



The Fastnet Rock Lighthouse is 9 miles SSE of here

ss.IRADA Propeller Recovery

ss IRADA, owned by J.H.Welsford & Co., Liverpool, Built by Workman, Clark & Co., Belfast, 1900. 8,124 tons. 501'x59.3'x33' 831 n.h.p. Triple expansion engines.

On December 5th 1908 she left Galveston with 22,000 bales of cotton and some staves. She was caught in dense fog for eight days and not able to get her reckoning she struck the cliff on the northside of Mizen Head. The crew took to the cliffs where they were found and rescued the next morning by the workmen who were building the new fog signal station. Of 69 crew all were saved except Captain Roberts, Miss Maxwell, the stewardess and four sailors, Mathews, Deacon, Connell and Ketch.

Salvagers appointed by the Lloyds agent came to take off what they could save. The propeller was salvaged and strapped to the side of the boat, but was too heavy. As she was rounding Mizen Head she started to list so badly that the propeller was cut free. It was cut free, sinking 500 yards of Mizen Head point. West Cork Sub Aqua divers, Michael Barry, Simon and Angela Nelson, and Catherine Arundel, with explosive help from Paddy O'Sullivan and Ray White, Bandon, found the propeller in 1994 and Captain Cormac McGinley and the crew of *ILT Granuaile* raised it. One blade fell off and returned to the sea, but the divers brought that ashore in 2001. In 2003 Henning Voss (RIP), Goleen, attached it to the core. A plaque telling the story of *SS Irada* was donated and unveiled by Paddy O'Sullivan, who gave an account of the various wrecks around Mizen Head .

Cutting from Newspaper about Irada

Photos

Granuaile 1,2,3,4,5

Granuaile Crew Paddy and Ray

Hurleys Lowloader,1,2,3,

Capt McGinley & Officers

Captain McGinley, Paddy O'Sullivan, Ray White

Mizen 1995 1,2.

Galleycove 6,7,3,8,11,9,10. Simon Nelson and Mike Barry

Irada Prop 1,2.

Pictures of salvage of prop and blade

The ships that pass the Mizen

1. Titanic
2. Lusitania
3. Container Ship
4. Trawler
5. Coaster (Adrigole)
6. Asgard
7. Half Deck lobster boat
8. Oil Tanker
9. Granuaile

Picture of Signal Station

