

Name of memorial: Union Hall Mariners' Memorial

Inventory No. 1170

Place: Poulgorm Bridge, Union Hall.

Address and map reference: Poulgorm Bridge, Union Hall, Co. Cork
Map reference: W 208 346 (Sheet 89)
Co-ordinates: N 51.5599°; W 9.1414°.

Access: at all times. **Parking:** adjacent road. **Disabled access:** yes.

Position: at roadside, at a T-junction.

Description and dimensions: curved stone wall with plaques bearing the inscriptions, and an upright anchor.
Height: appx. 200cms. Width: appx. 1000cms.

Recorded by: Edward Bourke, 3 June, 2019.

Text:

This Monument
honours the memory of
all the people of the parishes
bordering this harbour who lost their lives at sea.
It is also a memorial to those from far and wide
who were drowned off its shores.

Solas na bhFlaitheas orthu go síoraí.

Officially opened on Sunday July the 22nd 2012

By
Tom MacSweeney
Marine Correspondent

WORLD WAR 1. 1914-1918

Pat Browne Nov. 1914
Jeremiah Minihane Aug. 1914
Patrick Whelton May 1916
Michael Hayes Aug. 19th 1916
Peter Daly Dec. 1916
John O'Donovan Jan. 1917
John O'Donovan Aug. 1917
Denis Donovan Sept. 1917

WORLD WAR 2. 1939-1945

Patrick Collins Aug 1944
Michael Dan Connolly 1940
James O'Regan June 1940
Joseph O'Regan June 1940
James Hickey Aug. 1941
Timothy F. Donovan Dec. 1941
Danny O'Driscoll Dec. 1941
Daniel Sullivan 1941
Batt Hickey Jan. 1942
Patrick Hayes (Creig) Aug. 1942
Barthelomew Sullivan Nov. 1942
James (Jimmy) O'Mahony Dec. 1942

This Anchor is dedicated to all Seafarers.

The anchor, measuring 23.5 feet in length, 13 feet from hook to hook and weighing 5 tons was recovered from the seabed of the of the “Big Sound”, the stretch of water which lies between Low Island and Myross Graveyard on the mainland.

In May 1999, it was discovered accidentally by the *F.V. Ros Anne*, owned by Paul O’Donovan, when its nets got caught on its tip.

A team of divers/helpers, on board the *M.V. Neachtain*, led by Aodh O’Donnell and including Matt O’Sullivan, Con Minihane, Matt Bickerdike, Pat O’Driscoll, James Barrett, Fionn Lupton and John Regan, raised it from the seabed.

They kindly donated it to the people of Myross as a symbol of the close connection of the area to the sea.

Dated early 1700s from an unknown French ship, it is the largest one of that era to be recovered from Irish waters. Originally it would have had a timber stock. The anchor in its resting place on the seabed, unknowingly, was the cause of much annoyance to the local fishermen down the years, who nicknamed it the “Hook”, which gave rise to the saying, “An easterly wind and an ebb tide would pull the bag from the devil in the Big Sound”