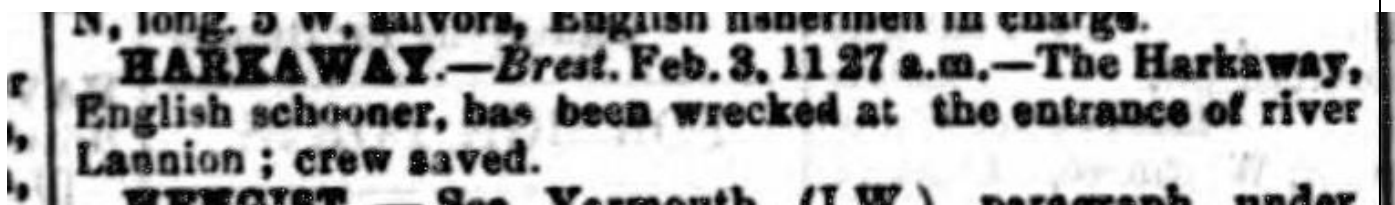
I believe that the ship was decommissioned in 1886 and dismantled. This is in possible conflict with the Clip File entry which states 'Lost' 6<sup>th</sup> January 1886. I could find no record of the *SV Harkaway* having been wrecked. There are no records of a wrecking in Larn & Larn, Aled Eames, Ivor Wynne Jones or Coflein. It is possible that the vessel was lost further afield. Nor could I find any record of a report of the 'Loss' in the 'Shipping and Mercantile Gazette' in the British Newspaper archives.

I did come across this entry:

### Figure 7, Extract from the Shipping and Mercantile Gazette.

## Shipping and Mercantile Gazette - Saturday 03 February 1883

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However I believe that this is not 11509 Harkaway as it was sold and registered to Truro in 1884.

## 8.0 Conclusions & Recommendations

I have probably spent approximately 25 hours on this project including about 14 hours on-line.

My account conflicts to some extent with the basic facts set out in the data bases but I believe that I have discovered relevant information on the *SV Harkaway*, beached but not 'wrecked' at Abererch sands.

I believe that I have answered the questions established prior to the research.

I do not believe that there is scope for any further development of this incident. Nor is there any prospect of further information at the site.

## 9.0 References

<https://www.festipedia.org.uk/w/index.php?curid=14122> Porthmadog ship photo.  
Porthmadog Ships, Emrys Hughes and Aled Eames.

Lloyds Registers  
Coflein  
Plimsoll Project: Lloyds register entries  
Crewlist, Mercantile Navy List, Archive records.  
Newspaper Archives, Library of Wales

Festipedia  
Crew List, Clip Files.  
Ivor Wynne Jones 'Shipwrecks of North Wales' Ed 3 1986  
Henry Parry 'Wreck and Rescue on the Coast of Wales'  
Emrys Hughes & Aled Eames 'Porthmadog Ships'  
R Cadwalader  
Aled Eames 'Adventures in Sail'  
Larn & Larn

**Appendices:****Appendix A – Specification for the *SV Harkaway*.**

Vessel	Name	Harkaway		
	Type	Schooner		
		General Cargo,		
Built	Date	Laid down: 1856		
		Launched 1856		
		Commissioned 1856/57		
	Builder	Perth Shipbuilding Company		
		Perth, Scotland		
Construction	Materials	Wood, Frames iron bolted		
	Decks	One Deck		
	Bulkheads			
Propulsion	Type	Sail		
	Details	Topsail Schooner		
Dimensions	Length	76ft	1 ins	m
	Beam	20ft	ins	m
	Draught	9ft	7 ins	m
Tonnage	Gross	95		
	Net			
Owner	First	Captain M Leed, Applecross, Ross. Scotland.		
	Others	John Reney, Connah's Key, Flintshire.		
	Last	John Dennis, Truro		
Registry	Port	Dundee. Chester, Truro.		
	Flag	UK K.S.W.F.		
	Number	11509		
History	Routes	Cardiff, Swansea, Liverpool, Dublin, Belfast.		
		Llanelli to Newhaven July 1881		
	Cargo	Coal, general cargo		
Final Voyage	From	Beaumaris		
	To			
	Captain	Capt. J Leed		
	Crew			
	Passengers	None		
	Cargo	Type of Goods: General cargo		
Wrecking	Date	14 Oct 1881, beached		
	Location	Abererch		
	Cause	Hurricane		
	Loss of life	None		
	Outcome	Re-floated Dec 1881		

## Appendix B – Extracts from Lloyds Register for *SV Harkaway*.

Lloyds Register 1857

No.	Ships.	Masters.	Tons.	BUILD.		Owners.	Port belonging to.	Destined Voyage.	Classification		
				Where.	When.				No. Years first assigned.	Character for Hull & Stores.	
70	Harkaway Bg	Cheesm'n	247	Shrhm	1853	Gates & C.	Shorhm	Shm.	10	A 1	54
1	—	Sr M. Leed	191 95	Perth	1856	M. Leed	Dundee	DunCoaster	7	A 1	53
2	—	pt I.B. S Stephens	830	Dndee	1852	Somes, Bs	London	Lon.	15	A 1	56
3	Harlequin Bg	Hindson	899 294	Yrmth	1837	Pearson & Hull	Lon.	Lon.	12	A 1	56

Lloyds 1858

70	—	Sr M. Leed	191 95	Perth	1856	M. Leed	Dundee	DunCoaster	8	A 1	53
		pt I.B.									1

Lloyds 1859

3	—	Sr M. Leed	95	Perth	1856	M. Leed	Dundee	DunCoaster	8	A 1	58
		pt I.B.									58

Lloyds 1860

1	—	Sr M. Leed	95	Perth	1856	M. Leed	Dundee	Liv.Coaster	8	A 1	57
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Lloyds 1861

0	—	Sr M. Leed	95	Perth	1856	M. Leed	Dundee	Liv.Coaster	8	A 1	57
		pt I.B.									57

Lloyds 1862

75	—	Sr M. Leed	95	Perth	1856	M. Leed	Dundee	Liv.Coaster	8	A 1	A 1
		pt I.B. J. Leed				J. Leed					3,000 2, 02

Lloyds 1863

2	F.A.Y.M.S.O.C.T.	Sr J. Leed	95	76-1	20-0	9-7	Perth	1856	J. Leed M. Leed	Dundee	Abn. Conster Dun. Cont.Gt.	8	A 1A 1
3		S.G.Thirkell	615	146-0	30-0	20-0	Sndrid	1859	M. Lonie	London	Lou. China	10	A 1A 1

Lloyds 1864 to 1869 No changes

Lloyds Register 1874

HAN														
Official Number. International Code Signal Letters.	Ships' Names.	Masters.	Registered Tonnage. Net Gross Under Deck.	Registered Dimensions.			Engines of Steamers. Builders of Engines. Materials. Repairs of Ships, &c.	Built.		Owners.	Port belonging to.	Port of Survey.	Years Assigned. Also Date of Last Survey.	
				Length.	Breadth.	Depth.		Where Builders' Names.	When.					
W.R.J.G. 5 47122	Harkaway	Sr W.Horton	75	64-4	19-7	9-6	srp.69	Goole	1863	Pearson & Co.	Goole	Goo.	10	12,69
F.M.H.K. 6 11509	Harkaway	Sr M.Leed	95	76-1	20-0	9-7	srp.64	Perth	1856		Dundee	Dun.	8	2,68
K.S.W.F. 7 25211	Harkaway	Nicholson Perré	814	144-0	29-1	21-3	12&14gms.Mat. srp.58&67ptxkln70	Dundee	1852	MrchntShCo Cont.Lon.68	London	Lon.	16	A 1
P.F.B.R. 8	Harkaway	Re C.Denver		92-8	21-5	12-5		Shrh'm	1853	T.Gates	Shorh'm			

Lloyds Register 1883

LLOYD'S REGISTER OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.														
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Ships' Names, &c.	Masters.	Registered Tonnage. Net Gross Under Deck.	Registered Dimensions.			Registered depth. Freeboard and Ship's	Engines of Steamers. Builders of Engines. Materials. Repairs of Ships, &c., & of Classes.	Built.		Owners.	Port belonging to.	Port of Survey.	Years Assigned. Also Date of Last Survey.	
			Length.	Breadth.	Depth.			Where Builders' Names.	When.					
Harkaway Iron 48.Hds (late Ready) Cem.82	Sr Courtman	323	172-1	25-6	13-5		C.I.2Cy.20" & 38" - 30" 80lb. 70HP. R.H.Pearson & Co. Gls.	Paisley	1882	Harkaway S.S.Co. (J.Forsay, Sawyer, Mend & Co.)	London	Lon.	100	A 1
	Bg G'zebrouk	182	93-8	21-5	12-5			Shoreham	1853	T.Gates	Shorh'm	Shm	10	5,76
	Bk J.Williams	773	168-0	32-6	21-3		12&16gms.Mat. srp.58&67ptxkln70	Dundee	1852	J.Hall	London	Sws.	17	2,80
Harlaw	Sew H.Dowmn	277	165-1	24-5	11-8		C.I.2Cy.23" & 42" - 30"	Port Glasg'w	1881	Aberdeen	Abrdeen	Cly.	100	A 1

SV Harkaway not listed.

## Appendix C, Extract from Mercantile Navy Lists 1857 to 1885

Extract from Mercantile Navy List 1867

Official No.	Name of Ship and Port of Registry.	Commercial Code Signal (if any).	Registered Tonnage.	Horse Power.	Name and Address of Sole Registered Owner, or of <i>Managing</i> Owner when there are more Owners than One.
54299	Harbinger, Liverpool		87	..	Jas. McDonnell, Portaferry, Co. Down.
5782	Harbinger, Newcastle	J.L.C.M	307	..	William Dixon, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
4418	Harbinger, Poole	J.C.L.N	41	..	C. J. Stone, Poole.
26483	Harbinger, Port Elizabeth	P.L.H.M	598	120	(a)
35381	Harbinger, St. Andrews, N.B.	R.P.J.Q	14	..	Peter Malloch, Campobello, New Brunswick.
13759	Harbinger, Shields, South	L.T.P.M	289	..	George N. White, Wellington Terrace, South Shields.
22218	Harbottle Castle, Aberdeen		102	..	John McLauchlan, James Street, Aberdeen.
50465	Harbour Grace, Liverpool	W.J.G.M	190	..	Ridley, Son, and Co., Lord Street, Liverpool.
38982	Hard Scrabble, Pictou, N.S.		26	..	Thomas McDonald, Guysboro', N.S.
5365	Hardware, Whitehaven	K.H.B.J	132	..	Wm. Burnyeat, Whitehaven.
12065	Hardwicke, Sunderland	K.W.G.H	268	..	Robert Thorman, Seaham.
17292	Hare, Lancaster		53	..	John H. Barrow, Ulverston, Lancashire.
36709	Hare, New Carlisle		24	..	Philip Gosset, Jersey.
49630	Hare Bell, Newcastle	W.D.R.N	249	..	J. C. Hutchison, 18, Ridley Villa, Newcastle.
5644	Harewood, Plymouth		48	..	James Bishop, Looe, Cornwall.
35678	Hariza, Halifax, N.S.		52	..	Frederick Craft, New Dublin, Nova Scotia.
36108	Harkaway, Bermuda	R.T.K.D	60	..	Nicholas Claud McCallan, St. George's, Bermuda.
44425	Harkaway, Douglas	T.V.C.N	49	..	James Turnbull, Rushen, Isle of Man.
11509	Harkaway, Dundee	K.S.W.F	95	..	M. Leeds, Applecross, Ross.
43548	Harkaway, Falmouth	T.P.K.D	116	..	Edwin Pope, Falmouth, Cornwall.
47122	Harkaway, Goole	V.M.H.K	75	..	William Cass, Knottingley.
51222	Harkaway, Hull		61	..	James Evans, Kingston-upon-Hull.
29838	Harkaway, London	N.C.T.F	658	..	C. Tatham, 35, Pudding Lane, London.
25211	Harkaway, London	P.F.B.R	899	..	The MERCHANT SHIPING CO. (LIM.), 60, Gracechurch St., Lon.
27920	Harkaway, London	P.T.H.G	616	..	Martin Lonie, Exchange, Sunderland.
46080	Harkaway, Nassau, N.P.	V.G.W.T	59	..	Richard Wightman Farrington, Nassau, N.P.
27698	Harkaway, Shields	P.S.J.L	21	30	John Snowball, South Shields.
26119	Harkaway, Shoreham	P.J.T.F	182	..	Thomas Gates, New Shoreham.
50231	Harkaway, Yarmouth		49	..	Samuel Rudd, Yarmouth.
57044	Harkay, Aberdeen		304	..	Geo. Thompson, jun., Aberdeen.

1872

44220	Harkaway, Douglas	Sr.	Perth	1856	T.V.C.N	49	James Turnbull, Rushen, Isle of Man.
11509	Harkaway, Dundee	Sr.	Perth	1856	K.S.W.F	95	M. Leeds, Applecross, Ross.
47122	Harkaway, Goole	Sr.	Goole	1863	V.M.H.K	75	William Cass, Eldon House, Hull.

1874

11509	Harkaway, Dundee	Sr.	Perth	1856	K.S.W.F	95	John Roney, Connah's Quay, Flints.
47122	Harkaway, Goole	Sr.	Goole	1863	V.M.H.K	75	William Cass, Eldon House, Hull.

1875

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Official No.	Name of Ship and Port of Registry.	Rig.	Where built.	When built.	International Code Signal (if any).	Registered Tonnage.	Name and Address of Sole Registered Owner, or of <i>Managing</i> Owner when there are more Owners than One.	
44220	Harkaway, Douglas	Sr.	Perth	1856	T.V.C.N	49	James Turnbull, Rushen, Isle of Man.	
11509	Harkaway, Dundee	Sr.	Perth	1856	K.S.W.F	95	John Roney, Connah's Quay, Flints.	
47122	Harkaway, Goole	Sr.	Goole	1863	V.M.H.K	75	William Cass, Eldon House, Hull.	

1876

11509	Harkaway, Chester	Sr.	Perth	1856	K.S.W.F	95	John Roney, Connah's Quay, Flints.
44425	Harkaway, Douglas	Sk.	Port St. Mary	1862	T.V.C.N	49	James Turnbull, Rushen, Isle of Man.

1880

11509	Harkaway, Chester	Sr.	Perth	1856	K.S.W.F	95	John Roney, Connah's Quay, Flintshire.
44425	Harkaway, Douglas	Sk.	Port St. Mary	1862	T.V.C.N	49	Thomas Gawne, Port St. Mary, Isle of Man.
47122	Harkaway, Goole	Sr.	Goole	1863	V.M.H.K	75	Charles Thompson, 4, Thomas St., Holderness (Ed. Hull)

1883

44425	Harkaway, Castletown	K.	Port St. Mary	1862	T.V.C.N	49	John Costain, Ballabeg, Arbory, Isle of Man.
11509	Harkaway, Chester	Sr.	Perth	1856	K.S.W.F	95	John Roney, Connah's Quay, Flintshire.
80279	Harkaway, Cowes	Cr.	West Cowes	1880		24	Robert Croucher, Quay St., Newport, I.W.

1884

28119	Harkaway, Shoreham . . . .	Sq.	Shoreham	1853	F.J.T.F	182	Thomas Gates, New Shoreham, Sussex.
11509	Harkaway, Truro . . . .	Sr.	Perth	1856	K.S.W.F	95	John Dennis, Truro.

1885

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Official No.	Name of Ship and Port of Registry.	Rig.	Where built.	When built.	International Code Signal (if any).	Registered Tonnage.	Name and Address of Sole Registered Owner, or of Managing Owner when there are more Owners than One.
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11509	Harkaway, Truro . . . .	Sr.	Perth	1856	K.S.W.F	95	John Dennis, Truro.
80209	Harlequin, Cork . . . .	Sr.	Perth	1859	K.S.W.F	95	John Dennis, Truro.



1887 No longer listed

**Appendix D – The Timeline for the *SV Harkaway***



- 1856 Built at Perth, Scotland, for Captain M Leed of Applecross, Ross Scotland.  
Schooner 95Ton. Rated A1 with 12yr survey interval. Master Captain M Leed.  
Registered at Dundee – also home port.
- 1857 First record Mercantile Navy List, 95T, Port of Registration Dundee.  
Also Lloyds Register, 95T, Master: Captain M Leed, Home Port: Dundee.
- 1863 Master M Leed, home port Dundee, trading Aberdeen and Dundee
- 1865 Master now Captain J Leed, Coastal trading. Owner: M Leed.
- 1867 no change
- 1870 Registered at Dundee.
- 1874 Master M Leed, home port Dundee, surveyed at Dundee.
- 1876 Registered at Chester, Owner: John Reney, Connah's Key, Flintshire.
- 1880 Registered at Chester
- 1881 14<sup>th</sup> October driven aground on Abererch Sands, North Cardigan Bay. Repaired and re-floated Dec 1881.
- 1883 Registered at Truro (Clip Files) but no entry in Lloyds Register.
- 1884 – 1885 Crew lists at Cornwall Archive. Owner John Dennis.
- 1886 Lost 6<sup>th</sup> January

## Appendix E, The storm 14<sup>th</sup> October 1881, extracts from contemporary newspaper reports.

Extracts from the Cambrian News and Merionethshire Standard.

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**THE STORM.** I Since the terrible gale, known in this part of the country as the Royal Charter gale there has not I be so severe a storm on the Welsh coast as was experienced last Friday and the preceding Thursday night. Induration it was more prolonged than that storm in which the large steamship and its living freight were lost. The wind began to freshen on Thursday evening from the south-south-east, and, increasing in force, veered to the south-south-west between ten and eleven, at which time it was blowing a gale. The storm continued with increased violence ,until three o'clock on Friday afternoon, when rain began to fall, and the wind, which was then blowing almost due west, to abate. It is calculated by Professor Stone, of the

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**PWLLHELI.** A most terrific storm has prevailed here from about midnight on Thursday last week. It is feared that great destruction has been done to property, both on land and sea. A large stack of hay belonging to Mr. Owen Owens, coal merchant, of this town, was whirled away and scattered before the wind. Several signal posts on the Cambrian Railways have been blown down. House tops and chimney pots have been also blown off in several of the adjacent neighbourhoods. About six a.m. on Friday, the schooner Dreadnought, Captain Bogan, laden with pitwood, from Cork for Barrow, parted her cables at St. Tudwell's Roads, and was driven ashore at Abererch beach, near this town. The crew were all saved by means of ropes attached from the shore to the rigging. The surf is making a clean sweep over the vessel, and she will be greatly damaged, if not a total wreck. The schooner Amlwch Packet, Captain Williams, with coals, from Bristol Channel for Port Nant, is also ashore here, having drifted before the wind from the roads; crew saved. The Harkaway, from Beaumaris, met with a similar fate, as did also the schooner John Ellis, Captain Willoughby, from Portmadoc for Copenhagen crew saved. The brig St. George, for Aberdovey, laden with deals, is also ashore crew saved.

**CASUALTIES IN CARDIGAN BAY.**

...CASUALTIES IN CARDIGAN BAY. The following topsail schooners were driven ashore on the above beach, and will sustain heavy damages: —The Dreadnought, of Barrow; the **Harkaway**, of Chester; the John Ellis, of Portmadoc; and the Amlwch Packet, of Beaumaris. The brig St. George grounded while the tide was out, and tilted at once. She was left with bow on, so that each succeeding breaker swept her fore...

The Cambrian News and Merionethshire Standard      21st October 1881      News      p.2      116 words

**PWLLHELI.**

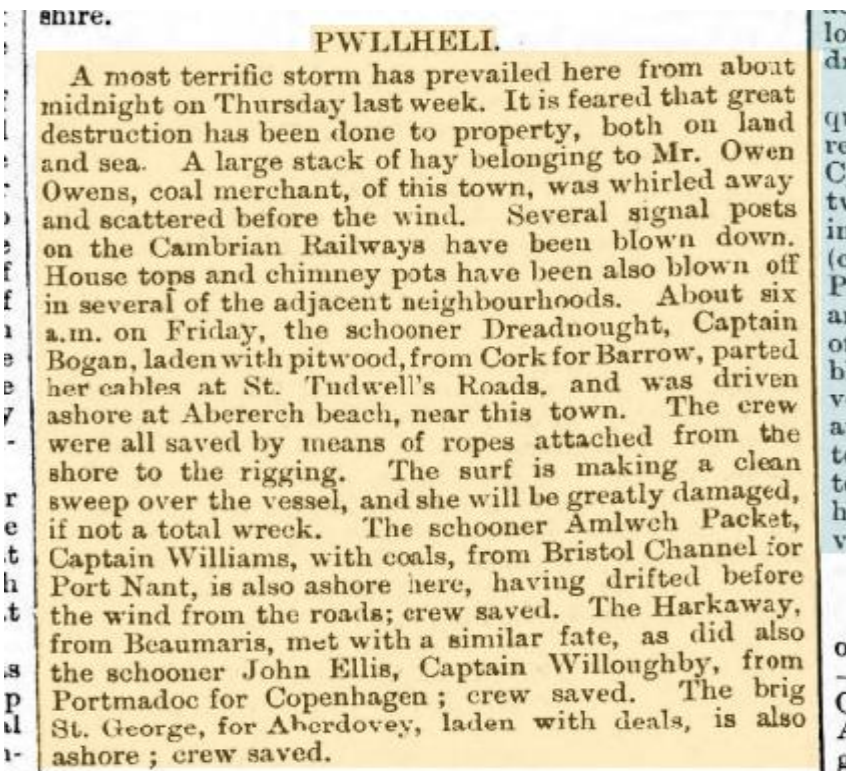
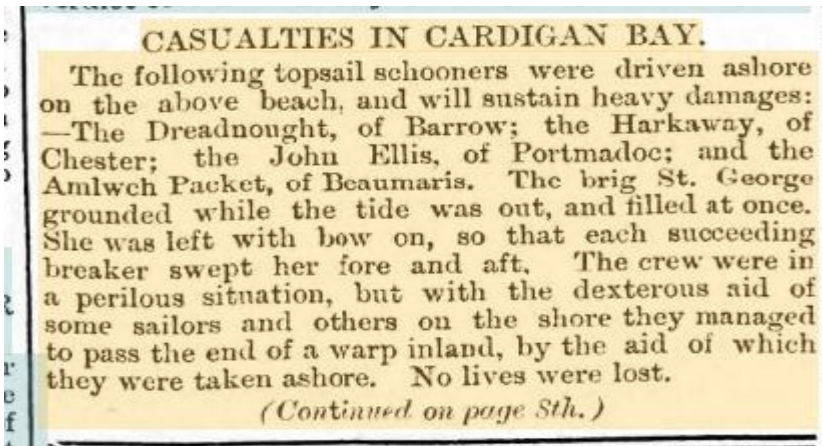
... on the Abererch beach, near Pwllheli railway station. She is now discharging her cargo. A schooner, named the "Margaret Elizabeth," of Liverpool, met with the same fate. She lies near the "**Harkaway**," which was stranded in the gale of October 14th. The vessels have not sustained any serious damage. Hundreds of persons visited the scene during Sunday. The sea was extremely rough all day, and the...

The Cambrian News and Merionethshire Standard      2nd December 1881      News      p.8      142 words

**PWLLHELI.**

... the vessel, and she will be greatly damaged, if not a total wreck. The schooner Amlwch Packet, Captain Williams, with coals, from Bristol Channel for Port Nant, is also ashore here, having drifted before the wind from the roads; crew saved. The **Harkaway**, from Beaumaris, met with a similar fate, as did also the schooner John Ellis, Captain Willoughby, from Portmadoc for Copenhagen crew saved. The...

The Cambrian News and Merionethshire Standard      21st October 1881      News      p.2      218 words



## Appendix F, Crew lists for official number 11509 SV Harkaway.

Extract from Clip Data base: Crew lists from 1864 to 1885.

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<b>Official_No:</b>	<b>11509</b>
1864:	I2
1866:	U2
1867:	Q2
1868:	I1
1869:	I1
1870:	Q2
1871:	Q2
1872:	Q2
1873:	Q2
1874:	G2
1877:	U2

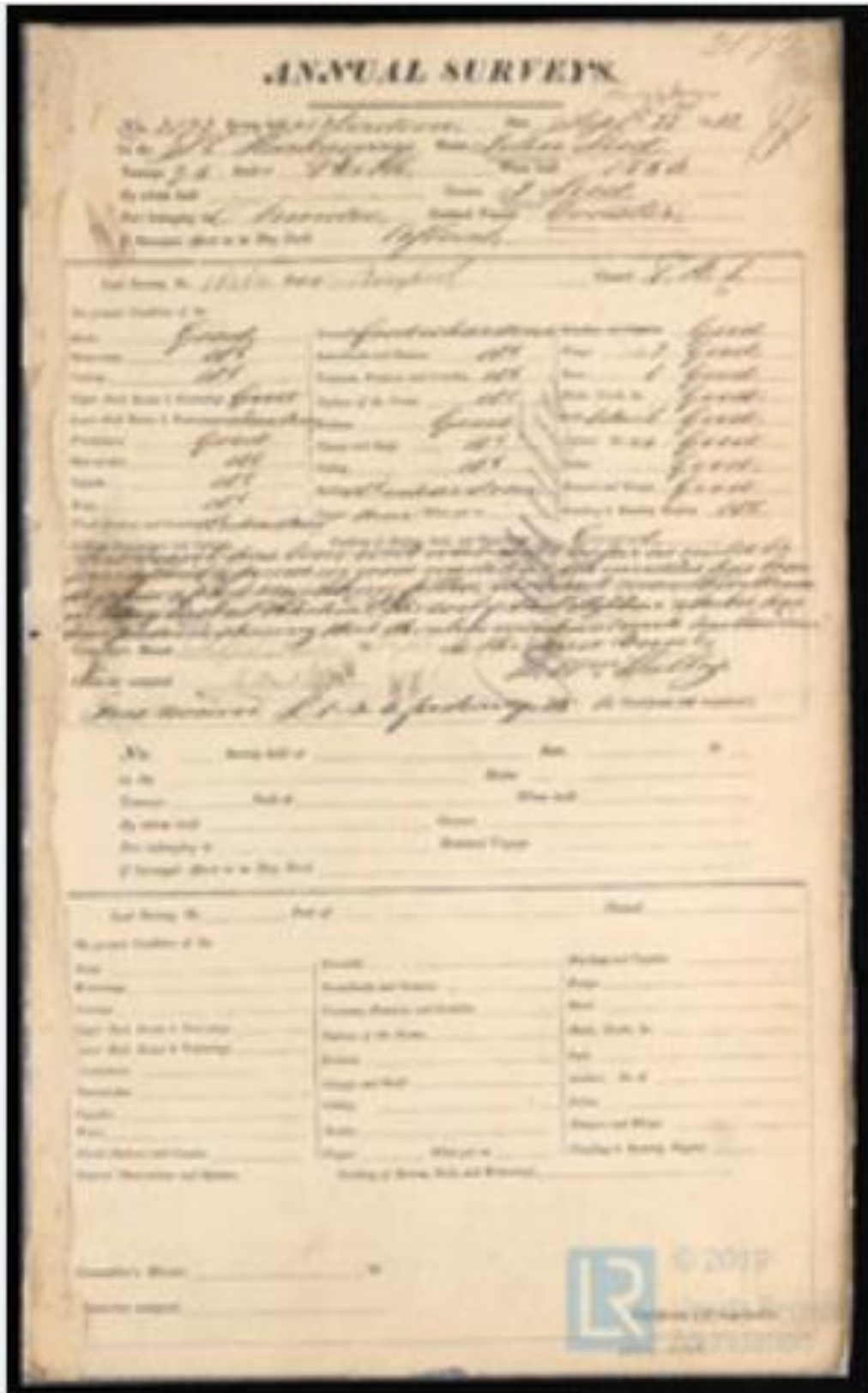
<b>Official_No:</b>	<b>11509</b>
1876:	CL
1877:	CL
1878:	CL
1879:	CL
1880:	CL
1881:	CL
1882:	CL
1883:	CL
1884:	CO
1885:	CO

*For information on ordering any of the crew agreements listed above, please visit the [Ordering Crew Agreements page](#).*

**Appendix G - Survey Reports for the SV Harkaway.**



**Survey Report for  
Harkaway, 6th March  
1856**



# Annual Surveys Report for Harkaway, 22nd September 1862

**Letter from David Crighton, Dundee Surveyor, to George B Seyfang Esq, Secretary of Lloyd's Register London, regarding material of deck clamps for Harkaway, 17<sup>th</sup> March 1856.**

