

## Carmarthen Bay Wrecked Ships

The "Water Lily" a schooner of Llanelli, was lost with all hands, together with the Jersey schooner "Jeune Celine ".

The crew members of The Dublin schooner "Amethyst" were lost on that terrible night, and the crew of the schooner "Huntress "of Workington.

Among the other ships that became wrecked or stranded were:

The ANNE Of Bideford, Captain Boon,	Wrecked On Burry Holmes,
ANN and ELIZABETH of Barnstaple,	Captain Millman,
The BROTHERS of Llanelli,	Captain Thomas Roberts
THE CHARLES of Bridgewater,	Captain Smith,
CONCORD of Plymouth,	Captain Bouden,
ELIZABETH DAVIES of Aberystwyth,	Captain Clayton,
JULIA of Truro	
ROSCIUS of Llanelli,	Captain Morgans,
RHOS of Caernarfon	Captain Griffiths,
ST. CATHERINE of Fowey,	Captain Trambeth,
SOPHIE of Regneville	Captain Rabee,
Tamar Queen of Plymouth,	Captain Hodge.

And so it was that a wholesale calamity occurred in Carmarthen Bay in consequence of too little and not too much wind. The ground swell on that winters day in 1868 was so violent, that some thought it must have been caused by a marine earthquake in some distant part of the world. The ground swell there is often a hazard, but as the oldest seamen in Llanelli said "I remember no swell so fearful as that on the bar that particular night".

### Details of some wrecks

1805 May 10th the sloop "Lovely" run down by the sloop "Diligence", both from Llanelly to Cardigan with coals. A seaman aged 80 drowned.

The sloop "Rose" of Swansea wrecked on Cefn Sidan, 4 Men Drowned,

1806 Jan 24th.the ship "Penrhyn" on passage from Messina to Liverpool, having lost her course struck the Hooper Bank at the entrance to Burry Estuary, and drifted on to Cefn Patrick Sands, Llanelly. A total loss.

News has arrived of the "Kidwelly Castle", Captain Davies, a ship of 4 guns and ten men, who was captured by The "San Pedro" Spanish privateer of 7 Guns and 52 men after an action of two hours.

The sloop "Margaret" outward bound from Carmarthen, wrecked on Cefn Sidan.

The "Jeune Emma" of Cherbourg bound for Le. Havre from Martinique wrecked on Cefn Sidan.

The sloop "George the Fourth" wrecked near Tenby.

The "Pickering Dodge" of 700 tons wrecked on Cefn Sidan.

The three masted ship "Mary Roe" of Quebec from Liverpool to Cape Causo stranded on Cefn Sidan.

1805 Feb 22nd, George Beynon customs officer with assistance, seized on Rhossili Sands, 101 casks containing about 8 gallons of brandy, rum, geneva and wine.

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