

Protected wrecks in the UK: wrecks protected under the Falkland Islands Protection of Wreck Ordinance 1977

Name of Wreck	Location	Date	History
HMS ARDENT	Falkland Islands	Falklands Conflict	On May 21st 1982 the frigate HMS ARDENT came under repeated air attack and was hit several times by bombs and rockets. On fire and expecting further attacks, the ship was abandoned. She continued to burn and remain afloat for a further 12 hours before sinking. 22 men were killed and 37 wounded.
HMS ANTELOPE	Falkland Islands	Falklands Conflict	<p>On May 23rd 1982, during an air attack, the frigate HMS Antelope was hit by two 1,000lb bombs, which lodged onboard unexploded, killing one man.</p> <p>The ship moved up San Carlos water and anchored in Ajax Bay.</p> <p>While attempts were being made to defuse one of the bombs, it exploded, killing another man and seriously injuring another. A serious fire broke out and the ship was abandoned. The fires raged throughout the night but the HMS Antelope was still afloat at dawn. Not long afterwards, however, another major explosion occurred (possibly the second 1,000lb bomb).</p> <p>The ship's back broke, and she sank with her bows and stern sticking out of the water.</p>

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