



**Name :**SS Pentyrch

**Details:** 3.382 ton British Steamer with a cargo of coal.

**Position:** 50 43 22N: 00 15 43W.

**Depth:** 19 m

**Sunk:** 18 April 1918 by torpedoed from the UB 40

**Diving:** A good dive for novices stands 7m high from the sea bed, well dived.

**Launch:** Shoreham, 6 miles out

Built in 1899 and launched as the Bardsey, this 3382 ton Teeside steamship plied it's trade for nine years before passing into the ownership of the Pentwyn Steamship Co. Ltd. Re-named Pentyrch in tribute to a village north west of Cardiff and armed with a stern mounted 4.7 inch gun, she survived 3 years of wartime trading - but not without incident. During a Mediterranean passage, on September 30th 1916, Pentyrch luckily escaped a mauling from a German submarine, during which she was narrowly missed by a torpedo and suffered damage by gunfire from the pursuing sub. No casualties were reported.

She was not so lucky on April 18th 1918, when laden with coal and five miles W.N.W. of the Brighton Light Vessel, she again came under submarine attack, this

time from the UB-40 (which survived the war only to be blown up by the Germans themselves when they evacuated their Flanders Flotilla Base in Bruges). This time a torpedo found its mark and quickly sank her with one fatality among the crew.

She now lies in an easy 17-21m, her highest point 7m proud of the seabed. She is a good dive especially for novices as, even though her sides were blown apart her stern section remains and she still looks ship-like



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