

# WRECKERS

## BAR & LOUNGE



### HMT LEASOWE CASTLE

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HMT Leasowe Castle (9737 tons) was built over a three year period by Cammell Laird as a passenger liner for the National Steam Navigation Company of Greece and originally named Vasilissa Sophia, with her keel laid in 1915 but completed in 1917. She was acquired by the UK Government as Hired Military Transport (HMT) vessel and renamed as HMT Leasowe Castle under management of the Union Castle Mail Steamship Company. The ship was selected as one of seven "fast troop carriers" to convey troops across the med during 1917 and 1918.

She was first torpedoed in April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1917 off Gibraltar, but repaired for continued transport duties.

During Margaret Boode's occupancy of the castle it was often turned into a receiving house and hospital for the survivors of shipwrecks, which were then frequent along the local coast.

Half-drowned mariners, who received scant consideration from the wreckers of the area, who would rob them and then kick them back into the sea, found a good friend in Margaret Boode.

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Just how much she did for those who staggered ashore near her home is indicated in this description of the wreck of the schooner Mary Betsy, which sailed from Wexford on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1820:

*"On Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> they picked up a Liverpool pilot, and by 4pm, a dreadful gale had sprung up. Two hours later the vessel struck on a bank, beat off, and drifted ashore."*

*"The crew endeavoured to launch the boat but failed, so took to the rigging, where they remained for about 5½ hours, drenched by every sea."*

*"Cullen, one of the crew, said: 'I don't know how I held on as I was quite unconscious. Hearing a noise below, I looked down and saw a large crowd of 100 or more people with horses and carts."*

*"It was just at break of day at a place called Mockbeggar (Leasowe)", Cullen went on to say.*

*"He then describes how two carpenters working at Mrs. Boode's, Leasowe Castle took him in a cart to the lodge, where restoratives were applied and he received every kindness."*

The old description says that no humanity was shown by anyone on the shore but Mrs. Boode and her servants.

The wreckers completely stripped the vessel, leaving nothing but the standing rigging and the masts.

Such wrecks were common. The local wreckers earned a reputation for inhumanity.

There is not much doubt that many committed murder to gain a few gold pieces of small items of jewellery from the hands of luckless mariners.

Opposed to them, ever ready to run to the help of seamen cast up on the Leasowe coast, was Margaret Boode.

**She feared no one.  
Her practical kindness became a byword.**

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### — SHIPWRECK COCKTAILS —

#### Queen of the Sea

With a taste of elegance & beauty, this drink would please Amphitrite greatly. Gin shaken with Lychee Liqueur, rose petal jam, lemon & ginger tea.

**£6.00**

#### Mermaid's Song

A drink that calls you in from afar with Absolut Mandrin, homemade tea syrup & cranberry juice – shaken & layered with sparkling wine & raspberry foam. Can you resist the mermaid's song?

**£6.00**

#### Concha Call

This drink will settle your nerves for the sea ahead. Gin, limoncello, pineapple juice & passion fruit purée served long over ice for a refreshing sail.

**£6.00**

#### Wreckers of The Caribbean

Set sail for a taste of adventure with this twist on the classic Piña Colada. Malibu coconut liqueur, Kraken Spiced Rum, marmalade & pineapple juice combined to give a taste of the Caribbean.

Your treasure awaits!

**£6.00**

#### Spiced Mead & Plum Sour

Let your taste buds do the talking as you embark on this truly mind-blowing drink! Mead infused with plum sauce, combined with Crème de Mûre & shaken with our in-house sours mix all bound together with egg whites. A little hint, try it with the fish...

*(Option without egg whites available)*

**£6.00**

#### Drunken Sailor

Our take on the classic Espresso Martini. Vodka, vanilla, chocolate, dark raspberry liqueur and espresso purée shaken together & served straight up. The perfect cure for a drunken sailor.

**£6.00**

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### DRAUGHT

		HALF	PINT
Spaten Lager	5.2%	£2.70	£5.20
Beck's Vier	4.0%	£2.50	£4.70
Guinness	4.1%	£2.60	£4.90
Boddingtons	3.5%	£2.20	£4.30
Magners	4.5%	£2.30	£4.50
Estrella Damm	4.6%	£2.70	£5.20
Guest Ale (ask for details)			

### BOTTLED

Peroni (Gluten-free)	5.1%	£4.40
Heineken (N/A)	0.0%	£3.40
Peroni Nastro	5.1%	£4.40
Estrella Damm	4.6%	£4.40
Modelo	4.5%	£4.40
Budweiser	4.8%	£4.40

### SOFT DRINKS

Glass Bottle Coke or Diet Coke		£2.50	
Fever-Tree Glass Bottle Range (Tonic, Light Tonic, Ginger Ale, Ginger Beer, Lemonade)		£2.50	
Red Bull		£3.00	
Leasowe Still/Sparkling Water		£2.50	
	SPLASH	GLASS	PINT
Juice	£1.25	£2.50	£4.00

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### — SPIRIT LIST —

#### — VODKA —

		25ml
New Amsterdam	37.5%	£3.25
Absolut Flavours	40%	£3.50
Beluga Noble	40%	£4.50
Chase	40%	£4.50
Grasovka	40%	£3.90

#### — TEQUILA —

		25ml
Sauza Silver	38%	£3.25

#### — COGNAC —

		25ml
Gautier VS	40%	£3.90
Rémy Martin VSOP	40%	£5.90
Hennessy Fine de Cognac	40%	£4.90
Hennessy XO	40%	£15.00

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#### — GIN —

		25ml
Larios	37.5%	£3.25
Liverpool Gin	42%	£4.70
Chase Flavoured Gin's		£4.90
Hendrick's	41.4%	£4.00
Larios 12	40%	£3.90
Portobello Road	42%	£4.00
Larios Rosé	37.5%	£3.90
London No1 Gin	47%	£4.50
Wirral Gin	42%	£4.30
Plymouth Navy Strength	57%	£4.85
Sir Robin of Locksley	40.5%	£4.50
Gentleman Badger's Wild Blackthorn Sloe Gin	26%	£3.50
Blackwood's Vintage Dry Limited Edition	60%	£4.85
Tappers Gin 'Dark Side'	39.6%	£6.60

**Provenance:** our spirits are produced  
& bottled in West Kirby, Wirral

**Small Batch:** we produce around 40 bottles per batch

**Artisan:** each bottle is individually filled,  
labelled & wax sealed by hand

#### — RUM —

		25ml
Pampero Silver	37.5%	£3.25
Pusser's Spiced	35%	£3.25
Bacardí	37.5%	£4.00
Pusser's Gunpowder	54.5%	£4.20
Pampero Añejo Especial	40%	£3.50
Bumbu Spiced	35%	£4.50
Pampero Aniversario	40%	£4.90
Malibu Coconut	21%	£3.50
Kraken Spiced	40%	£3.90

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#### — BOURBON —

		25ml
Jefferson's Ocean Aged at Sea	45%	£12.50
Jim Beam Double Oak	43%	£4.30
Rebel Yell Kentucky Straight	40%	£4.15
Wild Turkey 81	40.5%	£3.50
Bulleit Rye	45%	£3.85
Jack Daniel's	40%	£3.90
Wild Turkey American Honey	35.5%	£3.90

#### — WHISKY —

		25ml
J&B Rare	40%	£3.50
Jameson	40%	£3.50
Isle of Arran Madeira Cask Finish	50%	£5.50
Big Peat	46%	£5.00
Rock Oyster	46.8%	£4.90
Scallywag	46%	£5.15
Timorous Beastie	46.8%	£4.90
The Epicurean	46.2%	£4.90
Lagavulin	43%	£6.50
The English	43%	£6.15

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#### — APERITIFS —

		25ml	50ml
Pimm's	25%	£3.60	
Pernod	40%	£3.60	
Campari	25%	£3.60	
Martini Range	15%		£3.90
Aperol	11%	£3.60	
Galliano L'Autenico	42.3%	£4.40	

#### — LIQUEURS —

		25ml	50ml
Teichenne Peach Schnapps	18%	£3.50	
Jägermeister	35%	£3.50	
Kwai Feh Lychee	20%	£3.50	
Xanté	38%	£4.60	
Drambuie	40%	£4.40	
Cointreau	40%	£3.90	
Midori	20%	£3.90	
Grand Marnier	40%	£4.00	
Chambord	16.5%	£3.80	
Licor 43	31%	£3.70	
Southern Comfort	35%	£3.80	
Passoã	17%	£4.00	
Kahlúa	20%	£3.60	
Baileys	17%		£4.50
Tia Maria	20%	£3.60	
Frangelico	20%	£3.60	
Luxardo Amaretto	28%	£3.90	
Luxardo Limoncello	27%	£3.60	
Luxardo White Sambuca	38%	£3.90	

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