



## *RMS Leinster Log*

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Welcome to the March 2018 bulletin which is being sent to those who have asked to be kept informed of plans to mark the centenary of the sinking of the RMS *Leinster* in October 1918. This Bulletin is currently being sent by email to 200 people.

### Events

The RMS *Leinster* Centenary in October 2018 has been recognised by the Irish Government as a National Event within the “Decade of Centenaries”. The commemoration of the sinking is being overseen by Dun Laoghaire County Council under the auspices of the Department of Culture, Heritage and Gaeltacht. **Details of the official ceremonies are now being finalised and we will issue further Bulletins as information is made available.**

The RMS *Leinster* team, in conjunction with the National Maritime Museum of Ireland, are organising the following events for 2018:

#### March to December 2018

RMS *Leinster* Exhibition including 1895 model of RMS *Leinster*, storyboards, artifacts and Touch Screen display with information on casualties and survivors.

Amateur Radio installation with special E1100MCV call sign.

## October 2018

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> October

Launch of Philip Murphy's RMS *Leinster* Sculpture Exhibition

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> October

Adult Art Exhibition Launch

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> October

Children's Art Exhibition Prize Giving

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October inclusive.

Free admission to Museum.

RMS *Leinster* Inquiry Desk

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October

Dublin Male Voice Welsh Choir concert

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October

RMS *Leinster* Seminar

12.00 Dr. Michael Kennedy, RIA

14.00 Dr. Jeff Gildea, Australia

15.30 Mr. Stephen Freguson, An Post

19.30 Mr. Philip Lecane, National Maritime Museum.

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October

Public Commemoration Ceremonies in Dun Laoghaire.

*(details to be advised as information becomes available)*

## **Amateur Radio Link**

In recognition of the role played by wireless radio and Radio Officers in the last 100 years of Maritime history, the National Maritime Museum of Ireland has a dedicated display showing some of the radio equipment used over the years. These include Radio receivers from the 1930/40s and the 1960/70s, as well as Direction Finding equipment, a Lifeboat emergency radio, and a radio from a Submarine.

As a way of demonstrating the tasks and difficulties facing ships radio officers the museum also has an Amateur Radio station. This station can be used to demonstrate to an audience,

whose main experience of wireless radio communication may be through their mobile phone- these tasks and difficulties.

The station will also play a part in the 2018 Centenary commemorations for R.M.S. Leinster. Through the use of a Special Radio Licence and Call Sign EI100MCV, which contains the original Radio Call Sign of R.M.S. Leinster (MCV), the station has been bringing the story of R.M.S. Leinster to a worldwide audience. To date we have communicated, through voice or morse code with over 3,000 other amateur radio stations from various countries, with 11,000 views from 64 countries on our web page, <https://www.grz.com/db/EI100MCV> .

In the days around the 10<sup>th</sup> October there will be a link between EI100MCV and a station in Holyhead using the call sign GB100MCV to mark the R.M.S. Leinster Centenary and the close bond between the two Harbour towns.

*Robert Brandon*

## **Research**

### **Did you have a female relative or a child relative on the RMS *Leinster*?**

Philip Lecane is working on a project focusing on the women and children casualties and survivors of the sinking. (For the purpose of the project, he is using the United Nations definition of childhood i.e. anyone younger than 18). If you haven't previously been in contact, he would very much like to hear from relatives of female and child passengers. He would be particularly grateful for photographs of female and child passengers. You can email Philip at [info@rmsleinster.com](mailto:info@rmsleinster.com)

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Remembering all those who sailed on the final voyage of the RMS *Leinster*,

Brian, Philip, Will & Lucille

The RMSLeinster.com Team