



The Wahine and other ship wrecks

level 1

Write something important and/or interesting about the stories of the following ships

1 The Pamir.

2 The Mikhail Lermontov.

3 The Wanganella.

4 Look at the map of the shipwrecks around Wellington and the Cook Strait.

a Where is the highest concentration of shipwrecks?

b Why do you think there are fewer wrecks these days in comparison to 100 years ago? Because...

c Write the name and date of another shipwreck mentioned in the museum.

d What is the most unusual or interesting thing about this shipwreck?

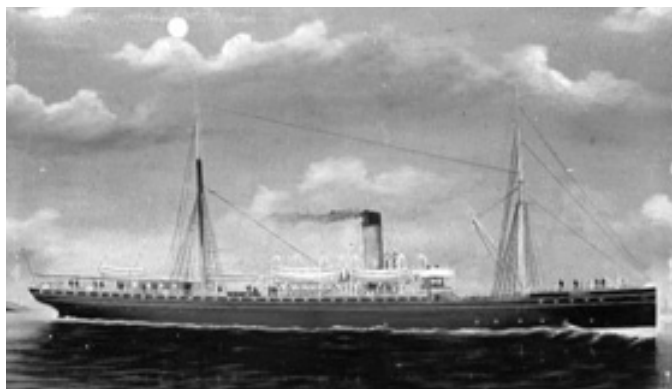




The wreck of the Penguin

The little inter-islander steamer Penguin was built at Glasgow, Scotland, in 1864 but in the early 20th century it became the worst shipwreck in Wellington's history.

Look carefully at the display about the Penguin.



- 1 What objects can you find that belonged to the Penguin?
- 2 When did the Penguin leave Picton for its final, fateful voyage?
- 3 What sent the Penguin to the bottom of the sea?
- 4 How many people lost their lives in the Wellington region's worst shipwreck?
- 5 The Penguin was owned by The Union Steam Ship Company. This is their insignia or identity badge. Can you find other ships on this floor with this insignia? Name any you find.





The Wreck of the Wahine

- 1 When and where did the Wahine sink?

Date:

Place:

- 2 All but three objects on display came from the Wahine. Some have been restored (made to look as they did before the disaster). Look carefully. Name an object you think has been restored.

Give two examples of objects that have not been restored.

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- 3 Find an object from the Wahine that interests you. Do a quick drawing of it.

- 4 What was it used for?

- 5 What sort of person might have owned it?

- 6 What damage do you see? Do you think it has been restored?

- 7 What interests you about this object?



To learn about the preservation of a shipwreck, go to the Plimmer's Ark exhibition on Queen's Wharf. A full programme and activity sheets are available.

