



# SHIPS & AIRSHIPS

**Coastal Defence during the First World War**

**20 October - 5 January**

**Carrickfergus Museum and Civic Centre**

Marking the end of the First World War, this exhibition explores the war at sea around our shores. A particular focus of the exhibition will be the Bentra Airship station at Whitehead, which was home to the first military aviation facility in Ireland - one that played an important role in the First World War.

**Launch event: Saturday 20 October, 7pm**

Join us for illuminating talks by:

- Guy Warner, who will be launching his latest publication *U boats Around Ireland*
- Mark McKee, Castlereagh Sub Aqua Club, on diving the wreck of SS Chirippo which sunk off the coast of Blackhead, 1917
- Ruth Plets, Ulster University, on the surveying and 3D visualization of the SS Chirippo

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The exhibition is part of an HLF funded community heritage project, 'Battlebags and Blimps: Exploring the legacies of Whitehead's WWI Aerodrome



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