

# The British Merchant Navy

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In his letter to the editor of the Argus, Newport, Gwent, Wales early in 2007: Peter Hackling of Pontywaun, Crosskeys, placed a request for help which he believes to be important to Newport's history. This was in regard to Newport Docks Wartime Records.

Peter stated "All the wartime ships (Merchant Navy) that visited Newport Docks, may as well have been ghost ships, because I cannot find these records in any establishment locally or nationally", Peter described this as to Newport's shame.

We at the [web site](#) wish to aid Peter with his research. We look toward making all records public and also graphically by using Merchant Ships outlines, with colour coded detail representing every year of the war to demonstrate the dreadful losses, show the ships that used the port and the fates of such vessels with percentages, highlighting the fates of such ladies of the sea, whether by air attack, torpedo mine and those that survived etc.

Please contact us by [Email](#) in the first instance and we will record all details. Working closely with Peter, we intend to make the results available to all. This will remain ongoing until complete. Following similar requests for Cardiff and Barry Docks Wartime Records, we ask for any information on all Welsh ports.

We are about to research into the above. If anyone can offer assistance then please contact us. Any assistance would be gratefully received.

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