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1. INTRODUCTION

This Audit of Maritime Collections was commissioned by The Heritage Council in July 2005 with the aim of assisting the conservation of Ireland's boating heritage in both the maritime and inland waterway communities.

1.1 Objective

The objective of the audit was to ascertain the following:

- The location of maritime and inland waterways collections in Ireland
- An overview of what is contained in each collection
- An indication, where practical, of the condition of each collection
- An indication, where practical, of the conditions in which each collection is stored
- Whether the collections also contain paper records (archives, plans, charts and maps, photographs and drawings)
- Ownership of each collection

1.2 Scope

The scope of the audit includes collections of three dimensional objects: seagoing and inland boats; and ancillary objects associated with boat-based activities, such as navigational technology and fishing. Collections of naval and merchant marine memorabilia and collections of shipwreck artefacts are also included. Any infrastructure, collections, or boats immediately at risk were also considered.

1.3 Extent

The aim of this maritime audit is to obtain a general overview of the maritime related collections in Ireland, to ascertain the location, ownership, condition, overall theme, and nature of the contents of each collection. It is neither an inventory nor a full evaluation of the collections, and is in no way intended to criticize either the collections or their custodians.

The audit has been compiled with input from many sources (as indicated in the acknowledgements), including many experts on the relevant subject matter, and the heritage officers in each county. Nevertheless, this audit does not claim to be exhaustive, and there are quite possibly other collections of a maritime nature which have not come to light. A high proportion of the collections listed were visited by the authors, while the remainder were recorded by correspondence; this data may be less accurate.

1.4 Methodology

The audit was compiled by Darina Tully (MSc) and John Tully (BSc), with additional input by Tom Moran (BL, BA) and Maureen Mac Allister (MA). The project methodology used a combination of fieldwork (involving site visits), desk based research, and extensive enquiries and communications with various subject matter experts and stakeholders in the relevant areas.

A desktop survey of sources was undertaken and the following wide varieties of sources were identified, including:

- The Museums Association list of members
- The National Museum and designated museums
- The county tourist board listings of museums, heritage, and visitor centres
- The Islands Federation of Ireland
- Historical and archaeological societies, and community employment schemes, which control other maritime collections or collections with a maritime element
- Statutory bodies with maritime briefs
- Fishing and fishermen's organisations and community based fishing groups
- Boatyards and traditional boat builders
- Contacts provided by the Heritage Council
- Private collections
- Personal contacts within the maritime field including: boat builders, traditional boat users, museum curators, maritime historians, and maritime archaeologists

Lists were drawn up of collections on county-by-county basis. These were grouped together into manageable geographical areas for fieldwork. Fieldwork was undertaken for the most part from July to October as many collections, particularly heritage centres, are only accessible during the tourist season.

Each site visit involved recording of data and subsequent entry into a computerised database. Field work was interspersed with further desktop research into other collections, and correspondence with various repositories, which were sometimes difficult to contact.

The sources for each county were confirmed, where possible, with the county heritage officers and county curators. While the desktop survey and fieldwork were quite exhaustive, a few collections remained elusive. Senior personnel in all aspects of maritime life were canvassed towards the end of the project, therefore the results are considered to give a reasonably comprehensive and up to date analysis.

It was decided at an early stage to log all the data on an access database. The format allows not only for a printed report, but also for a fully searchable index within the chosen fields, for use by future end users. Such databases, by their nature, need to be structured. To that end, early preparatory work included the allocation of certain categories of data: such as categories of repositories, categories of interest or activity, classification and designs of boats, and type of artefacts or equipment.

1.5 Area covered by the audit

The audit covers the 26 counties of the Republic. However, due to the recent implementation of a cross-border responsibility for the operation of Inland Waterways (under Waterways Ireland), one site, the headquarters of Waterways Ireland, has been listed in Fermanagh.

2. COLLECTIONS

Table 1: The graphic below gives a breakdown of collections by county

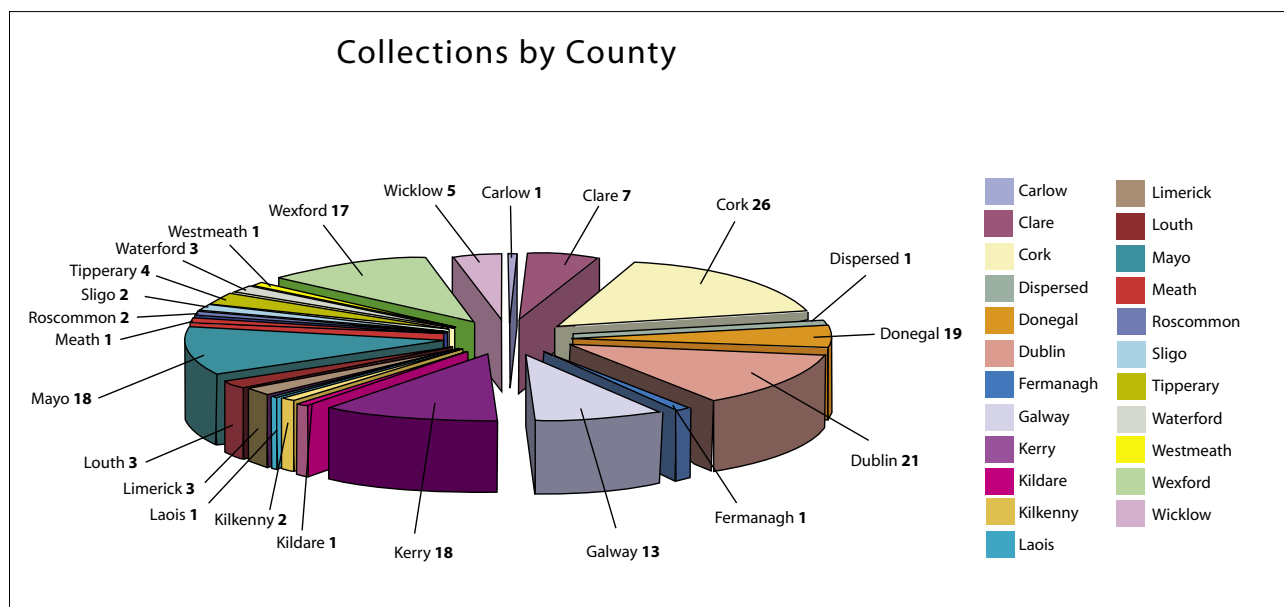


Table 2: Type of repository

Type	Comment
Museum	The National Museum of Ireland, designated museums, and private museums that are members of the Irish Museums Association. Most of these collections had curated artefacts.
Heritage centre	Centres with a focus on local heritage, areas, and activities. These centres varied greatly in how they interpreted the local heritage. Some centres had quite a few artefacts; others that only used information panels or graphic displays were not included.
Heritage group	Some heritage groups, such as archaeological and historical societies, had collections in fixed locations, while others were organising bodies and had no fixed location or exhibition.
Fishing organisation	Organisations representing fishing include both statutory bodies with responsibility for regulation of the fishing industry, such as the regional fishery boards, and those representing the fishermen themselves at local or national level.
Community based	There were quite a few community based projects running either centres or boat building projects. Most historic working boats are based within communities, and are not organised at any statutory level.
Statutory bodies	These include port authorities and The Commissioners of Irish Lights.
Yacht club	This category covered sailing and boat clubs.
Rowing club	Some clubs which focus on traditional boats were noted; otherwise the governing federations are cited.
Boatyard	Those yards with traditional boat builders of historic craft were highlighted.
Private collection	Private collections are those owned by individuals; they are either housed in private homes or in commercial buildings such as public houses and hotels, where they form interesting and attractive backdrops.

Table 3: The graphic below gives a breakdown of collections by repository type

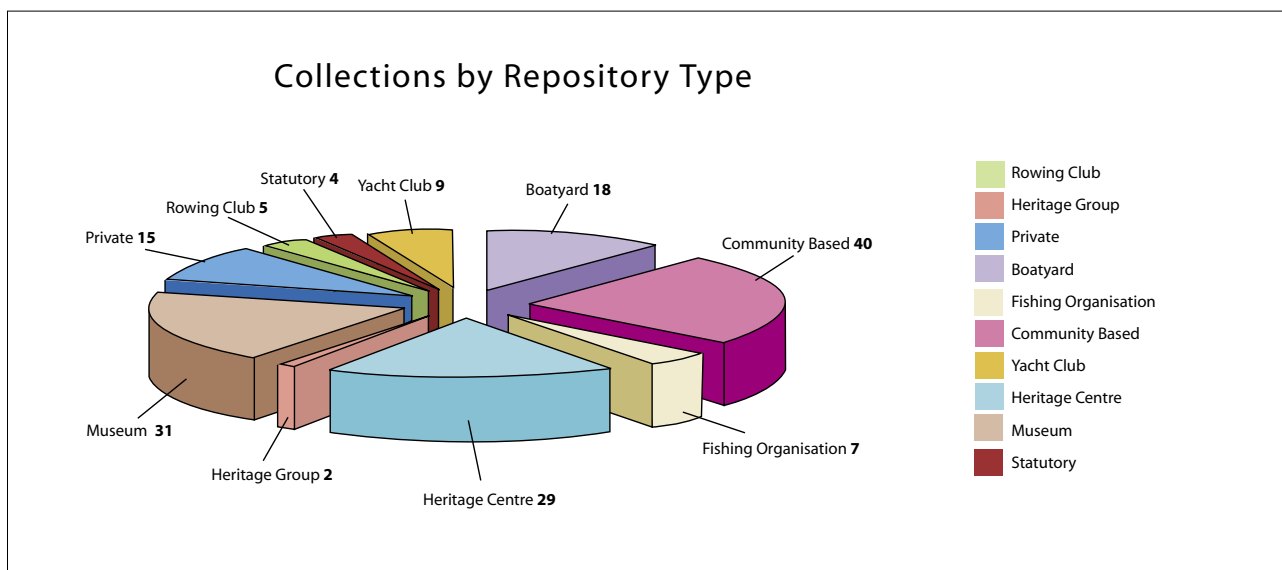


Table 4: Categories of interest / activity

Category	Comments
General maritime	Museums and centres that had a wide range of artefacts covering various aspects of the maritime sector were classified as general maritime.
Navigation and communication	Communication and navigation equipment seems to be represented quite well in centres around the country, with many specialist exhibitions. This is possibly due to a historic link with the early work of Marconi, and the strategic position of Ireland in the laying of the first transatlantic cables.
Fishing	Fishing exhibitions and fishing equipment were found in many of the collections, especially on the west coast. Only a few of the centres made any attempt to interpret the artefacts and explain the fishing techniques and the functions of the objects.
Leisure	The leisure sector is mainly represented by sailing clubs, yacht clubs and angling groups. For practical purposes it was not possible to list all clubs with classic wooden boats. Only those with important historic collections such as Water Wags and Howth 17s were listed. Many classic wooden boat classes such as Mermaids, Wooden Dragons, IDRAs, Glens, and National 18s are sailed around the country. A full list of clubs in Ireland, and the boats that they use, is available from the Irish Sailing Association (www.sailing.ie).
Inland waterways	When one considers the huge achievement of various groups and individuals in this sector, the public awareness campaigns, the restoration of the canal system, the large historic collection of boats, and the creation of a commercially valuable amenity, it is apparent that the inland waterways are very much underrepresented by public access museums or heritage centres. Only one small exhibition on working canal life was found, located in the heritage centre in Killaloe. Heritage centres in the Midlands, such as the Tullamore Dew centre, give only a cursory mention of the importance of the canal to local history and development. The Waterways Ireland Visitor Centre in Ringsend is closed with some confusion about its future.
Merchant marine	The merchant marine is mainly represented by model and photographic collections. Considering the importance of the merchant marine sector to an island nation, information was quite scarce and artefacts were only found in a handful of centres.

Naval

Our naval history is celebrated even less, and is really only covered by the collection in the Haulbowline Naval Base and in the Dun Laoghaire Maritime Museum.

Shipwreck artefacts

Shipwreck artefacts were found to be scattered throughout collections in Ireland. No fully themed exhibition was found, nor was there any serious attempt at interpretation of the artefacts. By far the largest repositories of shipwreck artefacts on exhibition are in privately owned public houses. These collections are vulnerable to the commercial market and many have been broken up and sold on over the years. While many public houses have maritime themes, only those that were found to have real artefacts were included.

Exploration

There are some good modern exhibitions on the Irish involvement in exploration, mainly due to the high profile that this subject has been getting in the last decade.

Boat building

Traditional boat builders, as opposed to large boatyards, were identified. Traditional boat builders are an integral part of the continued heritage, not only of the boats but also of rigging and sail making techniques. These boat builders are the last repositories of traditional shipwright's tools, templates and moulds for traditional craft, and form a reservoir of knowledge of traditional wood working skills.

Table 5: The graphic below gives a breakdown of collections by category

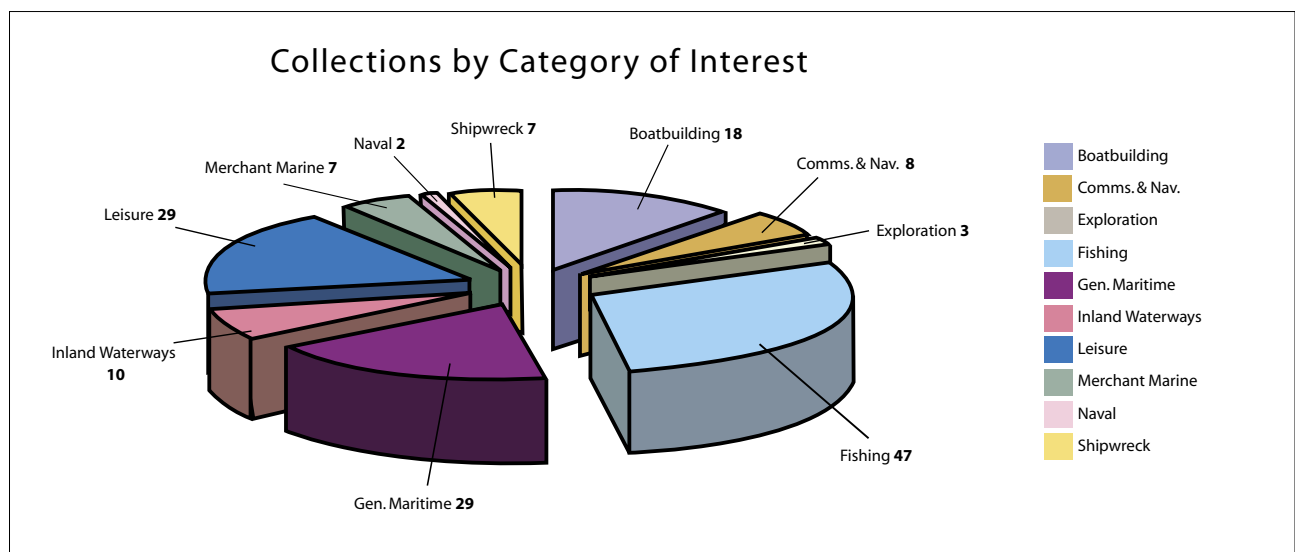
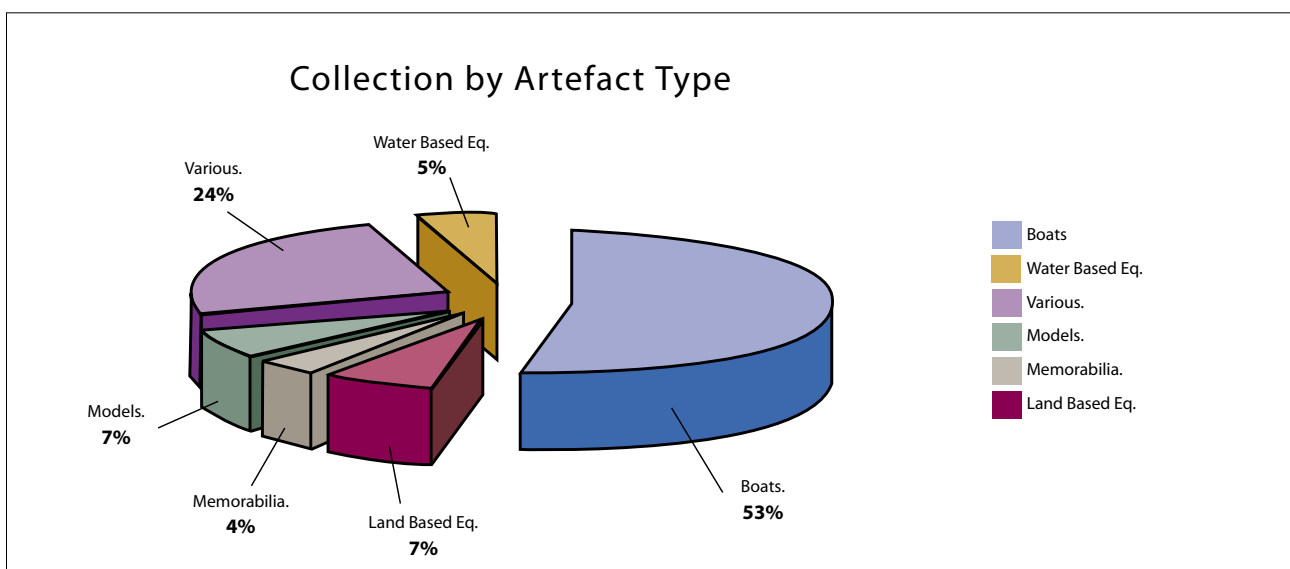


Table 6: Types of artefact

Type	Comment
Boats	Boats were listed by category and specific design and include an entry for any associated equipment. While boats constitute the largest number of maritime artefacts, it is the sector least represented in official collections throughout the country. Except for the collection held by the National Museum in Turlough Park and Collins Barracks, there are only about a dozen other boats on display or interpreted throughout the country. Most boat collections are community based.
Memorabilia	Memorabilia covers a wide range of artefacts, including items from the age of the liners, souvenirs of events, ceramics, medals, textiles, furniture, flags, and posters. Generally memorabilia was found in older style museums.
Land based equipment	This category includes communications equipment, lighthouse collections, and historic infrastructure such as winches or processing equipment.
Water based equipment	This category includes nets, pots, buoys, and anchors.
Models	Collections of model boats were found throughout the country. After full size boats they probably form the next largest grouping. Some 3-dimensional topographical models used to interpret maritime scenes were also noted. Many of the collections of models are in private ownership.
Various	This category was allocated to collections that had a wide variety of items and did not specialise in any particular aspect of maritime heritage.

Table 7: The graphic below gives a breakdown of collections by type of artefact



3. LEGISLATION ISSUES

Except for those collections in the care of the National Museum and designated county museums, most general maritime artefacts seem to have little protection under present legislation. Most of the collections of maritime artefacts are in the custodial care of societies, commercial organisations, or in private hands. There is no onus on these groups to hold on to these artefacts in perpetuity, nor are there guidelines for disposal of artefacts or collections. Quite a few collections have been dispersed in recent years, with no trace of the present whereabouts of the artefacts. Collections which have recently been broken up, and were brought to the notice of the authors during this audit, include those of: The Titanic Bar, Cobh, (White Star Line memorabilia); Moores Hotel, Cork, (collection of model ships of Cork); Robertstown Heritage Centre (inland waterways memorabilia); and the Rosslare Hotel, (collection of model ships of Wexford).

The relevant legislation for shipwreck artefacts is covered under the Merchant Shipping and Salvage and Wreck Act of 1933, and the National Monuments Amendments' Acts of 1987 and 1994. All archaeological sites and objects over 100 years old are protected. All underwater activity on wreck sites is subject to a strict licensing system. The legislation also protects wreck sites deemed to be of major historical importance and less than 100 years old. All shipwreck artefacts recovered since 1987 are strictly regulated by the State. This seems to have left some collections of shipwreck artefacts recovered prior to 1987 particularly vulnerable, especially to the commercial market. At least five owners/controllers contacted during this audit are considering breaking up their collections. These have been highlighted in this report.

None of the historic watercraft listed, with the exception of Asgard 1 (Erskine Childers' 1905 yacht designed by Colin Archer) and the Bantry Boat (the oldest known French naval boat, captured during the French expedition in 1796 to Bantry Bay) are covered by any legislation. The 1987 National Monuments Act only covers those boats that were wrecked (underwater, as defined by the 1987 act) over 100 years ago. Therefore surviving nineteenth century boats, such as the Howth 17s, (the oldest surviving one design keel boats), Water Wags, (the original dinghy that instigated the concept of one design boats), and individual historic craft like the yacht Phoenix (one of the oldest boats on Lloyds' register), are afforded no protection by the State. If they had been wrecked 100 years ago, they would be protected under the relevant National Monuments Acts.

The survey of the traditional boat sector in 2003, instigated by the Heritage Council, highlighted the need for a historic boat register on the lines of that which exists in the UK. The continued survival of all of these boats relies on the goodwill, enthusiasm, and generosity of present owners. Some quite important historic craft have been lost to this country in recent years, either through neglect and abandonment, or have been bought up by specialists from the UK and Europe who saw the merit in restoring these craft.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 A maritime museum

The primary recommendation arising from the audit is the need for a modern, professionally run, national maritime museum, and possibly several regional maritime museums. At least one of the regional museums could be a national boat collection and another could cover the inland waterways. There is no doubt that such a development would, by its nature, be both controversial and lengthy. In the interim, designated and county museums should be encouraged to exhibit more maritime related material.

4.2 Storage for historical boats and traditional craft

While discussions on the provision of the maritime museums and maritime centres will take time, there is an urgent need for safe storage facilities for historic craft. There also seems to be a need for the storage of large items of archaeological material such as ship timbers, which are currently in several repositories around the country. A few individuals have offered temporary storage facilities; these have been outlined in correspondence with the Heritage Council.

4.3 A register of traditional boat builders

The resource of traditional boat builders is diminishing. Some areas are down to the last boat builder of a particular type such as John O'Malley, builder of Achill Currachs, and Dan Glesson, builder of Kerry Carvel Boats. In other areas there are only part time builders such as Jim Boyd, builder of Donegal Currachs, or Andy McGonagle, Kincaslugh, the last builder of Paddling Currachs. Already some boats depend for their continuity on co-operative building programs run as evening classes or community employment schemes. Examples of these been the West Clare Currach Project, the Clonmel Workman's Boat Club Suir Cot Project, and the Wexford Boat Club Mermaid Building Project. These builders are the last in a long line of boat building traditions. They possess skills, patterns, moulds, associated equipment, and oral information passed down through generations.

4.4 A shipwreck interpretative centre

Although there are numerous shipwreck artefacts throughout the country there is no comprehensive interpretation of a shipwreck. As the audit indicates that there are significant numbers of artefacts and related documentation, it is suggested that the Lusitania, the Spanish Armada, and the Pomona could be suitable subjects. Lusitania artefacts and memorabilia, for example, are to be found in numerous centres in Cork, and other items are held privately. These would be better co-ordinated into a specialist collection where the story of the liner, and her demise and salvage, could be evaluated and exhibited at a more comprehensive level.

4.5 Record of vernacular craft

As can be seen from the report, boats form one of the largest categories of three-dimensional maritime artefacts. There has been very little recording at statutory level, and up to now enthusiastic individuals have carried out the research and documentation of these craft. Ireland has a unique diversity of completely different types of boats. In the UK for example most vernacular craft are differing styles of clinker craft (with over lapped planking where the hull is built first) except for Cornwall where they build in carvel (with a smooth hull where the frame is built first), and only three rivers use a small skin boat. In Ireland you will find carvel boats (Galway Hooker type), skin boats (currachs, of which there are fourteen different designs along the west coast), flat bottomed cot style boats (along estuaries), and clinker boats, all working within one county.

In the meantime, a list of vulnerable boats, those types that are down to single numbers, could be compiled and attended to. Boats which are down to single numbers include the Prongs in the Waterford Estuary, Donegal Paddling Currachs, Sheephaven-type Currachs, West Cork Six Oar Gigs, Youghal Salmon Yawls, and Blackwater Cots. There are some types that are down to the last surviving example, such as Dundalk Yawls and sailing Ballyhack Yawls, and others that need to be identified with further research on the subject.

4.6 Historic boat register

As well as our huge resource of vernacular craft there are many one-off interesting leisure craft and historic yacht classes. Reggie Goodbody identified many of these in A Survey of the Traditional Irish Boat Sector for the Heritage Council (2003). In Ireland the continued survival of all of these boats relies on the goodwill, enthusiasm, and generosity of their present owners. The UK compiled a historic boat register in the last decade. Although at the time they offered to extend it to the Republic of Ireland, no statutory body had the brief, or was interested in the exercise. The UK National Register of Historic Vessels has four lists: (1) A Core Collection; (2) Designated Vessels; (3) Registered Only List; and (4) Vessels at Risk List. A committee rates the boats and decides on funding and other incentive schemes for the continuity of the craft. As more funding becomes available, vessels further down the list get attention. The register also acts as a central information source for all historic craft (www.nhsc.org.uk).

4.7 Floating exhibitions

Floating exhibitions are widespread throughout the world. Most countries have floating historic ships, often housing museums and specific collections. The only Irish floating exhibition is the Dunbrody, the replica of a historic ship berthed in New Ross. It is an extremely successful attraction with over 50,000 visitors a year. The Waterways Ireland Visitor Centre in Ringsend is closed indefinitely for renovation. There was a considerable investment in an adjoining marina, which is empty most of the year. This marina, or a similar location in a highly populated area, could make an ideal dynamic maritime museum with heritage boats afloat along with information and education facilities.

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5.1 Sources for further consultation

The following is a list of individuals who have accumulated informative and important maritime material due to their occupation, family companies, or life long interest. These do not control collections as such, but would be recommended for consultative purposes at a further stage: Edward Burke, Dublin; Maurice Craig, Dublin; Cian de Buitlear, Galway; Reggie Goodbody, Nenagh; Ruth Heard-Delany, Dublin; Cormac Lowth, Dublin; Donal Lynch, Cork; Tom McSweeney, Cork; Paddy O Sullivan, Cork; Arthur Reynolds, Dun Laoghaire; Hal Sisk, Clondalkin; Philip Smylie, Dublin; John Tulier, Kinsale; Michael Tyrrell, Arklow.

6. ALPHABETICAL LIST OF RECORDED COLLECTIONS

COLLECTION	LOCATION	COUNTY	REPOSITORY TYPE
Achill Sound Harbour	Achill Sound	Mayo	Community based
Anchor Bar, The	Bantry	Cork	Private
Arklow Harbour	Arklow	Wicklow	Community based
Arklow Maritime Museum	Arklow Library	Wicklow	Museum
Arthurstown Harbour	Arthurstown	Wexford	Community based
Askeaton Harbour	Askeaton	Limerick	Community based
Athy Heritage Centre & Museum	Town Hall, Emily Square, Athy	Kildare	Heritage centre
Badoirí Lurgan	Furbo	Galway	Community based
Ballyhack Harbour	Ballyhack	Wexford	Community based
Ballynacally Harbour	Ballynacally	Clare	Community based
Bantry House Armada Centre	Bantry	Cork	Heritage centre
Bantry Museum	Bantry Fire Station	Cork	Museum
Belderrig Harbour	Belderrig	Mayo	Community based
Beleek Castle Hotel	Ballina	Mayo	Private
Bere Island Project	The Ballinakelly, Bere Island	Cork	Heritage centre
Blennerville Windmill	Blennerville, Tralee	Kerry	Heritage centre
Boyne Fishery	Mornington, Drogheda	Louth	Fishing organisation
Boyne Currach Centre, The	Bru na Boinne, Dun Uabhair	Meath	Heritage centre
Bulloch Harbour Boat Association	Dalkey	Dublin	Community based
Bunbeg Harbour	Bunbeg	Donegal	Community based
Bunratty Folk Park	Bunratty	Clare	Museum
Burke Brothers Boatyard	Ballinrobe	Mayo	Boatyard
Bushe's Bar	Baltimore	Cork	Private
Call of the Sea	Castletownbere	Cork	Community based
Cape Clear Museum	Cape Clear Island	Cork	Museum
Carrick On Suir Heritage Centre	Carrick On Suir	Tipperary	Heritage centre
Carrolls Boatyard	Ballyhack	Wexford	Boatyard
Casheen / Moycasheen	Casheen River & Quay	Kerry	Community based
Castletownsend Ette Class Boats	Castletownsend	Cork	Community based
Ceim Hill	Cooldurragh, Union Hall	Cork	Museum
Clare County Museum	Arthur's Row, Ennis	Clare	Museum
Clarecastle Quay	Clarecastle	Clare	Community based
Clifden Courtyard	Clifden	Galway	Heritage centre
Cobh Heritage Centre, The	Old Railway Station, Cobh	Cork	Heritage centre

COLLECTION	LOCATION	COUNTY	REPOSITORY TYPE
Cobh Museum	High Street, Cobh	Cork	Museum
Colliemore Harbour & Boat Group	Colliemore Road, Dalkey	Dublin	Community based
Colm Mulkerrins	Mweenish, Carna	Galway	Boatyard
Commissioner for Irish Lights, The	Dun Laoghaire Harbour	Dublin	Statutory
Cong Quay, The	Lough Corrib	Mayo	Community based
Cork Heritage Centre	Bessborough House, Douglas	Cork	Heritage centre
Cork Irish Coastal Rowing Federation	Cork Harbour	Cork	Rowing club
Craggaunowen	Quinn	Clare	Heritage centre
Cromane Shellfish Co-Op	Cromane Harbour	Kerry	Fishing organisation
Cronin's Bar	Crosshaven	Cork	Private
Crookhaven Lobster Fishery	Crookhaven	Cork	Private
Crossmolina & Tearmann Harbours	Lough Conn	Mayo	Community based
Cuan Mode Ionad Oidhreachta	The Quay, Westport	Mayo	Heritage centre
Cumann Romhaíochta Chorca Dhuibhne	Dingle Marina	Kerry	Rowing club
Cusack's Public House	North Strand	Dublin	Private
Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre	Castle Street, Dalkey	Dublin	Heritage centre
Dan Gleeson	Castlecove, Sneem	Kerry	Boatyard
Dollymount House	Clontarf	Dublin	Private
Dooagh Strand	Achill Island	Mayo	Community based
Doega Harbour	Achill Island	Mayo	Community based
Dublin Bay 21 Footers	The N11, near Jack White's Cross	Wicklow	Private
Dublin Civic Museum	58 South William Street	Dublin	Museum
Dublin Port Company	Alexandra Road	Dublin	Statutory
Dun Chaoinn Harbour	Dingle Peninsula	Kerry	Community based
Dunbrody Famine Ship and Visitors' Centre, The	The Quay, New Ross	Wexford	Heritage centre
Duncannon Harbour	Duncannon	Wexford	Community based
Duncannon Maritime Museum	Duncannon Fort, Duncannon	Wexford	Museum
Dungarvan Museum	Saint Augustine Street, Dungarvan	Waterford	Museum
Dun Laoghaire Harbour, The Coalyard	Dun Laoghaire	Dublin	Boatyard
Dursey Island Seine Boats	Dursey Island, The Beara Peninsula	Cork	Community based
Eachleim Heritage Centre	Aughleam, Belmullet	Mayo	Heritage centre
East Coast Rowing Council	County Dublin	Dublin	Rowing club
Eddie Hutch	Dooneen, Dingle	Kerry	Boatyard

COLLECTION	LOCATION	COUNTY	REPOSITORY TYPE
Fort Dunree Military Museum	Buncrana, Inishowen	Donegal	Museum
Foynes Flying Boat Museum	Foynes	Limerick	Museum
Fulton's Tower	Wolfe Tone Bridge, Galway City	Galway	Heritage centre
Galway City Museum	Spanish Arch, Galway City	Galway	Museum
Glandore Harbour Yacht Club, The	Glandore Inn	Cork.	Yacht club
Glencolmcille Harbour	Glencolmcille	Donegal	Community based
Greencastle Harbour and Harbour Yard	Greencastle	Donegal	Community based
Greencastle Maritime Museum	Greencastle Harbour, Inishowen	Donegal	Museum
Harry's Bar	Rosses Point	Sligo	Private
Hegarty's Boatyard	Oldcourt, Skibbereen	Cork	Boatyard
Heritage Boat Association, The	Various Inland Waterways	Dispersed	Heritage group
Hotel Rosslare	Rosslare Harbour	Wexford	Private
Howth Yacht Club	Harbour Road, Howth	Dublin	Yacht club
Inisbofin Heritage Museum	Inisbofin Island	Galway	Heritage centre
Ionad Arainn Cill Ronain	Inis Mor, Oileann Arainn	Galway	Heritage centre
Ionaid an Bhlascaoid Mhoir	Dun Chaoinn, Dingle	Kerry	Heritage centre
Irish Fishing and Shooting Museum, The	Attanagh, Durov	Laois	Museum
Irish National Heritage Park, The	Ferrycarrig	Wexford	Heritage centre
Irish Naval Service Collection, The	The Navel Base, Haulbowline	Cork	Statutory
James Cahill Collection, The	Coastguard Station, Rossmoney,	Westport	MayoPrivate
Jimmy Furey	Lecarrow	Roscommon	Boatyard
John Brennan & Sons	Kill Avenue, Dun Laoghaire	Dublin	Boatyard
John Concannon	Inishturk	Galway	Boatyard
John O'Malley	Corraun, Achill Island	Mayo	Boatyard
Kehoe's Public House	Kilmore Quay	Wexford	Private
Kerry County Museum	Ashe Memorial Hall, Tralee	Kerry	Museum
Kerry Irish Coastal Rowing Federation	Ivreeagh Peninsula	Kerry	Community based
Kilcolgan River	Kilcolgan, Clarinbridge	Galway	Community based
Killaloe Heritage Centre, The	Lock Keepers House, Killaloe	Clare	Heritage centre
Killybegs Maritime & Heritage Centre	The Carpet Factory, Fintra Road, Killybegs	Donegal	Heritage centre
Kinsale Museum	Kinsale	Cork	Museum
Kinvara Harbour	Kinvara	Galway	Community based
Knock Folk Museum	Knock	Mayo	Museum
Lightship Guillemot, The	Kilmore Quay	Wexford	Museum

COLLECTION	LOCATION	COUNTY	REPOSITORY TYPE
Limerick Museum	Limerick City	Limerick	Museum
Lomax Boats	Mullachmore	Sligo	Boatyard
Lough Derg Yacht Club	Dromineer, near Nenagh	Tipperary	Yacht Club
Lough Leane	Ross Castle, Killarney	Kerry	Community based
Lough Mask	Cushlough, Ballinrobe	Mayo	Organisation
Lough Ree Yacht Club	Ballyglass, Athlone	Westmeath	Yacht club
Louth County Museum	Dundalk	Louth	Museum
Magheroarty Harbour	Magheroarty, Bloody Foreland	Donegal	Community based
Malin Mor Harbour	Malin Mor	Donegal	Community based
McDonald's Boatbuilders	Greencastle, Inishowen	Donegal	Boatyard
Meitheal Mara	Crosses Green, Cork City	Cork	Heritage group
Millmount Museum & Martello Tower	Millmount, Drogheda	Louth	Museum
Mizen Head Visitor Centre	Mizen Head Lighthouse	Cork	Heritage centre
Mons Boats	Oughterard Harbour	Galway	Boatyard
Monty O'Leary	Fahamore, Castlegregory	Kerry	Boatyard
Moy Fishery	The River Moy, Ballina	Mayo	Fishing organisation
Museum Chorca Dhuibhne	Ballyferriter, Dingle Peninsula	Kerry	Museum
Naomhoga Chorcai	Shandon Boat Club Marina	Cork	Rowing club
National Maritime Museum, The	Mariners Church, Haigh Terrace, Dun Laoghaire	Dublin	Museum
National Museum of Country Life, The	Turlough Park House, Castlebar	Mayo	Museum
National Museum of Ireland (Archaeology & History)	Kildare Street	Dublin	Museum
National Museum Of Ireland (Decorative Arts & History)	Collins Barracks	Dublin	Museum
Newbridge House	Donabate	Dublin	Museum
Noonan Boats	Newcastle	Wicklow	Boatyard
Oughterard Harbour	Lough Corrib	Galway	Community based
Padraig Davis	Inishnee, Roundstone	Galway	Boatyard
Poolbeg Yacht and Boat Club	Pidgeon House Road, Ringsend	Dublin	Yacht club
Private Collection	Ballinskelligs	Kerry	Private
Purteen Harbour	Gubalennaun Beg, Achill	Mayo	Community based
Rattoo Heritage Centre	Knoppogue North, Ballyduff, Tralee	Kerry	Heritage centre
River Barrow Snap Net Fishermen's Association	River Barrow	Carlow	Fishing organisation

COLLECTION	LOCATION	COUNTY	REPOSITORY TYPE
River Nore Snap Net Fishermen's Association	River Nore	Kilkenny	Fishing organisation
River Slaney Draft Net Fishermen	River Slaney	Wexford	Community based
River Suir Snap Net Fishermen's Association	River Nore	Kilkenny	Fishing organisation
Rosslare Burrow Community	The Burrow, Rosslare Strand	Wexford	Community based
Rosslare National School	Rosslare Strand	Wexford	Community based
Royal Cork Yacht Club, The	Crosshaven	Cork	Yacht club
Royal Irish Yacht Club	Harbour Road, Dun Laoghaire	Dublin	Yacht club
Royal Saint George Yacht Club, The	Dun Laoghaire	Dublin	Yacht club
Safe Harbour, The	Fayth, Wexford Town	Wexford	Community based
Scraggane Pier, The	Maherees	Kerry	Community based
Skerries Harbour and Sailing Club	Skerries Harbour	Dublin	Yacht club
South Pole Inn, The	Annascaul	Kerry	Private
South Tipperary County Museum	Mick Delahunty Square, Clonmel	Tipperary	Museum
Strokestown House	Strokestown	Roscommon	Heritage centre
Tony Philbin	Clonbur, Cong	Mayo	Boatyard
Valentia Heritage Centre	Old School House, Knightstown, Valentia Island	Kerry	Heritage centre
Waterford Island	Ardkeen	Waterford	Private
Waterford Treasures, The	Granary, Merchants Quay	Waterford	Museum
Waterways Ireland	20 Darling Street, Enniskillen	Fermanagh	Statutory
Waterways Ireland Visitor Centre	Grand Canal Quay	Dublin	Heritage centre
West Clare Currach Project	Doonlickey Road, Kilkee	Clare	Community based
Wexford County Museum	Castle Hill, Enniscorthy	Wexford	Museum
Wexford Irish Coastal Rowing Federation	River Slaney	Wexford	Rowing club
Wexford Wildfowl Reserve Visitor Centre, The	Wexford Wildfowl Reserve, North Sloblands	Wexford	Heritage centre
Wicklow's Historic Gaol	Wicklow Town	Wicklow	Heritage centre
Workmans Boat Club	19, Irishtown, Clonmel	Tipperary	Community based
Youghal Estuary	Youghal	Cork	Community based
Youghal Visitor Centre	The Quay, Youghal	Cork	Heritage centre

7. MARITIME AUDIT – ALL ENTRIES

COLLECTION: **Achill Sound Harbour**

LOCATION:	Achill Sound, County Mayo
REPOSITORY:	Community based
CATEGORY:	Leisure
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Fishing boat
BOAT DESIGN:	Achill Yawl
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A number of boats are to be found at the harbour and slipway near the bridge to Achill Island. There are some Achill Currachs here also. There has been a huge revival in the Achill Yawls for leisure use, with around two dozen currently in use around Achill Sound.

COLLECTION: **Anchor Bar, The**

LOCATION:	Bantry, County Cork
REPOSITORY:	Private
CATEGORY:	General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE:	Models
CONDITION:	Good
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A collection of models and maritime memorabilia.

- Models include: a three-masted frigate, a steamer, a Spanish galley, a World War II destroyer, the *Denmark*, and the *Warrior*
- Artefacts from the *Lusitania* include a lifebelt and a Morse key
- Fishing equipment includes a whaling harpoon
- Numerous prints, paintings and newspaper articles

COLLECTION: **Arklow Harbour**

LOCATION:	Arklow, County Wicklow
REPOSITORY:	Community based
CATEGORY:	Leisure
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Fishing boat
BOAT DESIGN:	Various
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various fishing
CONDITION:	Good
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: Arklow Harbour has a long maritime tradition of boatbuilding, fishing, and the merchant marine. It was the last stronghold of sailing merchant vessels in the British Isles and has one of the oldest RNLI stations. The harbour shelters a variety of working and decommissioned wooden trawlers, land-based equipment, and water-based equipment. It is home to a rowing club which utilises the historic design East Coast Skiffs. The local sea-scouts have assorted wooden boats including a rare double-ended Rosslare Sailing Cot in good condition.

COLLECTION: **Arklow Maritime Museum**

LOCATION:	Arklow Library, Arklow, County Wicklow
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE:	Models
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Historic ship
BOAT DESIGN:	Various
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Fair
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: This extensive collection is compressed into two rooms in the library building and comprises a large collection of models of the Arklow merchant fleet, including some of the last merchant sailing ships in the British Isles. It includes:

- A good model of the *Asgard II* which was built in Arklow
- Documentation on the history of local boatbuilding, including Tyrell's Boatyard
- A huge collection of prints, photographs, maps and charts
- An extensive marine painting collection, much of which is in storage
- Other artefacts including personal items donated by families of merchant seamen, including shipwrights' tools and maritime memorabilia.

This museum has possibly one of the most valuable collections of maritime artefacts with traceable provenance in the State.

COLLECTION: **Arthurstown Harbour**

LOCATION:	Arthurstown, County Wexford
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REPOSITORY:	Community based
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Fishing boat
BOAT DESIGN:	Ballyhack Yawl
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various fishing
CONDITION:	Good
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: Ballyhack Yawls and Waterford Yawls moored in harbour; there are assorted traditional outbuildings in disrepair, including a boatbuilding/repair works.

COLLECTION: **Askeaton Harbour**

LOCATION:	Askeaton, County Limerick.
REPOSITORY:	Community based
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Fishing boat
BOAT DESIGN:	Gandalow
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various fishing
CONDITION:	Good
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A number of flat-bottomed dory-style boats called Gandalows are kept here. This style of boat is unique to the Shannon Estuary where they are used for salmon fishing, wild fowl hunting, and reed collection.

COLLECTION: **Athy Heritage Centre & Museum**

LOCATION:	Town Hall, Emily Square, Athy, County Kildare
REPOSITORY:	Heritage centre
CATEGORY:	Exploration
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A permanent exhibition, devoted to Ernest Shackleton, polar explorer. It includes one of his sledges, with harness, and a 15-foot model of his famous expedition ship, *Endurance*, which became trapped in the Antarctic, and was eventually crushed by the ice, marooning Shackleton and his crew. Documentation includes information panels and an audio-visual presentation which shows film shot by Frank Hurley on the *Endurance* expedition (1914-1916). The exhibition includes Shackleton family photographs.

COLLECTION: Badoirí Lurgan

LOCATION: Furbo, County Galway

REPOSITORY: Community based

CATEGORY: Leisure

COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Traditional yacht

BOAT DESIGN: Galway Hooker

EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various

CONDITION: Good

DOCUMENTATION: Yes

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: This project was established to encourage the construction and use of traditional boats within the community. The group now has seven boats, four of which are Galway Hookers. These are made available by the group to members of the community who wish to experience traditional sailing. Training of crews and maintenance of the boats and associated equipment is undertaken on a co-operative basis.

COLLECTION: Ballyhack Harbour

LOCATION: Ballyhack, County Wexford

REPOSITORY: Community based

CATEGORY: Fishing

COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Fishing boat

BOAT DESIGN: Ballyhack Yawl

EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various fishing

CONDITION: Good

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: Individually owned boats, forming a substantial collection of traditional working fishing craft.

COLLECTION: Ballynacally Harbour

LOCATION: Ballynacally, County Clare

REPOSITORY:	Community based
CATEGORY:	Inland waterways
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Cot
BOAT DESIGN:	Cattle Cot
CONDITION:	Fair
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A small haven and landing place near Ballynacally. Interesting large cots are used for transporting cattle to the nearby islands. There are four of these cots, with the largest being approximately 15 metres by 6 metres. Around a dozen Gandalows and one rare Shannon Prong are also kept at the landing place.

COLLECTION: **Bantry House Armada Centre**

LOCATION:	Bantry House, Bantry, County Cork
REPOSITORY:	Heritage centre
CATEGORY:	Shipwreck
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Historic ship
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Fair
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: This centre was established to commemorate the French Armada expedition to Bantry Bay in 1796, and the important wreck of the *Surveillante*, discovered in 1981. Artefacts include a bell, cannon, musket balls, and copper sheeting. There is also a reproduction of a section of the interior of the *Surveillante*. Although the exhibition was previously supported by the Armada Trust, this support has been discontinued.

COLLECTION: **Bantry Museum**

LOCATION:	Rear of Bantry Fire Station, Bantry, County Cork
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various fishing
CONDITION:	Fair
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: Artefacts from the wreck of the *Impatient* (1796), including copper pins, various cannon balls, and gudgeon pins. Fishing equipment includes fishing forks, spears, nets, and floats. Models include a Galway Currach. The collection also includes a bell from the *Graf Spey* (possibly on loan) and photographs of the Bantry Longboat from 1940.

COLLECTION: **Belderrig Harbour**

LOCATION: Belderrig, County Mayo

REPOSITORY: Community based

CATEGORY: Fishing

COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Currach

BOAT DESIGN: Belderrig Currach

EQUIPMENT TYPE: Lobsterpots

CONDITION: Poor

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: The area around the harbour has abandoned clinker and open and half-decked boats. There is one Belderrig-type currach. Documentation on the Belderrig Currach is held by the National Museum of Country Life.

COLLECTION: **Beleek Castle Hotel**

LOCATION: Ballina, County Mayo

REPOSITORY: Private

CATEGORY: Shipwreck

COLLECTION TYPE: Various

CONDITION: Good

DESCRIPTION: This hotel has an interesting collection of Armada material. Its Armada Bar is reputedly reconstructed from the wardroom of a Spanish Armada ship. Artefacts include a figurehead and cannonballs. The castle also houses a private museum of weapons and armour in the vaults, which can be viewed by appointment. The collection includes examples of medieval armour, chain mail, crossbows, and associated equipment.

COLLECTION: **Bere Island Project, The**

LOCATION: Ballinakelly, Bere Island, County Cork

REPOSITORY: Heritage centre

CATEGORY: General maritime

COLLECTION TYPE: Various

CONDITION: Fair

DOCUMENTATION: Yes

DESCRIPTION: Various artefacts include maritime items and a large cannon. Formerly kept in the recently restored Martello Tower, the collection is temporarily dispersed around the island and awaiting re-housing in a new museum based at the old schoolhouse.

COLLECTION: **Blennerville Windmill**

LOCATION: Blennerville, Tralee, County Kerry

REPOSITORY: Heritage centre

CATEGORY: General maritime

COLLECTION TYPE: Models

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Various

BOAT DESIGN: Naomhog

EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various

CONDITION: Good

DOCUMENTATION: Yes

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: Based around the Blennerville Windmill, the centre houses a number of maritime exhibits, including several models.

- A series of models by Monty Leary (traditional Naomhog builder) demonstrating the building of a currach
- Two models of the famous *Jeannie Johnston*, the noted emigrant ship, of which a full working replica was recently built here amid some controversy
- Other exhibits dealing with the port and canal of Blennerville, which was the main point of emigration from County Kerry during the famine
- Information displays, a large scale model village, and various other miscellaneous maritime memorabilia

COLLECTION: **Boyne Canoes**

LOCATION: Mornington, Drogheda, County Louth

REPOSITORY: Fishing organisation

CATEGORY: Fishing

COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Fishing boat

BOAT DESIGN: Boyne Canoe

EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various fishing

CONDITION: Yes

DOCUMENTATION: Yes

PUBLIC ACCESS: Fair

DESCRIPTION: A collection of Scandinavian pram-style clinker-built boats locally called Boyne Canoes, used for salmon and mussel fishing. Of eleven boats, only six can currently be classed as seaworthy. The mussel fishing was suspended a few years ago due to dredging works, and has not yet resumed. Documentation and plans of the boats are held by the National Museum of Country Life, Turlough Park.

COLLECTION: **Boyne Currach Centre, The**

LOCATION: Bru na Boinne, Dun Uabhair, County Meath

REPOSITORY: Heritage centre

CATEGORY: Inland waterways

COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Currach

BOAT DESIGN: Coracle

EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various

CONDITION: Good

DOCUMENTATION: Yes

DESCRIPTION: This centre is focused on skin boats, in particular coracles. Exhibits include a collection of small coracles, locally known as Boyne Currachs, at various stages in the build process. Most of the coracles have a hide covering. There is also a large skin covered currach. The centre has been a focus for a local club which now has around twenty coracles in use on the Boyne. There are displays of information on the building and history of the Boyne Currach. At this time (Oct 2005) the centre is closed for renovation.

COLLECTION: **Bulloch Harbour Boat Association**

LOCATION: Dalkey, County Dublin

REPOSITORY: Community based

CATEGORY: Fishing

COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Fishing boat

BOAT DESIGN: East Coast Skiff

EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various fishing

CONDITION: Fair

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: Bulloch Harbour is one of the few small working fisheries in the Dublin area. Four small half-deckers (of a modern design) and several traditional East Coast Skiffs are still actively involved in lobster fishing. The remainder of the boats in the harbour are used for leisure. Associated equipment around the harbour includes nets, lobsterpots, keep pots, and an old winch and mooring fixtures; remnants of the harbour's history as a trading port. A history of the harbour is available (Smyth, D. 1999).

COLLECTION: **Bunbeg Harbour**

LOCATION:	Bunbeg, County Donegal
REPOSITORY:	Community based
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Currach
BOAT DESIGN:	Bunbeg Currach
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various fishing
CONDITION:	Good
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A working and leisure harbour with a collection of traditional and clinker boats including Greencastle Yawls and Bunbeg Currachs. Some traditional clinker half-deckers appear abandoned on inner quay. There is various fishing equipment, both shore and water based. One of the few currach builders in Donegal, Jim Boyd, lives locally.

COLLECTION: **Bunratty Folk Park**

LOCATION:	Bunratty, County Clare
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Cot
BOAT DESIGN:	Gandalow
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A fisherman's cottage and a currach are housed within the folk park. There is also a good exhibition of full-size Gandalow boats, which fished and collected reeds locally. Nearby, on the river, there are about eight working Gandalows engaged in fishing and reed collection.

COLLECTION: **Burke Brothers Collection**

LOCATION:	Ballinrobe, County Mayo
REPOSITORY:	Boatyard
CATEGORY:	Boatbuilding
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Inland leisure
BOAT DESIGN: Clinker Lake Boat
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various
DOCUMENTATION: Yes
CONDITION: Good

DESCRIPTION: Established in 1879, Burke Brothers build clinker angling boats for the surrounding angling lakes and for the export market. Although most boats are now glass fibre, they still retain the skills and equipment to build wooden boats to order.

COLLECTION: **Burrow Community**

LOCATION: The Burrow, Rosslare Strand, County Wexford
REPOSITORY: Community based
CATEGORY: Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE: Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Fishing boat
BOAT DESIGN: Rosslare Cot
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various fishing
CONDITION: Good
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: A dozen or so traditional flat-bottomed Rosslare Cots, still used in the sheltered estuary, a traditional mussel, eel, and lobster fishing area. Includes various shore based and water based equipment.

COLLECTION: **Bushe's Bar**

LOCATION: Baltimore Village, County Cork
REPOSITORY: Private
CATEGORY: General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE: Memorabilia
BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Fishing boats
BOAT DESIGN: Various
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various
CONDITION: Good
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: A collection housed in a public house, including many shipwreck artefacts such as portholes, lamps, and other brass items as well as a good collection of models including a Galway Hooker. Various fishing items, prints, pictures, charts and maps are on display, with good historical documentation on local fishing boats, including Long Island Mackerel Boats.

COLLECTION: **Call of the Sea**

LOCATION:	North Road, Castletownbere, County Cork
REPOSITORY:	Community based
CATEGORY:	General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Fishing boat
BOAT DESIGN:	Seine
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A mixed-use community centre, with a museum and training centre. Artefacts include anchors, navigation and communications equipment, and some bilge pumps. Fishing equipment includes lobsterpots and floats. The museum houses models of fishing boats from various eras, and two excellent Seine Boat models over a metre long. Photographs, prints, and explanatory displays on the history of Bantry Bay and the local copper industry.

COLLECTION: **Cape Clear Museum**

LOCATION:	Cape Clear Island, County Cork
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: This museum, established in the old schoolhouse on the island, has a general maritime collection reflecting the heritage of the island. Shipwreck artefacts include bells, portholes, cutlery, and pottery. There are nets, and detailed documentation on net making, in the old Industrial School in Baltimore. Other exhibits include an interesting seaweed-cutting scythe (16 foot long), and a good photographic collection depicting the maritime heritage of the area. A full catalogue is available.

COLLECTION: **Carrick on Suir Heritage Centre**

LOCATION:	Carrick on Suir, County Tipperary
REPOSITORY:	Heritage centre
CATEGORY:	Inland waterways

COLLECTION TYPE:	Water based equipment
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: The heritage centre mainly houses local historical artefacts. It has an example of locally made willow eel trap, and an anchor. The curator would like to include more waterways items in the future.

COLLECTION: **Carroll's Boatyard**

LOCATION:	Ballyhack, County Wexford
REPOSITORY:	Boatyard
CATEGORY:	Boatbuilding
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Various
BOAT DESIGN:	Various
CONDITION:	Good

DESCRIPTION: Family owned boatyard known for expertise in building and repairing traditional craft. There are various assorted boats in the yard, which has recently been modernised and refurbished. The yard is also contracted to maintain RNLI Lifeboats.

COLLECTION: **Casheen / Moycasheen**

LOCATION:	Casheen River and Quay, Moycasheen, County Kerry
REPOSITORY:	Community based
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Fishing boat
BOAT DESIGN:	Gandalow
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Poor
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A collection of flat bottomed dory-style boats called Gandalows, a local boat type used for salmon fishing within the estuary. This was at one time a significant beach fishing industry but, while some boats still fish, there are about twenty abandoned in a field here, in various states of disrepair. Similar boats are also in use further upriver at Cashen Bridge.

COLLECTION: **Castletownsend Ette Class Boats**

LOCATION:	Castletownsend, County Cork
REPOSITORY:	Community based
CATEGORY:	Leisure
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Traditional dinghy
BOAT DESIGN:	Ette Class
CONDITION:	Good
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A unique collection (about fourteen in total) of Edwardian-style day boats, beamy with a short bowsprit and traditionally used by Anglo-Irish families in the summer season. Seven boats took part in this year's (2005) summer regatta.

COLLECTION: **Ceim Hill**

LOCATION:	Cooldurragh, Union Hall, County Cork
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	Shipwreck
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Poor
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: This privately run museum in West Cork mainly deals with the history, archaeology, and geology of the area. It holds a few items of maritime interest, including an anchor and some cannonballs from the Spanish ships that entered Castlehaven in 1601.

There are shipwreck artefacts such as pottery from the Glandore wreck and structural items from the more recent wreck of the *Kowloon Bridge*.

COLLECTION: **Clare County Museum**

LOCATION:	Arthur's Row, Ennis, County Clare
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Currach
BOAT DESIGN:	Other
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good

DOCUMENTATION: Yes

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: This museum primarily deals with the history and archaeology of Clare, but has a section devoted maritime interests. There is a full size currach and log-boat on display, along with fishing equipment including spears, and an Armada-type storage chest. The museum has a good website where some artefacts can be viewed online.

COLLECTION: **Clarecastle Quay**

LOCATION: Clarecastle, County Clare

REPOSITORY: Community based

CATEGORY: Fishing

COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Cot

BOAT DESIGN: Gandalow

EQUIPMENT TYPE: Nets

CONDITION: Good

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: Around twenty Dory type boats known locally as Gandalows are based around Clarecastle. They mainly carry out seasonal salmon fishing, and some are also used for hunting.

COLLECTION: **Clifden Courtyard**

LOCATION: Clifden, County Galway

REPOSITORY: Heritage centre

CATEGORY: Navigation and communication

COLLECTION TYPE: Land based equipment

EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various

CONDITION: Good

DOCUMENTATION: Yes

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: This centre is housed in an old railway building in Clifden. It focuses on historic events in the area. There is a section on Marconi's work in Ireland.

COLLECTION: **Cobh Heritage Centre**

LOCATION: The Old Railway Station, Cobh, County Cork

REPOSITORY: Heritage centre

CATEGORY:	General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Memorabilia
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: Well presented and extensive displays and memorabilia outlining the rich heritage and significance of Cobh (previously Queenstown) in Irish history, particularly its maritime aspects. The exhibits include:

- Reconstructions of shopfronts, the railway terminal, Queenstown Hotel, and famine ship living conditions
- Displays of and artefacts from the Famine, and regarding emigration
- Displays of and artefacts from convict ships, the *Titanic*, and the *Lusitania*
- A video of a tall ship in a storm
- Displays on 'Queenstown at War' focus on maritime involvement in the American Wars, the Napoleonic Wars, the Crimea, the Boer Wars, and World War I

COLLECTION: **Cobh Museum**

LOCATION:	High Street, Cobh, County Cork
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Historic ship
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: Housed in a former church, this exhibition deals mainly with the maritime history of Cobh (Queenstown), and Cork Harbour and comprises models, maps, prints, and paintings. The *Lusitania* historical exhibition includes original artefacts such as plates, delph, a deck chair, and *Lusitania* medals. The museum houses passenger lists from the *Lusitania* and the *Titanic*, along with newspaper reports and memorabilia of the two liners, and photographs of the US World War I naval fleet in Cork Harbour. There is also extensive documentation and historical papers are available for reference.

COLLECTION: **Colliemore Harbour & Boat Group**

LOCATION:	Colliemore Road, Dalkey, County Dublin
REPOSITORY:	Community based
CATEGORY:	Leisure

COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Various
BOAT DESIGN:	East Coast Skiff
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Fair
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A collection of traditional wooden clinker-built boats used for leisure angling, lobster potting, and ferries to Dalkey Island. The Dalkey East Coast Skiff Rowing Club is based in a boathouse in the harbour. Some of the boats were damaged in a storm and are in various states of repair around the slipway. A heritage group has been formed to source support to maintain the heritage of the harbour.

COLLECTION: **Colm Mulkerrins**

LOCATION:	Mweenish, Carna, County Galway
REPOSITORY:	Boatyard
CATEGORY:	Boatbuilding
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Traditional yacht
BOAT DESIGN:	Galway Hooker
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DESCRIPTION:	Traditional boatbuilder of Galway Hookers

COLLECTION: **Commissioner for Irish Lights, The**

LOCATION:	Dun Laoghaire Harbour, County Dublin
REPOSITORY:	Statutory
CATEGORY:	Navigation and communication
COLLECTION TYPE:	Water based equipment
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: The Commissioners for Irish Lights have responsibility for placement and ongoing maintenance of navigation aids (lights and beacons) around the Irish coastline. Their headquarters and maintenance depot is in Dun Laoghaire Harbour. They operate a small private museum (no public access), and have for some time facilitated other institutions with loans of buoys and other artefacts on a five year basis. While they do not have a structured archive, they have considerable quantities of documentation including old plans and lighthouse journals.

COLLECTION: **Cong Quay, The,**

LOCATION: Cong, Lough Corrib, County Mayo

REPOSITORY: Community based

CATEGORY: Leisure

COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Inland leisure

BOAT DESIGN: Clinker Lake Boat

CONDITION: Good

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: Along with numerous leisure craft, at least fifteen traditional wooden clinker-built boats are kept in the harbour by anglers.

COLLECTION: **Cork Heritage Centre**

LOCATION: Bessborough House, Douglas, County Cork

REPOSITORY: Heritage Centre

CATEGORY: Merchant marine

COLLECTION TYPE: Various

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Historic ship

CONDITION: Good

DOCUMENTATION: Yes

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: Housed in outbuildings in the grounds of Bessborough House, this heritage park museum was set up in the 1980s. It includes:

- Information on the banking and merchant shipping Pike family
- Displays on the history of shipbuilding in Cork
- Displays on Cork shipping companies, including the Cork Steamship Company and the Saint George Steam Packet Company, which owned the historical ship *The Sirius*.
- Large models of the *Brendan* and the *Kenmare*.
- Various shipwrights tools
- A reconstruction of a boatbuilder's yard and of models embarking on a voyage
- Pictorial panels recounting the story of the *Lady Charlotte*, Connor O'Brien's *Saoirse* and *Illen*, and various ships and shipwrecks of Cork
- Various other models, ships logs, and telescopes

The emphasis for the heritage park is on assisting groups with special needs, and they may move to disperse the collection in the next few years.

COLLECTION: **Cork Irish Coastal Rowing Federation**

LOCATION:	Cork Harbour, County Cork
REPOSITORY:	Rowing club
CATEGORY:	Leisure
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Traditional rowing
BOAT DESIGN:	Four-Oar Yawl
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: An umbrella group for more than twenty traditional coastal rowing clubs in County Cork. They use Four-Oar Racing Yawls which are raced by a broad spectrum of ages. The organisation runs local regattas and monitors construction and standards of boats. Some of the clubs in West Cork have old Six-Oar Gigs in storage.

COLLECTION: **Craggaunowen**

LOCATION:	Quinn, County Clare
REPOSITORY:	Heritage centre
CATEGORY:	Exploration
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Currach
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A living past museum, with demonstrations and reconstructions, mainly based on the Iron Age. A section of the museum houses Tim Severin's reconstructed *Brendan*, used for the 1976 re-enactment of the Brendan Voyage from Brandon Creek to North America.

COLLECTION: **Cromane Shellfish Co-Op**

LOCATION:	Cromane Harbour, County Kerry
REPOSITORY:	Fishing organisation
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Land based equipment

BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Fishing boat
BOAT DESIGN:	Banker
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various fishing
CONDITION:	Good
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: Large shellfish fishery on low lying sand spit. Fishing is carried out from traditional wooden carvel boats known as Bankers, and some Dutch Mussel dredgers. Infrastructure for shellfish cultivation includes purification plants. There is also water based equipment for mussel and oyster dredging.

COLLECTION: **Cronin's Bar**

LOCATION:	Crosshaven, County Cork
REPOSITORY:	Private
CATEGORY:	Merchant marine
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: Old style public house with a maritime theme. Exhibits include:

- A display of ships' memorabilia, portholes, lamps and other brass items
- Some original makers/builders nameplates
- An extensive photographic collection which includes historical Crosshaven, ships of Cork Harbour, and shipwrecks of Cork Harbour
- Some large pictorial images of the great liners that frequented Cobh

COLLECTION: **Crookhaven Lobster Fishery**

LOCATION:	Crookhaven, County Cork
REPOSITORY:	Private
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Land based equipment
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various fishing
CONDITION:	Poor

DESCRIPTION: A working lobster storage facility, which also includes derelict pens, tanks, pier, and processing equipment. Derelict boats at the pier include a lobster boat with a built-in holding tank in the hull.

COLLECTION: **Crossmolina & Tearmann Harbours**

LOCATION: Lough Conn, County Mayo.

REPOSITORY: Community based

CATEGORY: Leisure

COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Inland leisure

BOAT DESIGN: Clinker Lake Boat

CONDITION: Good

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: About sixty Clinker Lake Boats, mainly 17-18 foot long and used for angling, about ten of which are of a traditional design. The harbours are situated at the northern end of the lake at Crossmolina.

COLLECTION: **Cuan Mode Ionad Oidhreachta**

LOCATION: The Quay, Westport, County Mayo

REPOSITORY: Heritage centre

CATEGORY: General maritime

COLLECTION TYPE: Various

CONDITION: Good

DOCUMENTATION: Yes

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: This heritage centre does not have a maritime exhibition as such. The maritime relevance centres on information panels on the history of the port. Artefacts include:

- Ships' deadeyes, a brass ships log, and a sailmakers' fid
- Some navigation equipment
- The sail from a Galway Hooker
- A selection of historical books, prints, and pictures

Some Spanish Armada artefacts that were on display have been returned to the custody of the National Museum.

COLLECTION: **Cumann Romhaíochta Chorca Dhuibhne**

LOCATION: Dingle Marina, Dingle, County Kerry

REPOSITORY: Rowing club

CATEGORY: Leisure

COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Currach
BOAT DESIGN: Naomhog
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various
CONDITION: Good
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: The Currach Rowing Club situated on the Dingle Marina teaches rowing and organises races for all age groups and from a wide catchment area. It has become an important focus for the continuity of traditional rowing in the community.

COLLECTION: **Cusack's Public House**

LOCATION: North Strand, Dublin 3
REPOSITORY: Private
CATEGORY: General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE: Models
CONDITION: Good
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: This pub has a large collection of models, many of the Irish Shipping Company ships.

COLLECTION: **Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre**

LOCATION: Castle Street, Dalkey, County Dublin
REPOSITORY: Heritage centre
CATEGORY: General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE: Models
CONDITION: Good
DOCUMENTATION: Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: Located in a tower house in Dalkey Village, the few artefacts on display are mainly of an archaeological nature. The maritime aspect of Dalkey's history is conveyed by three excellent dimensional terrain models interpreting the medieval coastline of Dalkey. There are very good information panels, paintings, and prints depicting Dalkey's maritime past.

COLLECTION: **Dan Gleeson**

LOCATION: Castlecove, Sneem, County Kerry
REPOSITORY: Boatyard
CATEGORY: Boatbuilding

COLLECTION TYPE: Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Fishing boat
BOAT DESIGN: Banker
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various
CONDITION: Good

DESCRIPTION: Traditional boatbuilder of carvel boats including Seine Boats, Bankers (large carvel workboats), and Lake Boats.

COLLECTION: **Dollymount House**

LOCATION: Dollymount, Clontarf, Dublin
REPOSITORY: Private
CATEGORY: General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE: Various
CONDITION: Good
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: This modern public house has a substantial collection of maritime artefacts distributed around the interior. There are a number of ship's binacles, several foghorns, numerous navigation lights, and a selection of portholes. There are also several models of ships of the former Irish Shipping Company. The collection is apparently on loan from the owners of Cusack's Public House on the North Strand.

COLLECTION: **Dooagh Strand**

LOCATION: Achill Island, County Mayo
REPOSITORY: Community based
CATEGORY: Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE: Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Currach
BOAT DESIGN: Achill Currach
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various
CONDITION: Poor
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: At the end of a lane, close to a small pier built by the Congested Districts Board, is a field with small animal type stone pens known locally as the Currach Pens. At time of visit, there were five good currachs and some abandoned currachs stored in the pens. The area is somewhat derelict and apparently it has been suggested to clear the site as part of a REP scheme. These structures seem unique to Achill, and caught the attention of the renowned Scottish archaeologist Stuart Pigget in the 1950s.

COLLECTION: **Dooega Harbour**

LOCATION:	Achill Island, County Mayo
REPOSITORY:	Community based
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Currach
BOAT DESIGN:	Achill Currach
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Fair
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: In the south of the island, there is a collection of about fifteen currachs at a small harbour, maintained for seasonal salmon fishing. The boats are in various states of repair.

COLLECTION: **Dublin Bay 21 Footers**

LOCATION:	N11, near Jack White's Cross, County Wicklow
REPOSITORY:	Private
CATEGORY:	Leisure
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Traditional yacht
BOAT DESIGN:	Dublin Bay 21s
CONDITION:	Poor
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A collection of traditional sailing yachts dating from 1903 (Alfred Milne), which sailed up until the 1990s, at which time they were brought ashore and collected together to be refurbished as a class. They were brought to this farmyard in Wicklow for storage until such time as funding could be obtained for their restoration.

COLLECTION: **Dublin Civic Museum**

LOCATION:	58 South William Street, Dublin 2
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	Shipwreck
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Historic ship
BOAT DESIGN:	Other

CONDITION: Fair

DOCUMENTATION: Yes

DESCRIPTION: This museum has been closed to the public for some time and there is uncertainty as to its future. Set in a Georgian building, this eclectic collection does not have a dedicated maritime section, but contains some artefacts of maritime interest. The museum did hold items from the shipwreck of the *Tayleur* (wrecked off Lambay Island), including the ships' bell, binnacle, door-lock, glassware, pottery, and a half model. Since its closure, some of these have been retrieved by their owners or sent to other museums. The museum also has a collection of original Dublin maps and prints.

COLLECTION: **Dublin Port Company**

LOCATION: Alexandra Road, Dublin 1

REPOSITORY: Statutory

CATEGORY: Merchant marine

COLLECTION TYPE: Models

CONDITION: Good

DOCUMENTATION: Yes

PUBLIC ACCESS: By appointment only

DESCRIPTION: Dublin Port Company maintains an archive in the company head office. It includes a large collection of historic maps and charts of Dublin Bay. There are also models pertaining to the development of the port, scattered around the building.

COLLECTION: **Dun Chaoinn Harbour**

LOCATION: Dun Chaoinn, Dingle Peninsula, County Kerry

REPOSITORY: Community based

CATEGORY: Fishing

COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Currach

BOAT DESIGN: Naomhog

EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various

CONDITION: Good

PUBLIC ACCESS:

DESCRIPTION: This harbour is reached by a steep walkway down a cliff side. For many years it was the main mainland access point for the Blasket community. It is now home to approximately ten Naomhogs, used for fishing and leisure. Naomhogs are found in smaller numbers in nearby Ballyferriter and Ballydavid.

COLLECTION: *Dunbrody* Famine Ship and Visitor Centre, The

LOCATION:	The Quay, New Ross, County Wexford
REPOSITORY:	Heritage centre
CATEGORY:	Merchant marine
COLLECTION TYPE:	Memorabilia
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Replica ship
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: The *Dunbrody* is a full scale replica of an original emigrant ship. It houses an exhibition of life on board a nineteenth-century emigrant ship and includes good nineteenth-century costumes, textiles, and memorabilia. There is also historical information on emigration, including a database of ships and passenger lists of those who sailed for the New World.

COLLECTION: *Duncannon* Harbour

LOCATION:	Duncannon, County Wexford
REPOSITORY:	Community based
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Fishing boat
BOAT DESIGN:	Waterford Yawl
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: There is a yard beside the harbour with abandoned nets, buoys, winches, lobsterpots. Traditional Waterford Yawl boats are moored in harbour.

COLLECTION: *Duncannon* Maritime Museum

LOCATION:	Duncann Fort, Duncannon, County Wexford
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various

DESCRIPTION: This former fort has several cannon. The maritime museum houses local historical information. Many of the exhibits have been dispersed back to owners until further discussions are held on the future of the museum.

COLLECTION: **Dungarvan Museum**

LOCATION:	Saint Augustine Street, Dungarvan, County Waterford
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	Merchant Marine
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Memorabilia
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A very detailed exhibition on the historical relationship of Dungarvan to the merchant marine sector. The exhibition includes documentation and paintings on boats and families; there is also an extensive photographic collection, mostly of merchant ships, including the excellent Gerry Aherne collection.

COLLECTION: **Dun Laoghaire Harbour, The Coal Yard**

LOCATION:	Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin
REPOSITORY:	Boatyard
CATEGORY:	Leisure
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Various
BOAT DESIGN:	Various
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Fair
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: The Coal Yard is owned by the harbour authority, and provides secure storage and workspace for boats owned by members of the public, at reasonable cost. It houses a varied collection of boats in various states and conditions, including old wooden trawlers, traditional dinghies, traditional yachts, and even currachs. Two prototypes (*Eithne* and *Marguerite*) for the famous Howth 17s are stored here. There is an interesting old launching cradle and tractor in the yard. The yard has been an important focus for the restoration of many traditional boats, including the revival of the Galway Hookers.

COLLECTION: **Dursey Island Seine Boats**

LOCATION:	Dursey Island, Beara Peninsula, County Cork
REPOSITORY:	Community based
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Fishing boat
BOAT DESIGN: Seine
CONDITION: Fair
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: Various wooden boats, in use and abandoned, including the only known surviving pair of Seine boats as traditionally worked: a Seine boat and a Follower. They have been laid up on the island for some years, and are in need of attention and conservation. They should be brought indoors and would be an asset to any museum highlighting traditional maritime life.

COLLECTION: **Eachleim Heritage Centre**

LOCATION: Aughleam, Belmullet, County Mayo
REPOSITORY: Heritage centre
CATEGORY: Navigation and communication
COLLECTION TYPE: Land based equipment
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various
CONDITION: Good
DOCUMENTATION: Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: The principal focus of this exhibition is lighthouse equipment; it includes documentation and displays on loan from the Commissioner for Irish Lights. There is also information on local fishing history, a model of a currach, as well as other artefacts including a creel, nets, fishing equipment, an early Walker Log, and several ships' lanterns.

COLLECTION: **East Coast Rowing Council**

LOCATION: County Dublin
REPOSITORY: Rowing club
CATEGORY: Leisure
COLLECTION TYPE: Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Traditional rowing
BOAT DESIGN: East Coast Skiffs
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various
CONDITION: Good
DOCUMENTATION: Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: An umbrella organisation for East Coast Skiff Rowing Clubs. These 25 foot double-ended clinker boats are based on the pilot boats used in times past to race pilots out to approaching vessels. The

clubs are based on the old pilot station areas around the Dublin Bay pilotage area, which actually extended to Wicklow. One of the largest clubs is Saint Patrick's in Ringsend. The club has examples of boats from different eras and retains some documentation on the boats

COLLECTION: **Eddie Hutch**

LOCATION:	Dooneen, Dingle, County Kerry
REPOSITORY:	Boatyard
CATEGORY:	Boatbuilding
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Currach
BOAT DESIGN:	Naomhog
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good

DESCRIPTION: Part-time traditional boatbuilder, specialising in the Kerry currachs known as Naomhogs. In 1998 he built possibly the largest Naomhog, *Colmcille*, for the Causeway Coast Maritime Group's re-enactment of Saint Colmcille's journey to Iona.

COLLECTION: **Fort Dunree Military Museum**

LOCATION:	Buncrana, Inishowen, County Donegal
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	Naval
COLLECTION TYPE:	Land based equipment
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: This collection is housed in a stone fort building overlooking Lough Swilly. The main focus is on naval ordinance, with an extensive collection of cannon and other guns which once protected the Grand Fleet. There are a number of interactive displays along with various navigation and communications equipment, and associated equipment. There also are interesting buildings that housed military and naval personnel during World War I.

COLLECTION: **Foynes Flying Boat Museum**

LOCATION:	Foynes, County Limerick
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	Navigation and communication
COLLECTION TYPE:	Land Based Equipment

BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Replica ship
BOAT DESIGN:	Flying Boat
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: Housed in the original Foynes Air Terminal building, the museum contains a collection of aviation memorabilia from a time when Foynes was a strategic hub for transatlantic traffic (1939-1945). A significant repository of original port records for Foynes is in storage, and records for the aviation aspect of the port have been archived. The exhibition includes original electronic equipment (transmitters, receivers), and a large scale reconstruction of the fuselage and interior of a seaplane. It previously included boats / tenders used for servicing the seaplanes, but these have now disappeared.

COLLECTION: **Fulton's Tower**

LOCATION:	Wolfe Tone Bridge, Galway
REPOSITORY:	Heritage centre
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A former fishing base, run by the Galway Civic Trust. The display is focused on the different methods of fishing used on the Corrib and includes nets, hooks, rods, lobsterpots, and anchors. There are information panels on the history of the fishing on the Corrib and the local weirs. The tower itself is of historic importance.

COLLECTION: **Galway City Museum**

LOCATION:	Spanish Arch, Galway City
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A small collection of maritime artefacts, models, and memorabilia pertaining to Galway's maritime past, within a large city museum. These include a good selection of photographs and prints of Galway ships, boats, and people; and records of merchant shipping in the port. A full catalogue of the maritime artefacts is available.

COLLECTION: **Glandore Harbour Yacht Club**

LOCATION:	The Glandor Inn, Glandore, County Cork
REPOSITORY:	Yacht club
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Various
BOAT DESIGN:	Various
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: The Glandore Harbour Yacht Club organise a bi-annual classic boat regatta, bringing together locally-owned working boats and traditional yachts (together with a selection of international traditional yachts, as the event is on the international calendar). Of the five surviving Six-Oar Gigs in Ireland, two are kept in Glandore. The committee hold documentation on a number of local boats and boatbuilders, including a good selection of plans, prints, and photographs. They also run a bi-annual exhibition of locally owned models, which includes models of Kinsale Hookers, Baltimore Smacks, and the Brendan Boat.

COLLECTION: **Glencolmille Harbour**

LOCATION:	Glencolmille, County Donegal
REPOSITORY:	Community based
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Land based equipment
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Fishing boat
CONDITION:	Good

DESCRIPTION: West of Glencolmille is one of the few safe landing places along this coast. Open clinker punts, built in Sligo or Burtonport, are lifted above the waterline by winches, some of which are still in situ. An old hand-operated model, a large engine-driven winch, and a modern electric winch were present at time of visit.

COLLECTION: **Greencastle Harbour and Harbour Yard**

LOCATION:	Greencastle, County Donegal
REPOSITORY:	Community based
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Fishing boat

BOAT DESIGN: Various
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various fishing
CONDITION: Fair
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: This working harbour has probably the largest collection of traditional wooden half-deckers and trawlers in the country. The ageing yard has about twenty Greencastle-style clinker wooden fishing boats in various states of repair.

COLLECTION: **Greencastle Maritime Museum**

LOCATION: Greencastle Harbour, Inishowen, County Donegal
REPOSITORY: Museum
CATEGORY: General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE: Various
BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Fishing boat
BOAT DESIGN: Drontheim
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various
CONDITION: Good
DOCUMENTATION: Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: This is one of the few dedicated maritime museums. It has a large collection of artefacts and information panels, including several full size boats. These include a Drontheim with sails, a coracle, and a gun punt. There are displays of navigation and communications equipment, merchant marine, naval, and shipwreck artefacts. It also has sections dedicated to the Lough Foyle submarine base in World War II, and emigration.

COLLECTION: **Harry's Bar**

LOCATION: Rosses Point, County Sligo
REPOSITORY: Private
CATEGORY: General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE: Memorabilia
CONDITION: Good
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: Large collection of maritime memorabilia. The collection includes many brass artefacts, such as portholes, and a diving hard hat. There are also several models of ships and a selection of photographs by Cecil Ewing, a keen photographer who took pictures of many of the ships entering Sligo Harbour.

COLLECTION: **Hegarty's Boatyard**

LOCATION:	Oldcourt, Skibbereen, County Cork
REPOSITORY:	Boatyard
CATEGORY:	Boatbuilding
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Fishing boat
BOAT DESIGN:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A collection of local traditional boats and templates/moulds for building same. The collection includes a Long Island Mackerel boat, Hare Island Lobster boats, and Hegarty Punts. The boatyard undertakes commissions to build and restore historic craft like the *Illen*, originally built in Baltimore and recently rescued from the Falkland Islands, although the funding for restoration has currently 'dried up'. There is an interest in heritage schemes for continuing traditional skills.

COLLECTION: **Heritage Boat Association, The**

LOCATION:	Various inland waterways
REPOSITORY:	Heritage group
CATEGORY:	Inland waterways
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boat
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Barge
BOAT DESIGN:	Various
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: The Heritage Boat Association (HBA) is an umbrella organisation for around fifty barge owners, with boats made up of B, E and M type, Lagan lighters and Guinness Barges. The association produces a newsletter, distributes information, and encourages restoration and the continuation of the historic barges. It has a database of existing boats along with information on, and histories of, the barges. The members form a great community of knowledge on the location and condition of historic boats, including those abandoned on the inland waterways. Most of the boats can be seen moored or in use along the network of inland waterways (and are thus publicly accessible). The HBA also has a collection of Bollinger Engines (a traditional barge engine) in storage.

COLLECTION: **Hotel Rosslare**

LOCATION:	Rosslare Harbour, County Wexford
REPOSITORY:	Private

CATEGORY: General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE: Memorabilia
CONDITION: Good
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: Exhibits include: various ship memorabilia, a complete hard-hat German diving suit of historical interest, and good photographs of Arklow ships and Wexford ferry boats. An important collection of models of Wexford ships at was recently sold at auction.

COLLECTION: **Howth Yacht Club**

LOCATION: Harbour Road, Howth, County Dublin
REPOSITORY: Yacht club
CATEGORY: Leisure
COLLECTION TYPE: Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Traditional yacht
BOAT DESIGN: Howth 17s
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various
CONDITION: Good
DOCUMENTATION: Yes

DESCRIPTION: One of Ireland's largest sailing clubs is home to the oldest intact one design keelboat class in the world, the Howth 17. These were designed in 1897 by Sir Walter Boyd. Most of the Howth 17s in the club are very old, except for two which were built in the last twenty years. The club is home to some other interesting traditional yachts. The clubhouse houses various historic paintings and prints, including marine landscapes by Alexander Williams.

COLLECTION: **Inisbofin Heritage Museum**

LOCATION: Inisbofin Island Heritage Centre, County Galway
REPOSITORY: Heritage centre
CATEGORY: Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE: Water based equipment
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various fishing
CONDITION: Good
DOCUMENTATION: Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: A small centre displaying the contents of a cottage. Thematic displays are supported by a large collection of prints, photographs, and documentation. Artefacts include farming and fishing equipment such as lobsterpots, nets, tools, and net making equipment.

COLLECTION: **Ionad Arainn**

LOCATION:	Cill Ronain, Inis Mor, Oileann Arainn
REPOSITORY:	Heritage centre
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Models
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Currach
BOAT DESIGN:	Aran Currach
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: This centre located on Inis Mor, has a small exhibition of models illustrating how currachs are made. The curator did not feel the need to have equipment within the heritage centre, as this can be seen in use all around the Island. The centre hosts a daily showing of *The Man of Aran*, the noted film portraying the stark reality of lives of the people of Aran in the past and emphasising the hardships of the fisherman. It includes excellent footage of using, and fishing, from the currachs.

COLLECTION: **Ionaid an Bhlascaoid Mhoir**

LOCATION:	Dun Chaoinn, Dingle, County Kerry.
REPOSITORY:	Heritage centre
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Water based equipment
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Currach
BOAT DESIGN:	Naomhog
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: This heritage centre is dedicated to the life and literature of the Blasket islanders. The islanders depended to a great extent on currachs, both for fishing and transport to and from the mainland. There are displays dedicated to fishing, a full size Naomhog showing the various steps in covering a currach, and a selection of lobsterpots and associated equipment. There are audio visual displays, including a documentary film about life on the Blasket Islands with historic footage of currachs in use. There is an extensive collection of photographs of life on the islands.

COLLECTION: **Irish Fishing and Shooting Museum, The**

LOCATION: Attanagh, Durrow Museum, County Laois

REPOSITORY: Museum

CATEGORY: Fishing

COLLECTION TYPE: Water based equipment

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Inland leisure

BOAT DESIGN: Gun Punt

EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various

CONDITION: Good

DOCUMENTATION: Yes

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: The museum is focused on angling, shooting and hunting. The exhibits include:

- Very good collections of fishing traps, and fish and eel spears
- Some equipment that would have been used by poachers
- Other fishing equipment including handlines, otterboards, and whaling harpoons
- Boats including a Suir Cot, a Single Gun Punt, a Double Gun Punt, and a Lough Ennel Lake Boat, along with oars, paddles, and associated equipment
- Some large punt guns, including an 8 foot type that would have been mechanically mounted on the punt
- A large number of documents, prints and photographs, and a library devoted to books on fishing and hunting.

COLLECTION: **Irish National Heritage Park, The**

LOCATION: Ferrycarrig, County Wexford

REPOSITORY: Heritage centre

CATEGORY: Fishing

COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Replica ship

BOAT DESIGN: Other

CONDITION: Good

DOCUMENTATION: Yes

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: Arranged in a parkland setting, this exhibition outlines the history and archaeology of Ireland with a series of reconstructed buildings and scenes laid out in chronological order. It includes

a number of coracles and wicker-type boats. The centre runs courses and demonstrations in ancient technology, including skin boat building. There are two complete Viking longboat replicas and another exhibit of a part-built Viking boat.

COLLECTION: **Irish Naval Service Collection, The**

LOCATION:	Naval Base, the Haulbowline, Cork
REPOSITORY:	Statutory
CATEGORY:	Naval
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Historic ship
BOAT DESIGN:	Various
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: The collection is housed in three buildings, one of which is a Martello tower. Many of the buildings, and the layout of the base, are of historical interest in themselves. The collection includes:

- An extensive collection of navigation and communications equipment
- Selection of firearms, larger ordnance and related equipment.
- An original (de-commissioned) torpedo from a World War II Motor Torpedo Boat
- Depth charge and launching mechanism
- Assorted cannon, including one on the roof of the Martello tower, mounted on tracks with reconstructed block and tackle aiming equipment
- An extensive photographic collection tracing the history of the Irish Naval Service, along with records, prints, maps, and charts.

All items are labelled, have documentation and historical provenance, and could form the nucleus of a formal structured museum.

COLLECTION: **James Cahill Collection, The**

LOCATION:	Coastguard Station, Rossmoney, Westport, County Mayo
REPOSITORY:	Private
CATEGORY:	Leisure
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boat
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Currach
BOAT DESIGN:	Various
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Oars

CONDITION: Good

DOCUMENTATION: Yes

DESCRIPTION: Collection of fifteen different designs of currach, from the smallest Rosses Paddling Currach to the large Aran and Naomhog types. This is probably the largest collection of currach types in Ireland

COLLECTION: Jimmy Furey

LOCATION: Lecarrow, County Roscommon

REPOSITORY: Boatyard

CATEGORY: Boatbuilding

COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Traditional dinghy

BOAT DESIGN: Water Wag

EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various

CONDITION: Good

DESCRIPTION: Builder of traditional wooden clinker boats and sailing dinghies, including Waterwags (see Royal Irish and Royal St George Yacht Clubs); also a renowned model boat builder.

COLLECTION: John Brennan & Sons

LOCATION: Kill Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin

REPOSITORY: Boatyard

CATEGORY: Boatbuilding

COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

DESCRIPTION: Builders and repairers of traditional wooden boats

COLLECTION: John Concannon

LOCATION: Inishturk, County Galway

REPOSITORY: Boatyard

CATEGORY: Boatbuilding

COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Currach

BOAT DESIGN: Connemara Currach

EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various

CONDITION: Good

DESCRIPTION: Traditional boatbuilder of Connemara-style boarded canvas currachs.

COLLECTION: **John O'Malley**

LOCATION: Corraun, Achill Island, County Mayo
REPOSITORY: Boatyard
CATEGORY: Boatbuilding
COLLECTION TYPE: Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Currach
BOAT DESIGN: Achill Currach
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various
CONDITION: Good
DESCRIPTION: Traditional boatbuilder of Achill Currachs

COLLECTION: **Kehoe's Public House**

LOCATION: Kilmore Quay, County Wexford
REPOSITORY: Private
CATEGORY: Shipwreck
COLLECTION TYPE: Various
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various
CONDITION: Good
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: Although a working public house, Kehoe's is also advertised as a maritime heritage centre. A collection of larger artefacts from local shipwrecks is displayed, including:

- The bell of the *SS Idaho*, a large selection of brass portholes, propellers, ships' compass, and binnacle
- Exhibits of modern and traditional-style diving equipment
- A collection of models and half-models
- A display cabinet with smaller artefacts from wrecks, many of which have documented provenance

COLLECTION: **Kerry County Museum**

LOCATION: Ashe Memorial Hall, Tralee, County Kerry
REPOSITORY: Museum
CATEGORY: Exploration
COLLECTION TYPE: Memorabilia
CONDITION: Good

DOCUMENTATION: Yes

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: While dealing mainly with the general history and archaeology of the county, the museum includes a permanent exhibition on the life of Kerryman Tom Crean, an early twentieth century polar explorer, who took part in the *Discovery*, *Terranova*, and *Endurance* expeditions to the Antarctic, the latter of which is generally accepted as being one of the greatest feats of maritime survival and navigation in the last century. This exhibit includes information panels and artefacts owned by the Crean Family. Other maritime exhibits include eighteenth-century ships cannon and cannon balls from Smerwick, a ships bell, and a recreation of the *Port Geraldine*.

COLLECTION: **Kerry Irish Coastal Rowing Federation**

LOCATION: Ivereagh Peninsula, County Kerry

REPOSITORY: Community based

CATEGORY: Leisure

COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Fishing boat

BOAT DESIGN: Seine

EQUIPMENT TYPE: Oars

CONDITION: Good

DOCUMENTATION: Yes

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: A collection of traditional Seine and Four-Oar fixed seat rowing boats. These boats evolved from the important Seine fishing industry practised in the area up to 300 years ago. The number of full Seine boats (requiring thirteen crew) is down to single digits, and only one Seine boat is still being worked.

COLLECTION: **Kilcolgan River**

LOCATION: Kilcolgan, Clarinbridge, County Galway

REPOSITORY: Community based

CATEGORY: Fishing

COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Fishing boat

BOAT DESIGN: Clarinbridge Oyster Dredger

EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various

CONDITION: Fair

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: The Clarinbridge and Kilcolgan Rivers are two of the main centres for the valuable oyster

fishery. The oysters are dredged by hand from small open carvel-style boats which have a distinctive high stempost and a platform for sorting the oysters. Some of the boats have been laid up along the river banks in recent years due to diminishing stocks.

COLLECTION: Killaloe Heritage Centre

LOCATION:	The Lock Keeper's House, Killaloe, County Clare
REPOSITORY:	Heritage centre
CATEGORY:	Inland waterways
COLLECTION TYPE:	Memorabilia
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Barge
BOAT DESIGN:	Other
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: Set in the old lock keeper's house, the centre mainly deals with the life and story of Brian Boru. There are a number of information panels on the river and its barges and ferries. There is a re-housed cabin of a canal boat, depicting the domestic quarters of canal men. There is some good video footage and photographic records of working barges.

COLLECTION: Killybegs Maritime & Heritage Centre

LOCATION:	The Carpet Factory, Fintra Road, Killybegs
REPOSITORY:	Heritage centre
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Water based equipment
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Fishing boats
CONDITION:	Good
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A small heritage centre based in the old Donegal Carpets factory with a dual focus on the town's two traditional industries, fishing/boat building and carpet making. There are two audiovisual (DVD based) presentations, one on the marine heritage, the other on the carpet making. The marine presentation follows local history from the founding of the boatbuilding and fishing industrial school (modelled on the similar institution in Baltimore, County Cork), through development of local boats and methods suited to the local fishing environment, to the advent of the EU and the 'Supertrawlers', right up to the sale of the Atlantic Challenger, seen as a strong indication of the decline of the Irish fishing industry. The display includes photographs, knot boards and a large reconstruction of a modern trawler bridge, with older electronics (radar, sounder, radio) on display. The building also houses several old carpet-making looms, including the longest carpet loom in the world. The organisers are building a collection of artefacts, and hope to introduce interchangeable displays.

COLLECTION: **Kinsale Museum**

LOCATION:	Kinsale, County Cork
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	Boatbuilding
COLLECTION TYPE:	Land based equipment
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Fair
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: The exhibition contains:

- A display on local boatbuilding
- A good collection of shipwright's tools, including moulds
- Some documents of the Thullier family of boatbuilders
- Some models and half models
- Maritime prints and maps
- Shipwreck artefacts from local sites, including a cannon

COLLECTION: **Kinvara Harbour**

LOCATION:	Kinvara, County Galway
REPOSITORY:	Community based
CATEGORY:	Leisure
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Traditional yacht
BOAT DESIGN:	Galway Hooker
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: While boats in harbours can be transitory by nature, a number of traditional boats seem to be based at Kinvara, including the well known *Bad Mhor Mac Duagh*. At the time of visit, there was one Nobby, three large Hookers, four small Hookers, and several other traditional wooden boats. The annual Kinvara Regatta (Crinniú na mBad) in August is probably the largest gathering of Galway Hookers in one place. The Galway Hooker Association (Cumann Huileiri na Gaillimhe) has a large collection of information on the designs. A number of editions of a book on the history of Galway Hookers have been published.

COLLECTION: **Knock Folk Museum**

LOCATION:	Knock, County Mayo
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Fishing boat
BOAT DESIGN:	Achill Currach
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: The Knock Folk Museum is in the grounds of the Knock Basilica. There is a section dedicated to fishing. A full size Achill Currach is displayed, along with oars, nets, and lobsterpots. There are a number of model boats, including a Galway Hooker. There are also spears, and gaffs. Elsewhere in the museum a selection of maritime prints is exhibited. It is planned to remove the fishing exhibition into storage in the near future.

COLLECTION: **Lightship *Guillemot*, The**

LOCATION:	Kilmore Quay, County Wexford
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Historic ship
BOAT DESIGN:	Other
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: An extensive collection of models, paintings, prints, navigation and communication equipment, shipwreck memorabilia, and merchant marine memorabilia. The museum is housed in a former working lightship, which is of interest in itself, with a foghorn, various other equipment and the living quarters available for viewing. The museum is having difficulty with support and funding, insurance has been a major factor, and may have to close down in the near future.

COLLECTION: **Limerick Museum**

LOCATION:	Limerick City
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: This museum does not have a dedicated maritime section, but has a number of model boats on display. There is also a hard-hat diving suit and a ship's bell from the *Kincora*. It also retains archives, marine photographs, and marine postcards.

COLLECTION: **Lomax Boats**

LOCATION:	Mullachmore, County Sligo
REPOSITORY:	Boatyard
CATEGORY:	Boatbuilding
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: An assortment of wooden boats in yard, with traditional tools and skills in use. The yard undertakes repair many of the clinker boats in south Donegal. Currachs and a Galway Hooker are moored in nearby harbour.

COLLECTION: **Lough Derg Yacht Club**

LOCATION:	Dromineer, near Nenagh, County Tipperary
REPOSITORY:	Yacht club
CATEGORY:	Leisure
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Traditional dinghy
BOAT DESIGN:	Shannon One Design
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: Lough Derg Yacht Club is one of the two bases for the Shannon One Design class (the other being Lough Ree Yacht Club). This is an 18 foot clinker-built wooden dinghy designed by the famous Morgan Giles in 1921. It has a very active following on the Shannon, with approximately a hundred boats in the class. The Shannon One Design Association holds plans and specifications, and oversees the compliance of new builds to the specification. There are currently about a hundred boats of this design in existence.

COLLECTION: Lough Leane

LOCATION: Ross Castle, Killarney, County Kerry
REPOSITORY: Community based
CATEGORY: Leisure
COLLECTION TYPE: Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Inland leisure
BOAT DESIGN: Other
CONDITION: Good
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: Several hundred pleasure and angling boats use the lake. Numbers and operations are tightly controlled by OPW. The recent large decrease in use of wooden boats is due to lack of skill in wooden boatbuilding and repair. Now only 15% of the boats are wooden, compared to 50% a decade ago. The entire hire fleet was replaced last year with modern fibreglass boats.

COLLECTION: Lough Mask

LOCATION: Cushlough, Ballinrobe, County Mayo
REPOSITORY: Fishing organisation
CATEGORY: Leisure
COLLECTION TYPE: Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Inland leisure
BOAT DESIGN: Clinker Lake Boat
CONDITION: Good
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: The harbour area has up to a hundred open clinker boats of similar shape and design.

COLLECTION: Lough Ree Yacht Club

LOCATION: Ballyglass, Athlone, County Westmeath
REPOSITORY: Yacht club
CATEGORY: Leisure
COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Traditional dinghy
BOAT DESIGN: Shannon One Design
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various
CONDITION: Good
DOCUMENTATION: Yes

DESCRIPTION: An old established club, founded in 1770, and one of the two bases for the Shannon One Design (the other being the Lough Derg Yacht Club). This is an 18 foot clinker-built wooden dinghy designed by the famous Morgan Giles in 1921. It has a very active following on the Shannon, with approximately a hundred boats in the class. The Shannon One Design Association holds plans and specifications, and oversees the compliance of new builds to the specification. There are currently about a hundred boats of this design in existence.

COLLECTION: **Louth County Museum**

LOCATION: Dundalk, County Louth
REPOSITORY: Museum
CATEGORY: General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE: Models
CONDITION: Good
DOCUMENTATION: Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: This museum mainly deals with the history and archaeology of County Louth, and there are only a few maritime exhibits. These include a small display on the industrial heritage of the port, some models of merchant ships, and some lobsterpots. In storage, there are other models, photographs, and shipping cards (records of ship movements in and out of the port of Dundalk).

COLLECTION: **Magheroarty Harbour**

LOCATION: Magheroarty, Bloody Foreland, County Donegal
REPOSITORY: Community based
CATEGORY: Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE: Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Currach
BOAT DESIGN: Tory Currach
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various fishing
CONDITION: Good
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: A working harbour with a collection of modern and traditional boats, some abandoned currachs and some possibly in use. Some traditional Greencastle-type half-deckers are abandoned on local beach. Water based equipment is scattered about the harbour.

COLLECTION: **Malin Mor Harbour**

LOCATION: Malin Mor, County Donegal
REPOSITORY: Community based
CATEGORY: Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE: Land based equipment
BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Fishing boat
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various fishing
CONDITION: Good
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: Malin Mor and nearby Malin Beg are two small harbours accessed by steep slipways and the use of winches. A large variety of nets, lobster and crab pots are found in the harbour.

COLLECTION: **McDonald's Boatbuilders**

LOCATION: Greencastle, Inishowen, County Donegal
REPOSITORY: Boatyard
CATEGORY: Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE: Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Fishing boat
BOAT DESIGN: Greencastle Yawl
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various
CONDITION: Good
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: A boatyard that still employs traditional skills and moved to this modern yard in recent years from an older yard in Merville. The yard has a range of traditional clinker open boats and half deckers; the McDonalds were the last boatyard to build working Drontheim boats.

COLLECTION: **Meitheal Mara**

LOCATION: Crosses Green, Cork City
REPOSITORY: Heritage group
CATEGORY: Boatbuilding
COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Currach
BOAT DESIGN:	Naomhog
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Memorabilia
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A heritage group, supported by a community employment scheme, mainly involved with the continuity of the skin boat tradition in Ireland. The group has rescued several abandoned currachs and used them to design replicas including Four-Oar working Naomhogs and Aran-type currachs. They have plans, templates, and equipment to build many types of Irish skin boats. Most currach types represented in the collection, including Naomhog, Aran, Dunfanaghy Currachs and Coracles. There is also a collection of oars, sails, and sundry equipment associated with currachs, as well as some wooden boats, including a prong and a dory. This is probably the most extensive archive of the skin boat tradition.

COLLECTION: **Millmount Museum & Martello Tower**

LOCATION:	Millmount, Drogheda, County Louth
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	Inland waterways
COLLECTION TYPE:	Models
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Currach
BOAT DESIGN:	Coracle
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: Set in a complex of stone buildings. The museum deals with the general history of Drogheda. It includes three models of Boyne Canoes and Salmon boats, and a section of the museum is devoted to the Boyne Coracle. The collection includes a valuable guild banner from the nineteenth century portraying the boat nets and fishermen of the time. Some information panels over aspects of the industrial history of the port. There is also an exhibition on the Drogheda Rowing Club.

COLLECTION: **Mizen Head Visitor Centre**

LOCATION:	Mizen Head Lighthouse, County Cork
REPOSITORY:	Heritage centre
CATEGORY:	Navigation and communication
COLLECTION TYPE:	Land based equipment
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various

CONDITION: Good

DOCUMENTATION: Yes

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: A collection of communications and navigational material, housed in a working lighthouse. The collection includes:

- Displays on design and operation of lighthouses, and of the bridge of a ship
- Documentation on Marconi's work in Ireland
- Videos, archives, maps, and photographs

COLLECTION: **Mons Boats**

LOCATION: Oughterard Harbour, County Galway

REPOSITORY: Boatyard

CATEGORY: Boatbuilding

COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Inland leisure

BOAT DESIGN: Clinker Lake Boat

EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various

CONDITION: Good

DESCRIPTION: Traditional boatbuilder of wooden lake boats with extensive knowledge of traditional boats and boatbuilding skills.

COLLECTION: **Monty O'Leary**

LOCATION: Fahamore, Castlegregory, County Kerry

REPOSITORY: Boatyard

CATEGORY: Boatbuilding

COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Currach

BOAT DESIGN: Naomhog

EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various

CONDITION: Good

DESCRIPTION: Part-time traditional currach builder specialising in the local Naomhog. The workshop contains important old patterns and moulds.

COLLECTION: **Moy Fishery, The**

LOCATION:	River Moy, Ballina, County Mayo
REPOSITORY:	Fishing organisation
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Fishing boat
BOAT DESIGN:	Moy Coble
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Nets
CONDITION:	Fair
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: Formerly a private fishery, the Moy Fishery is now part of the North Western Regional Fisheries Board. The fishery had extensive boats, nets, equipment, and buildings. The striking fishery building and icehouse have been sold recently. The old Moy Cobbles and Cots have been dispersed, and a cobble and a cot have been acquired by the National Museum of Country Life. One Moy Cobble and a Seine Boat, along with nets and oars, are still in storage with the local fishing board

COLLECTION: **Museum Chorca Dhuibhne**

LOCATION:	Ballyferriter, Dingle Peninsula, County Kerry
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Historic ship
BOAT DESIGN:	Other
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: This museum mainly deals with the history and archaeology of the area, although some of the information panels deal with the maritime history of Chorca Dhuibhne. There are various maritime related artefacts including a cannon and some models (including a model of the *Brendan Boat*). There is information on the re-enactment of the Brendan Voyage by Tim Severin in 1976.

COLLECTION: **Naomhoga Chorcaí**

LOCATION:	Shandon Boat Club Marina, Cork
REPOSITORY:	Rowing club
CATEGORY:	Leisure

COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Currach
BOAT DESIGN:	Naomhog
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: Naomhoga Chorcai is based jointly at Shandon Boat Club and Rushbrooke, Cobh. The club has the largest collection (currently numbering ten) of 4-man Naomhogs (traditional Kerry working currachs). All have been built based on an original John Goodwin currach. A number of Dunfanaghy currachs are also available. Documentation on the Naomhogs is held by the Meitheal Mara Community Group (see record for Meitheal Mara).

COLLECTION: **National Maritime Museum**

LOCATION:	Mariners' Church, Haigh Terrace, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Various
BOAT DESIGN:	Various
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Fair
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: Housed in a historic mariners' church, this museum contains possibly the largest and most comprehensive collection of maritime artefacts in the country. Exhibits include:

- Models
- Boats
- Communication and navigation equipment
- Merchant marine textiles
- Naval and fishing memorabilia
- Photographic collections
- Paintings
- Shipwreck artefacts from the *Tayleur*, *Leinster* and the *Great Eastern*

The museum is also the repository for the important Halpin collection (last captain of the *Great Eastern*). It is operated by the Maritime Institute of Ireland and has a fairly extensive catalogue.

COLLECTION: **National Museum of Country Life, The**

LOCATION:	Turlough Park House, Castlebar, County Mayo
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Fishing boat
BOAT DESIGN:	Various
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: The museum has a large area dedicated to the life and art of the fisherman; it includes various types of fishing equipment such as lobsterpots of different designs, one of which is made of heather. The museum has around a dozen boats on display, including a number of currachs, a Moy Cot, and a Moy Cobble. There is also an example of a rush-built craft, and a coracle. The museum has an extensive archive including a large photographic collection. There is a large amount of fishing equipment in storage, including other boats and currachs, and many artefacts are on loan to other institutions.

COLLECTION: **National Museum of Ireland, Archaeology & History**

LOCATION:	Kildare Street, Dublin 2
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	Shipwreck
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Various
BOAT DESIGN:	Other
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: The National Museum is the main repository for all maritime artefacts of an archaeological nature. The collection includes Bronze Age log boats and the Broighter Iron Age hoard that contains one of the earliest European model boats. The museum also houses assorted Viking Age ships' timbers and fishing equipment. Much of the museum's collection is in storage. The National Museum of Country Life, Turlough Park, exhibits maritime items associated with folk life.

COLLECTION: **National Museum of Ireland, Decorative Arts & History**

LOCATION: Collins Barracks, Dublin 7

REPOSITORY: Museum

CATEGORY: Navigation and communication

COLLECTION TYPE: Various

CONDITION: Good

DOCUMENTATION: Yes

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: The Arts & Industry section of this museum has a large collection of navigational instruments, some of which are displayed in recreated room settings, but most of which are in storage. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries many Italian instrument makers were located in Dublin. In the foyer of the museum are two fine examples of Armada cannon, one large bronze cannon with the crest of Philip of Spain, from the wreck of the *Trinidad Valencera*, and the other recovered from Streedagh Strand.

COLLECTION: **Newbridge House**

LOCATION: Donabate, County Dublin

REPOSITORY: Museum

CATEGORY: Shipwreck

COLLECTION TYPE: Various

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Historic ship

BOAT DESIGN: Other

CONDITION: Good

DOCUMENTATION: Yes

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: The Donabate Historical Society has a local museum in the courtyard of Newbridge House Museum. Their maritime artefacts are mainly from the wreck of the *Tayleur* at Lambay Island. These include the ship's binnacle, several tombstones, and some of the signature willow pattern pottery that formed part of the ship's cargo. Large amounts of willow pattern pottery, recovered by amateur scuba divers, are in private collections around the northeast County Dublin area.

COLLECTION: **Noonan Boats**

LOCATION: Newcastle, County Wicklow

REPOSITORY: Boatyard

CATEGORY: Boatbuilding

COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Fishing boat

BOAT DESIGN: East Coast Skiffs
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various
CONDITION: Good
DESCRIPTION: Traditional boatbuilder of wooden boats.

COLLECTION: **Oughterard Harbour**

LOCATION: Lough Corrib, Oughterard, County Galway
REPOSITORY: Community based
CATEGORY: Leisure
COLLECTION TYPE: Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Inland leisure
BOAT DESIGN: Clinker Lake Boat
CONDITION: Good
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: There are a large number of boats kept here for angling on Lough Corrib. A high proportion of these are of clinker wooden design, possibly because there are a couple of traditional boat builders in the area who repair and maintain wooden boats. One of these is Jackie Mons, who has a collection of traditional tools and moulds for boatbuilding.

COLLECTION: **Padraig Davis**

LOCATION: Inishnee, Roundstone, County Galway
REPOSITORY: Boatyard
CATEGORY: Boatbuilding
COLLECTION TYPE: Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Currach
BOAT DESIGN: Currach Adhmaid
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various
DESCRIPTION: Traditional boatbuilder of wooden-hulled currachs.

COLLECTION: **Poolbeg Yacht and Boat Club**

LOCATION: Pigeon House Road, Ringsend, Dublin
REPOSITORY: Yacht club
CATEGORY: Leisure
COLLECTION TYPE: Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Traditional yacht

BOAT DESIGN: Various
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various
CONDITION: Good

DESCRIPTION: The club is situated on the south bank of the River Liffey within the Port of Dublin. Within its mix of sailing boats, the club has attracted a number of restored wooden traditional yachts and converted fishing boats, as well several recent reconstructions. They include one of the few surviving Zulu Class Boats, the *Bracan Lass*, and a number of Galway Hookers, including the *Morning Star*, the construction of which was recorded for a film documentary a few years back. The club also holds a collection of models. The building next to the club houses the Stella Maris Rowing Club, which has a number of traditional East Coast Skiffs.

COLLECTION: **Private collection**

LOCATION: Ballinskelligs, County Kerry
REPOSITORY: Private
CATEGORY: Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE: Various
BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Fishing boat
BOAT DESIGN: Seine
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Nets
CONDITION: Fair
DOCUMENTATION: Yes

DESCRIPTION: Boathouse with collection of traditional fishing equipment and the only known surviving working Seine boat.

COLLECTION: **Purteen Harbour**

LOCATION: Gubalennaun Beg, Achill, County Mayo
REPOSITORY: Community based
CATEGORY: Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE: Land based equipment
BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Currach
BOAT DESIGN: Achill Currach
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Lobsterpots
CONDITION: Fair
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: One of the few sheltered harbours on Achill Island, this harbour was the site of the last shark fishery in Ireland, which continued until the 1970s. Some land based equipment associated with the shark fishing remains, including shark oil storage tanks. Around a dozen currachs are kept in the harbour, some in cuts in the turf banks reminiscent of Norse-style Nausts.

COLLECTION: **Rattoo Heritage Centre**

LOCATION:	Knoppogue North, Ballyduff, Tralee, County Kerry
REPOSITORY:	Heritage centre
CATEGORY:	General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Historic ship
BOAT DESIGN:	Other
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: This centre, also known as the North Kerry Museum, is run by the Rattoo Historical Society. The exhibition covers the history and archaeology of the area through the ages, and features a Bronze Age log boat called a ferry boat. It has information panels on smuggling and piracy in the area. Possibly its most important maritime artefact is the collapsible lifeboat (universally known as the *Casement Boat*) in which Roger Casement was landed from the German Submarine U19 in 1916, before being arrested and tried for treason.

COLLECTION: **River Barrow Snap Net Fishermen's Association**

LOCATION:	River Barrow, County Carlow
REPOSITORY:	Fishing organisation
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Cot
BOAT DESIGN:	Barrow Cot
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Nets
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: From Saint Mullins to a place known as Pink Rock, a small canoe-like boat called a cot is used for snap net fishing. The Barrow Cots are now similar to Nore Cots, but at one time were quite distinctive. A model of a Barrow Cot from the 1930s is held by the National Museum of Ireland.

COLLECTION: **River Nore Snap Net Fishermen's Association**

LOCATION:	River Nore, County Kilkenny
REPOSITORY:	Fishing organisation

CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Cot
BOAT DESIGN:	Nore Cot
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Nets
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: From Inishtioge on the Nore to the River Barrow, snap netting is carried out in a canoe-style wooden boat called a Nore Cot. The boats are all very similar, with a larger version used for racing. Along the river are mud berths known as Leaba na Mbad.

COLLECTION: **River Slaney Draft Net Fishermen**

LOCATION:	River Slaney, County Wexford
REPOSITORY:	Community based
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Cot
BOAT DESIGN:	Slaney Cot
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Nets
CONDITION:	Good
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A draft net fishery is operated on the River Slaney from Enniscorthy to the Wexford Estuary in distinctive flat bottomed boats known as Slaney Cots.

COLLECTION: **River Suir Snap Net Fishermen's Association**

LOCATION:	River Nore, County Kilkenny
REPOSITORY:	Fishing organisation
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Cot
BOAT DESIGN:	Suir Cot
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Nets
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A particular type of fishing, called snap net fishing, is carried out on the Nore between Carrick on Suir and Waterford. The boats are all of similar design, and known as Suir Cots; interesting 'cuts' or small harbours are found along the river banks along with old net-drying areas.

COLLECTION: Rosslare Burrow Community

LOCATION: The Burrow, Rosslare Strand, County Wexford
REPOSITORY: Community based
CATEGORY: Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE: Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Fishing boats
BOAT DESIGN: Rosslare Cot
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various fishing
CONDITION: Good

DESCRIPTION: A dozen or so traditional flat-bottomed Rosslare Cots, still used in the sheltered estuary, which is a traditional mussel, eel and lobster fishing area. There is also various shore based and water based equipment.

COLLECTION: Rosslare National School

LOCATION: National School, Rosslare Strand, County Wexford
REPOSITORY: Community based
CATEGORY: General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE: Models
BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Cot
BOAT DESIGN: Rosslare Cot
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various
CONDITION: Good
DOCUMENTATION: Yes

DESCRIPTION: Housed in the James Stevens room, the collection celebrates the maritime heritage of the area and includes:

- Excellent model and pictures of Rosslare Cot
- Full size gun punt and equipment
- Model, display, and documentation on old Rosslare Fort village, which declined and was evacuated in 1926

COLLECTION: **Royal Cork Yacht Club, The**

LOCATION:	Crosshaven, County Cork
REPOSITORY:	Yacht club
CATEGORY:	Leisure
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Traditional yachts
BOAT DESIGN:	Other
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: The Royal Cork Yacht Club is the oldest yacht club in the world. Founded in 1720, the club is home to a number of historic yachts, including several Cork-One-Designs and Denis Doyle's record-breaking *Moonduster*. The club retains a collection of marine paintings including *The Water Club Race*, showing early racing 'hookers', evidence of Dutch influence on small Irish craft. A comprehensive book, *History of The Royal Cork Yacht Club*, was published in 2005.

COLLECTION: **Royal Irish Yacht Club (RIYC)**

LOCATION:	Harbour Road, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin
REPOSITORY:	Yacht club
CATEGORY:	Leisure
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Traditional dinghy
BOAT DESIGN:	Water Wag
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: Based in Dun Laoghaire, the RIYC was founded in 1831, and is host to the oldest one-design boat in the world, known as the Water Wag. The concept of a 'one-design' was introduced by a group of gentlemen who, in 1886, commissioned a number of identical boats for racing. Originally based on a Norse 'Pram', the present boat is a modified design from 1898. The Water Wags Association maintains the continuity of the class by buying boats and restricting the sale of them to enthusiasts who will sail and maintain them properly. The association holds historical information and plans on the boats and oversees the compliance of new boats to the specification. There are currently around 30 boats in commission. A written history of the class is available. The club is also home to several other classic designs including Dragons and Mermaids. The club has a library and archive, (past members include the Duke of Wellington, Daniel O'Connell and Sir Thomas Lipton). Paintings held include *The Yacht Race in Dun Laoghaire* by Richard Bridges Beachey.

COLLECTION: **Royal Saint George Yacht Club, The**

LOCATION:	Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin.
REPOSITORY:	Yacht club
CATEGORY:	Leisure
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Traditional dinghy
BOAT DESIGN:	Water Wag
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: This club is one of the four waterfront yacht clubs in Dun Laoghaire Harbour. As well as being home to some other classic boats it is the second centre for the important historic Water Wag class (see entry for Royal Irish Yacht Club). Founded in 1838, the club has a comprehensive archive and library, with a full set of Lloyd's yacht registers. The club also has prints and paintings, including some Richard Bridges Beachey and Mathew Kendrick seascapes.

COLLECTION: **Safe Harbour**

LOCATION:	The Fayth, Wexford Town
REPOSITORY:	Community based
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Cot
BOAT DESIGN:	Rosslare Cot
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: An historic sheltered haven in the Fayth district of Wexford Town, where draft net fishing, eel trapping, mussel, and herring fishing are carried out from flat-bottomed boats known as cots. The collection is mostly made up of Rosslare-style cots with also a few smaller Slaney Cots. A few cots are still rigged for sailing and the fishermen sometime hold weekend races in the summer.

COLLECTION: **Scraggane Pier**

LOCATION:	The Maherees, County Kerry.
REPOSITORY:	Community based
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Currach
BOAT DESIGN: Naomhog
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various
CONDITION: Good
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: This pier at the end of a sandy peninsula in the Maherees district has probably the largest collection of working Naomhogs in the country. All sizes of Naomhogs are represented, including racing canoes. Many of the boats are used for tenders.

COLLECTION: **Skerries Harbour and Sailing Club**

LOCATION: Skerries Harbour, County Dublin
REPOSITORY: Yacht club
CATEGORY: Leisure
COLLECTION TYPE: Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Traditional dinghy
BOAT DESIGN: Mermaid
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various
CONDITION: Good

DESCRIPTION: The vibrant club has a fleet of Mermaids. The Mermaid is a 17 foot clinker wood boat, dating from 1932 and designed by J B Kearney. The harbour also has a working fishing fleet, and there are a number of abandoned wooden trawlers alongside the quay.

COLLECTION: **South Pole Inn, The**

LOCATION: Annascaul, County Kerry
REPOSITORY: Private
CATEGORY: Navigation and communication
COLLECTION TYPE: Various
EQUIPMENT TYPE: Memorabilia
CONDITION: Good
PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: Exhibits include models of exploration ships *Discovery* and *Endurance*, and well as photographs, paintings and documentation on the exploits of heroic Antarctic explorer Tom Crean (1877-1938), housed in the public house where Crean returned to live.

COLLECTION: **South Tipperary County Museum**

LOCATION: Mick Delahunty Square, Clonmel, County Tipperary

REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Fishing boat
BOAT DESIGN:	Suir Cot
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Nets
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: An inland museum alongside the River Suir. The museum includes a small exhibition of a local boat type traditionally used on the river, the Suir Cot, along with nets and fishing equipment. Other items include a number of glass lantern slides and photographs.

COLLECTION: **Strokestown House**

LOCATION:	Strokestown, County Roscommon
REPOSITORY:	Heritage centre
CATEGORY:	Leisure
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Inland leisure
BOAT DESIGN:	Clinker Lake Boat
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A heritage centre, based around life in the 'big house', it has a few boats in its collection (but not exhibited), including a double-ended rowing boat, a sailing dinghy, and a canoe in the style of the Native Canadian birch bark canoes.

COLLECTION: **Tony Philbin**

LOCATION:	Clonbur, Cong, County Mayo
REPOSITORY:	Boatyard
CATEGORY:	Boatbuilding
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Inland leisure
BOAT DESIGN:	Clinker Lake Boat
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DESCRIPTION:	Traditional boatbuilder of wooden Clinker Lake Boats

COLLECTION: **Valentia Heritage Centre**

LOCATION:	Old School House, Knightstown, Valentia Island, County Kerry
REPOSITORY:	Heritage centre
CATEGORY:	Navigation and communication
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: Various displays detailing the rich history of the island, including the laying of the first transatlantic telegraph cable by the Great Eastern, the telegraph cable station which operated on the Island for many years up to 1966. Exhibits also cover:

- The Valentia Slate Quarry and export trade
- The Valentia Maritime Radio Service
- The introduction and operation of the meteorological station
- The Valentia Lifeboat
- Local lighthouses and fishing industry
- Community life on the island, schools, and gentry (the Fitzgeralds, hereditary Knights of Kerry)
- Paintings, photographs, maps and memorabilia
- The fossilised footprints (estimated 385 million years old) of a prehistoric lizard-like creature, recently discovered on the island

COLLECTION: **Waterford Island**

LOCATION:	Ardkeen, County Waterford
REPOSITORY:	Private
CATEGORY:	Inland waterways
COLLECTION TYPE:	Water based equipment
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Barge
BOAT DESIGN:	Gabbard
CONDITION:	Fair
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Private access only

DESCRIPTION: This privately-owned island outside Waterford is now a golf club and hotel. The island has at least two Gabbards laid up, and a small number of Stake Weirs nearby. There is also an interesting chain ferry to and from the island.

COLLECTION: **Waterford Treasures**

LOCATION:	The Granary, Merchants Quay, Waterford
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: The museum is housed within an old stone granary, and uses impressive modern display systems and techniques. It includes a permanent exhibition on maritime Waterford and its close links with the Newfoundland/Grand Banks fishery (a significant proportion of the Newfoundlanders are descended from Waterford emigrants), with some very nice fishing equipment on display. The exhibition also includes possibly the oldest ships' cannon (1495) found in Ireland, a number of half models and anchors. There are several archaeologically important ships timbers in storage.

COLLECTION: **Waterways Ireland**

LOCATION:	20 Darling Street, Enniskillen, BT747 EW, County Fermanagh
REPOSITORY:	Statutory
CATEGORY:	Inland waterways
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Barges
BOAT DESIGN:	Various
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: Responsibility for inland waterways and their navigation is now in the hands of a cross-border organisation known as Waterways Ireland. They have a number of repositories including their main archives in Enniskillen. Waterways Ireland inherited very little by way of traditional or historic artefacts from the previous inland waterways management, CIE and the Grand Canal Company. Their Dublin office has some models of historic barges, maps, and technical drawings. They also use some traditional craft for maintenance of the Grand Canal.

COLLECTION: **Waterways Ireland Visitor Centre**

LOCATION:	Grand Canal Quay, Dublin 2
REPOSITORY:	Heritage centre
CATEGORY:	Inland waterways

COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Currach
BOAT DESIGN:	Coracle
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: This visitor centre is presently closed for refurbishment and re-organisation of the display. The centre has a collection of information panels on the building of the canals, including plans and associated documentation. A diving suit from the port, a Boyne Coracle, and several models are included. The centre also runs an audio-visual show and multimedia presentations.

COLLECTION: **West Clare Currach Project**

LOCATION:	Doonlickey Road, Kilkee, County Clare
REPOSITORY:	Community based
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Currach
BOAT DESIGN:	Clare Currach
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: The West Clare Currach Project promotes the building and use of traditional fishing currachs in the West Clare region. Currachs can be found along the coastline from Kilrush to Kilkee. The project has started to organise boatbuilding workshops and regattas.

COLLECTION: **Wexford County Museum**

LOCATION:	Castle Hill, Enniscorthy, County Wexford
REPOSITORY:	Museum
CATEGORY:	General maritime
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Historic ship
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: A county museum housed in a Norman castle, which includes a section devoted to maritime history. This comprises a collection of approximately nine ships' figureheads, including that of the *Pomona*, an emigrant ship which foundered on the Blackwater Bank. There is also a collection of navigation and communications equipment, including compasses and sextants. The large anchor on display outside the building is from the *Pomona*.

COLLECTION: **Wexford Irish Coastal Rowing Federation**

LOCATION: River Slaney, County Wexford

REPOSITORY: Rowing club

CATEGORY: Leisure

COLLECTION TYPE: Boats

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Traditional rowing

BOAT DESIGN: Four-Oar Cot

CONDITION: Good

DOCUMENTATION: Yes

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: An umbrella group for five clubs that race double-ended salmon cots around 25 feet long.

COLLECTION: **Wexford Wildfowl Reserve Visitor Centre, The**

LOCATION: Wexford Wildfowl Reserve, North Sloblands, County Wexford

REPOSITORY: Heritage centre

CATEGORY: Inland waterways

COLLECTION TYPE: Water based equipment

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Cot

BOAT DESIGN: Gun Punt

EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various

CONDITION: Good

DOCUMENTATION: Yes

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: This area has a long sporting tradition and at one time a thriving wildfowl industry. The visitor centre is housed within the wildfowl reserve. The maritime element of the exhibition centres on the use of the gun punt. There is a scale model of a punt, (at one stage a full scale punt and gun were on display) and information panels on the history and use of the boat. Original artefacts include waders, paddles, and associated equipment. There are still some licenses held locally for the use of gun punts on the estuary.

COLLECTION: **Wicklow's Historic Gaol**

LOCATION:	Wicklow Town
REPOSITORY:	Heritage centre
CATEGORY:	Merchant marine
COLLECTION TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: The heritage centre mainly deals with life in prison in the nineteenth century. Actors in period costume guide visitors through the exhibits. Part of the exhibition deals with the deportation of convicts, and there is a very good full-size reconstruction of part of a convict ship, including convict accommodation, the interior of the captain's cabin, and a quayside scene. The exhibition includes navigation instruments and charts.

COLLECTION: **Workmans Boat Club**

LOCATION:	19 Irishtown, Clonmel, County Tipperary
REPOSITORY:	Community based
CATEGORY:	Leisure
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Fishing boat
BOAT DESIGN:	Suir Cot
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Various
CONDITION:	Good
DOCUMENTATION:	Yes

DESCRIPTION: Local boat and fishing club established in 1883; good premises with private slip and storage. The club is actively involved with the collecting and preservation of local boats. There are three Suir Cots and several other wooden boats, along with associated materials, in the club yard. Traditional boatbuilding is carried out during the winter months.

COLLECTION: **Youghal Estuary**

LOCATION:	Youghal, County Cork
REPOSITORY:	Community based
CATEGORY:	Fishing
COLLECTION TYPE:	Boats
BOAT CLASSIFICATION:	Fishing boats

BOAT DESIGN: Youghal Yawl

EQUIPMENT TYPE: Various

CONDITION: Fair

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: A number of traditional-style open carvel boats still carry out a draft net fishery in the harbour. The fishing will probably cease in the near future. The older boats were originally sailing boats, and have slight tumblehome in their bows which raises waterline when heeling under sail. They are found at the ferry point, at the old bridge, and at the town quay. A few clinker-style Blackwater Cots are to be found upriver, but their fishery was terminated some years ago.

COLLECTION: **Youghal Visitor Centre**

LOCATION: The Quay, Youghal, County Cork

REPOSITORY: Heritage centre

CATEGORY: Merchant marine

COLLECTION TYPE: Models

BOAT CLASSIFICATION: Historic ship

BOAT DESIGN: Other

CONDITION: Good

DOCUMENTATION: Yes

PUBLIC ACCESS: Yes

DESCRIPTION: Housed in the tourism office alongside the historic quay, the exhibition includes a small collection of models indicative of the evolution of boats used in Youghal from the Middle Ages. This is mainly a document-based exhibition but well describes the rich maritime history of Youghal. It contains reproductions of port records now held in the Cork Archives Institute, and explains the important cog-type boat used in medieval Ireland.

