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1.0 Abstract

The “www Research Project” is about, discovering by on line research details of ships, on the MADU data base of wrecks of North Wales , the circumstances of their loss ,details of the owners and crew, the cargo carried and their history.

The MV Swanland and loss of life were down to a lack of maintenance and care by the owners as shown in the investigation report – which shows even today these things can occur,

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3.0 Abbreviations

A list of any abbreviations used in this report, i.e.

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
etc.	

4.0 Summary of Research

Wikipedia Entry

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MV_Swanland

Lost 27/11/2011

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-north-west-wales-20591697>

The ship was caught in a storm off the Llyn Peninsula in the early hours and hit by a couple of giant waves which led to a broken hull.

Within a quarter of an hour, the ship had sank and a major rescue operation launched.

Two of the eight Russian crew managed to clamber aboard a life raft and were winched to safety by a rescue helicopter team from RAF Valley. Roman Savin, 26, and Vitaliy Karpenko, 48, later thanked rescuers for their efforts in such difficult conditions.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-north-west-wales-19756027>

RAF winchman Richard Taylor's Swanland rescue bravery award

An RAF winchman involved in a north Wales sea rescue in which six Russian ship crew died has won a bravery award. Master Aircrewman Richard Taylor was part of a four-man team, which included the Duke of Cambridge, called out to the stricken Swanland off Gwynedd.

Chart showing track of Swanland on 26 to 27 November 2011

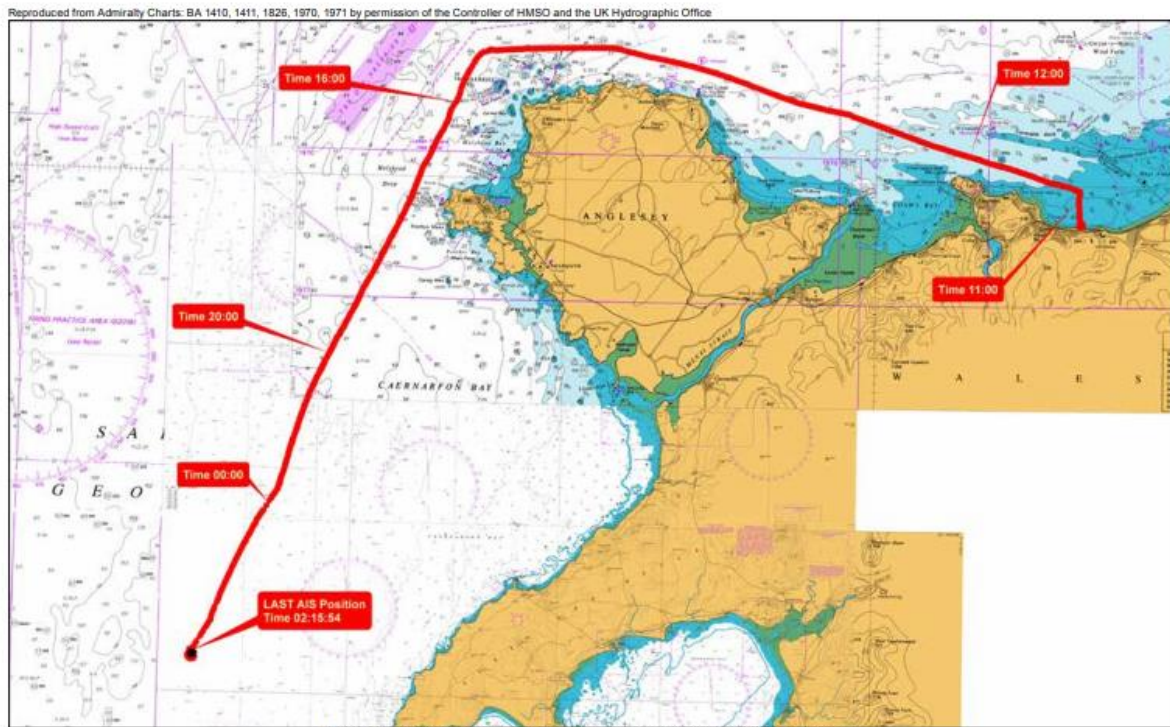


Figure 6: Chart showing track of Swanland on 26 to 27 November 2011

Graves are in Aberdaron Old Cemetery

<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2138779/aberdaron-old-cemetery>

Inscription

In memory of the crew of

MV SWANLAND

Captain Yury Shmelev

Chief Officer Leonid Safonov

Chief Engineer Gennadiy Meshkov

2nd Engineer Mikhail Starchevoy

Able Seaman Sergey Kharchenko

Cook Oleg Andriets

Lost off Bardsey Island

Whilst on passage from Llanddulas to Cowes

27th November 2011

That those who are safe on land may ever remember and pray for the many who go down to the sea in ships



Marine Accident Investigation Branch reports

Structural failure of general cargo vessel Swanland resulting in it sinking with loss of 6 lives Published 23 January 2015

<https://www.gov.uk/maib-reports/structural-failure-of-general-cargo-vessel-swanland-in-the-irish-sea-resulting-in-the-vessel-sinking-with-loss-of-6-lives>

5.0 Specification and life history table

Vessel	Name/s	MV Swanland (previously Carebeka IX)		
	Type	Bulk Carrier		
Built	Date	1977		
	Builder	Bijlsma Lemmer Scheepswerf Lemmer, Netherlands		
Construction	Materials			
	Decks			
	Bulkheads			
Propulsion	Type			
	Details			
Engine	Details			
	Boilers			
Drive	Type			
	Number			
Dimensions	Length	ft	ins	81 m
	Beam	ft	ins	14 m
	Draught	ft	ins	3 m
Tonnage	Gross	2180t		
	Net			
Owner	Named	Elsborg (13 Jan 1983 – 14 Nov 1988) Artemis (14 Nov 1988 – 16 Dec 1994) Elsborg (16 Dec 1994 – 12 Aug 1996) Swanland (12 Aug 1996 – 27 Nov 2011)		
	Last	Torbulk, Grimsby		
	Others			
Registry	Port	Grimsby		
	Flag	Cook Islands		
	Number	IMO number: 7607431, Callsign E5U2283, MMSI 518333000		
History	Routes			
	Cargo			
Final Voyage	From	Conwy		
	To	Cowes, Isle of White		
	Captain	Yury Shmelev		
	Crew			
	Passengers			
	Cargo	Limestone		
Wrecking	Date	Sunday 27 th Nov 2011		
	Location	Lleyn Penninsula		
	Cause	Structural failure		
	Loss of life	6		
	Outcome			