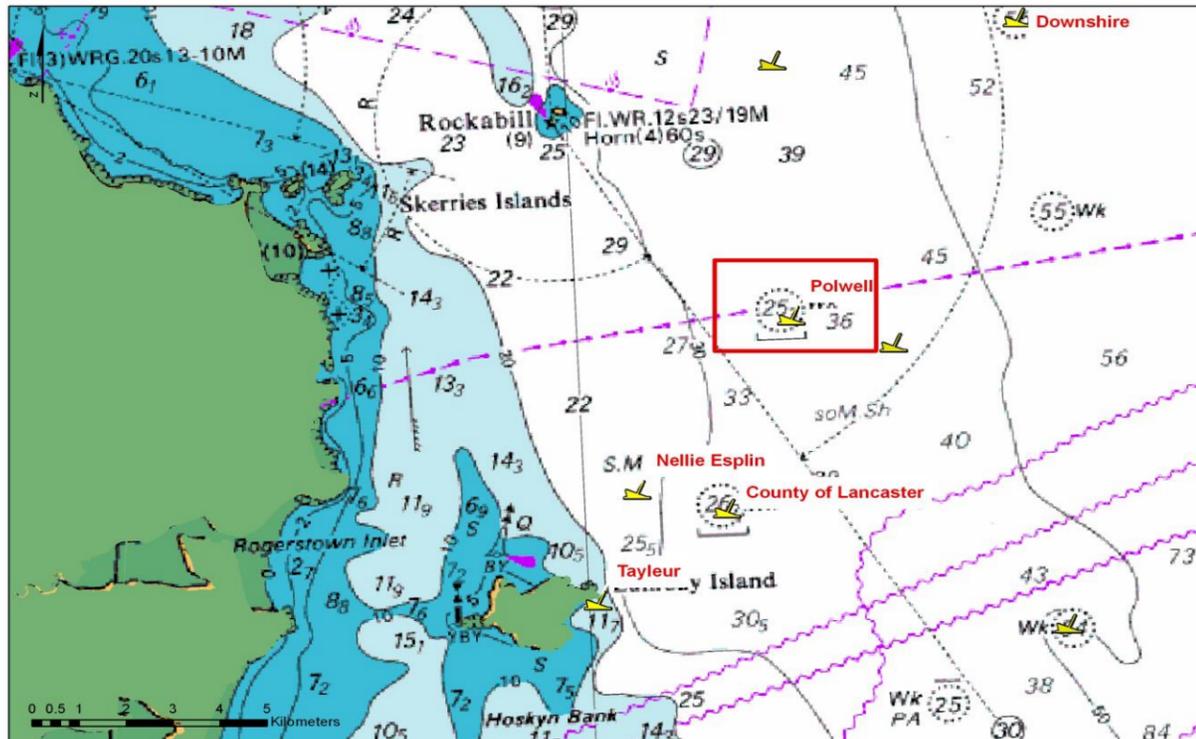


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Above the location of the SS *Polwell* NE of Lambay Island and below the SS *Polwell* clearly visible in the 2m NE shaded relief image acquired during CV09_05 survey.



LOCATION

Location	8km NE of Lambay Island
Coordinates	-05° 55' 56.4" W 53° 33' 12" N
Depth of Water	29.8 m

VESSEL INFORMATION

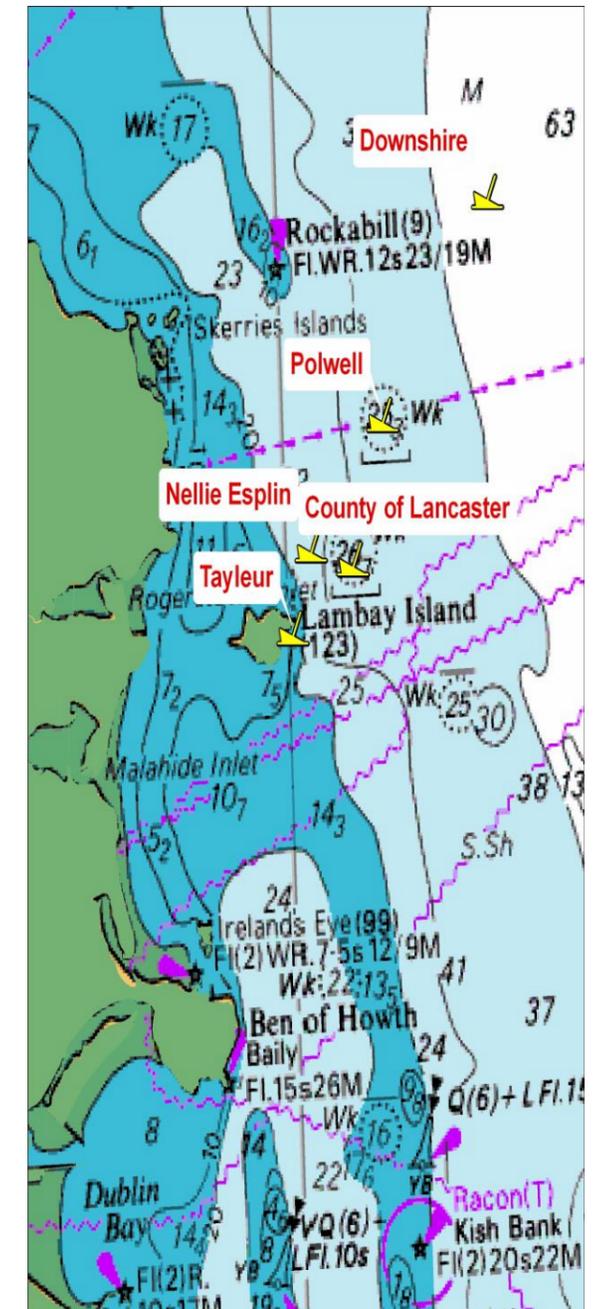
Vessel type	British Steam Collier
Flag	British
Vessel Dimensions	96.2 m (l), 11.5 m (b), 5.5 m (d)
Date of building	1888

DETAILS OF SINKING

The SS *Polwell* was bound from Troon to France with a cargo coal. On 5th June 1918 the SS *Polwell* was torpedoed by a German Submarine. The *U-96* fired a single torpedo at the *Polwell*, hitting it amidships causing it to sink immediately approximately 6 miles east of Rockabil off the north Dublin coast. The *Polwell* was one of 31 ships sunk by the *U-96* between 1917 and 1918. There was no loss of life and all 30 crew managed to safely land at Rockabil lighthouse one hour later.



SS POLWELL



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VESSEL HISTORY

The SS *Polwell* was originally named the *Northumbria* when it was built in Sunderland in 1888 by J.L Thompson & Son. She measured 86.56 x 11.6 x 5.53 metres and was powered by a three cylinder triple expansion engine delivering 201 HP. It had several owners during its lifetime and was renamed the *Deutscher Kaiser* when it came into German ownership and was registered in Szczecin in 1910. It was sold in 1914 and registered at Hamburg and renamed *Syra*. It was shortly after this that the *Syra* was requisitioned by the British Admiralty after being captured off Gibraltar while en route from Antwerp to the Levant. Under the control of the Shipping Controller, the *Syra* was renamed *Polwell* and operated as a defensively-armed steam collier managed by the Clyde Shipping Co., Ltd., Glasgow from 1917 to 1918.

DIVE INFORMATION

The wreck is orientated NE-SW, bow to NE. The wreck lies largely intact with little or no debris but is reported to be snagged in nets.

Wrecks over 100 years old and archaeological objects found underwater are protected under the National Monuments (Amendment) Acts 1987 and 1994. Significant wrecks less than 100 years old can be designated by Underwater Heritage Order (UHO) on account of their historical, archaeological or artistic importance

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.archaeology.ie/underwater-archaeology>

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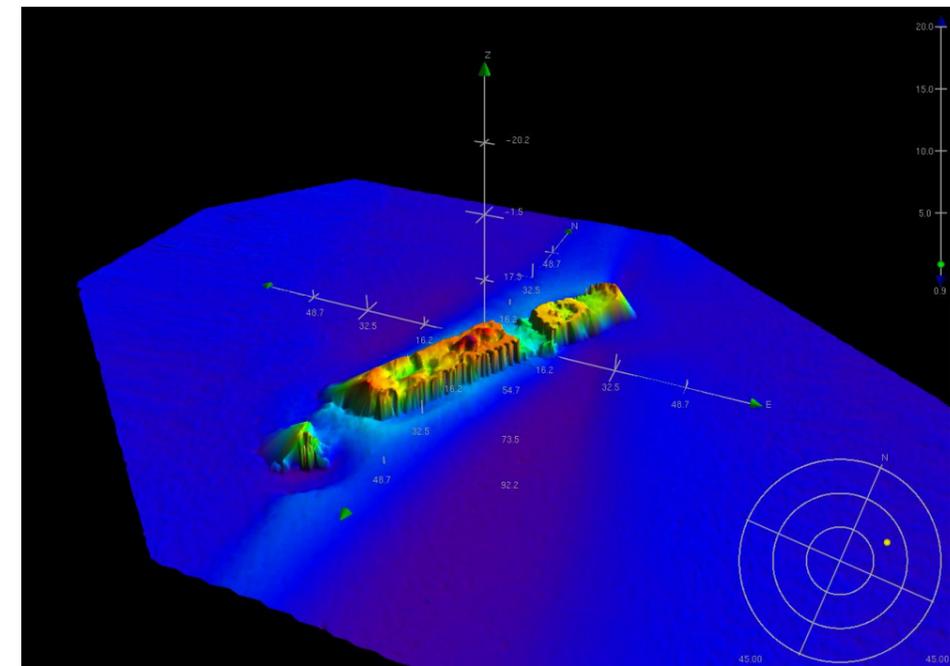
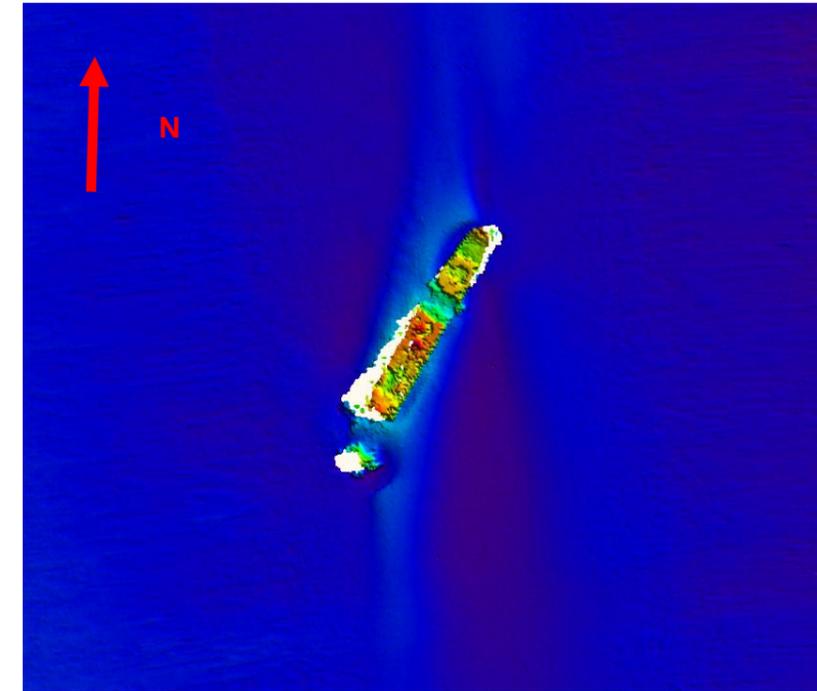
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Above: 3D and plan view images of the SS Polwell acquired using Caris Hips & Sips Software