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The West coast of Ireland, from Mizen Head to Erris Head offers interesting and challenging cruising among beautiful scenery. There's an abundance of excellent natural harbours, but very few marinas, so a good anchor is a must as more often than not, night are spend at anchor rather than in a marina!

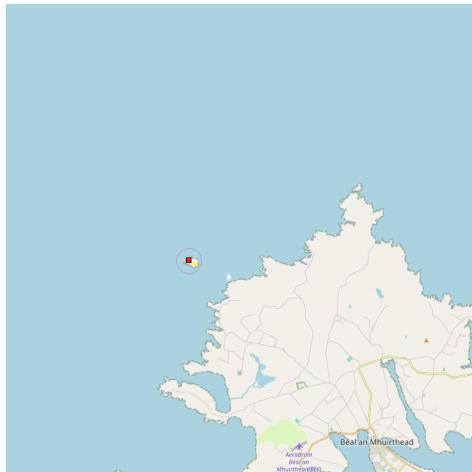
🇬🇧 La cote Ouest de l'Irlande, entre Mizen head (la pointe sud) et Erris Head, offre un des plus beau bassin de croisiere d'Europe, Les courants de mareas y sont relativement faibles, la brume rare, et de nombreux ports naturels (a defaut de ports de plaisance equipes!) offrent un nombre d'abris surs et accessibles par

tous les temps. Mais la houle et les vents d'ouest dominants la réserve aux bateaux et aux équipages capables de remonter au vent dans toutes les conditions de vent et de mer. Des bons abris de mouillage sont également indispensables car le manque d'infrastructure oblige bien souvent à compter sur ses ancrages!

1 - Eagle Island

54°17.02 N
10°05.56 W

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White tower. Character:Fl (3) 15s

On the 11th March 1861 at midday, the lighthouse tower was struck by the sea, smashing 23 panes, washing some of the lamps down the stairs, and damaging the reflectors with broken glass beyond repair. So much water cascaded down the tower that it was impossible for the keepers to open the door of the tower, they had to drill holes in it to let the water out.

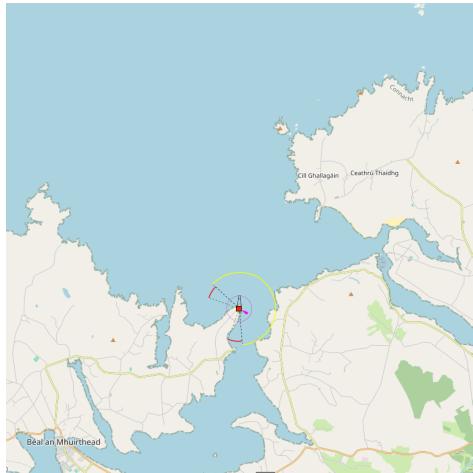
La lanterne du phare, située, à 60 m au dessus du niveau de la mer, fut brisée par une vague dans une tempête en mars 1861. Cet incident donne une idée de la violence de la mer dans ces parages.

2 - Broadhaven

54°16.06 N
9°53.32 W

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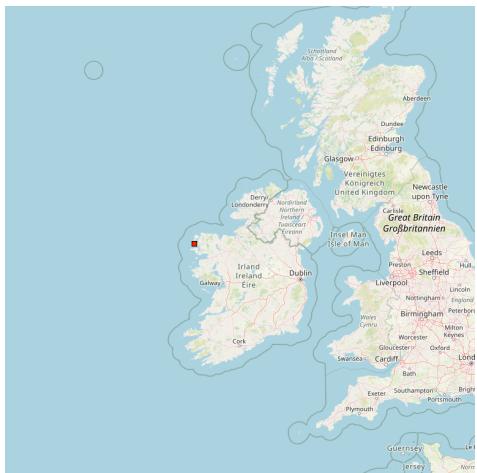
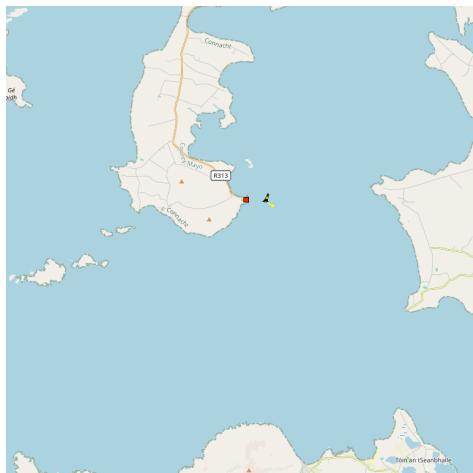


White tower. Character:Iso WR 4s
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3 - Black sod

54°05.92 N
10°03.63 W

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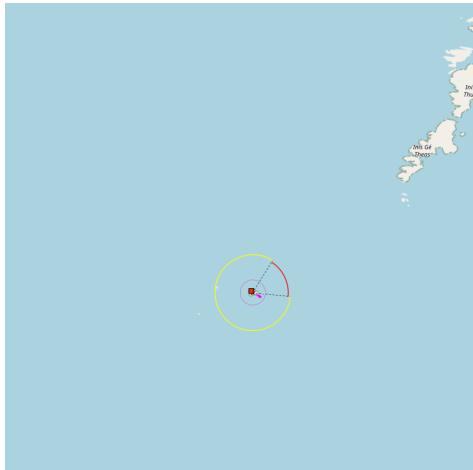
White tower on dwelling. Character:Fl (2) WR 7.5s

4 - Blackrock Mayo

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10°19.23 W

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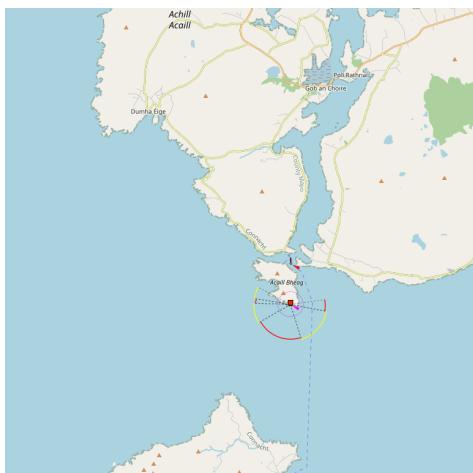




White tower. Character:Fl WR 12s

5 - Achillbeg

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White round tower on square building. Character:Fl WR 5s



The beach Each of Achill Beg

Summer 2008

Christophe Mouze

UK Marks the South entrance of Achill sound. The fishing harbour at Cloghmore (at the very south tip of

Achill) offers

good shelter in all weather, but the bar East of Achill beg may break especially on the ebb. In bad westerly weather with swell the south entrance of Achill sound is safe only at the end of the flood. The area South of Achill beg can also get quite rough with a Westerly swell running against the tide, although it is still better than on the South side of Clare Island if you must get into Clew bay in a Westerly gale. In reasonable weather with no swell, Cloghmore can be entered at all time as it is well lit (leading lights) and there's enough water over the bar for a yacht, even at LWS.

Tide in the channel between Achill and Corraun turns about 1 hour after HW in Westport and runs at over 4 knots.

There's a lovely anchorage off the beach East of Achill beg.

The Achill beg light also signals the North entrance to Clew bay, where the small drying harbours of Westport and Newport offer opportunities for shopping. There are a number of excellent anchorages in the bay.

The southern entrance to Clew bay, South of Clare Island, is not well lit, and shouldn't be attempted at night unless one is sure of their position.

 Le phare marque l'entree sud de l'etroit passage entre l'ile d'Achill et Curraun.

Le petit port de peche de

Cloghmore (a l'extreme sud d'Achill) offre un abri sur par tous les temps, mais la barre a l'est d'Achill beg brise par grosse houle au jusant, et l'entree dans ces conditions n'est possible qu'a la fin du flot.

La renverse entre Achill et Corraun se produit environ une heure apres le pleine mer a Westport, et les courants atteignent 4 noeuds

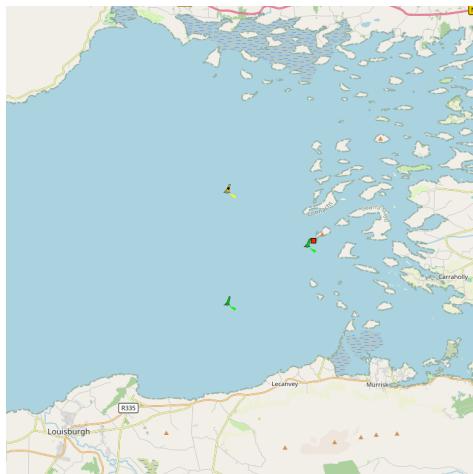
Il y a un mouillage tres sympa en face de la plage a l'est d'Achill beg (voir photo). Le phare d'Achil beg marque aussi l'entree nord de la Clew bay, au fond de laquelle les ports d'echouage de Newport et Westport permettent de faire des courses (et du tourisme). Il y a egalement de nombreux mouillages bien abrites et tres pittoresques dans la baie.

6 - Inishgort

53°49.59 N
9°40.25 W

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White tower. Character:LFI 10s

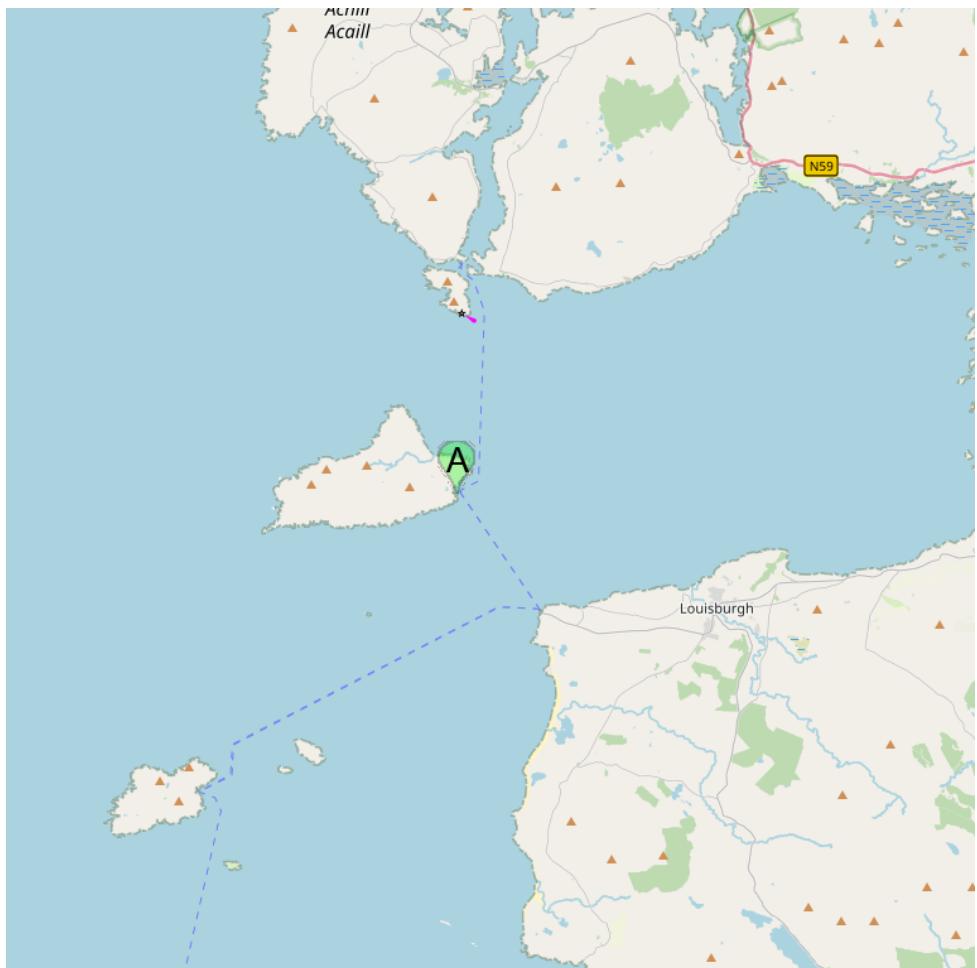
Marks the entrance to Rosmoneys pier (where the Mayo Sailing club now has a floating pontoon) and the main entrance to Westport harbour. Good anchorage E of Inishlyre, where it is also possible to come alongside. It is also possible to anchor in the small bay East of Collanmore island.

Local knowledge is necessary to sail into the inner bay at night.

7 - Clare Island

53°48.51 N
10°00.82 W

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Clare Island harbour

Clare Island is an island guarding the entrance to Clew Bay. The permanent population is around 120 people and the island has a shop with a post office, two bars, a restaurant, a few BnBs, a primary school and a daily ferry service to Roonagh quay.

The island is the highest of all the Irish offshore island and offers excellent hill and cliff walking.

**Clare island**

The cliff at the Northern tip of Clare island viewed from the top of the island, with Achil beg and the Southern entrance of Achill sound in the background.

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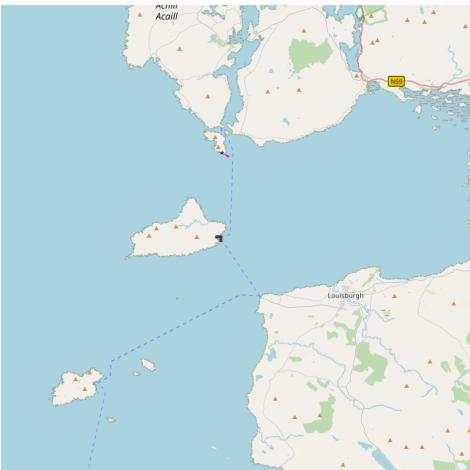
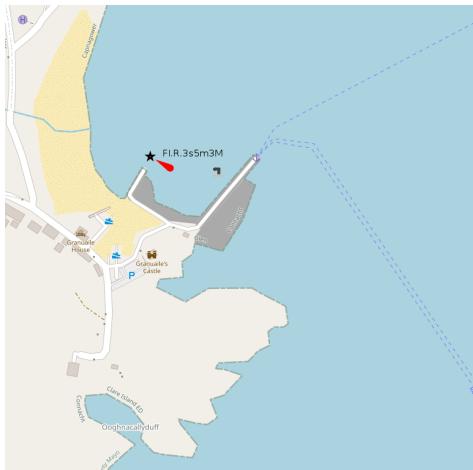
**View from Clare Island**

View from the top of Clare island looking south towards Caher and Inishturk, with the Connemara mountains in the background
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7.1 - Clare Island harbour

53°48.03 N
9°56.99 W

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The harbour on Clare Island offers good shelter from all wind with West in them, but is completely open to Easterlies.

Do not come alongside the new (outer) pier, which is used by ferries. It is possible to dry out alongside the inner pier, or indeed anywhere in the inner harbour, which has a clean, sandy bottom. There is about .5m at LWS at the end of the inner pier, while the old stone quay completely dries out (see picture).

Shower and toilets are available at the community centre (the large building just over the beach, North of the harbour), and there's a pub and restaurant within easy walking distance. The shop and post office is a mile away.

In the summer, there are (free!) visitor moorings (yellow bouys).



Clare Island harbour

View of Clare island harbour at low tide, looking South with the new pier on the left

03/01/2017

Christophe Mouze

Le port de Clare Island est bien protégé des vents d'ouest, mais complètement ouvert aux vents d'est. La nouvelle jetée extérieure est utilisée par les ferries, et les bateaux de plaisance ne

peuvent donc s'y ammarrer que de façon très temporaire. Il est possible d'échouer le long de la jetée intérieure, sur un fond de sable. En mortes eaux, il y a environ deux mètres d'eau au bout de la jetée intérieure (au milieu de la photo), et il serait donc possible d'y rester à flot.

Il y a des douches, des toilettes et une laverie sur le côté ouest du foyer municipal (le grand bâtiment au dessus de la plage, qui est aussi un pub) et le grand bâtiment bleu au nord du port est un hôtel / restaurant. La boutique et la poste sont au village, sur le côté sud à 15 mn de marche.

Il y a l'eau sur les deux jetées, mais pas de gasoil.

L'été, les coffres jaunes sont des mouillages visiteurs gratuits. Sinon, on peut mouiller sur ancre, fond de sable de bonne tenue dans l'avant port, à l'écart des nombreux coffres, ou échouer dans l'arrière port ou au sud de la plage.



Clare island harbour

Clare island harbour viewed from the ferry en route to Roonagh Quay, with the new pier in the foreground on the left.

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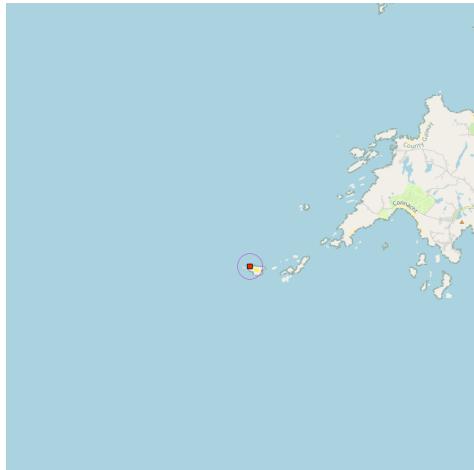
Armen

8 - Slyne Head

53°23.99 N
10°14.05 W

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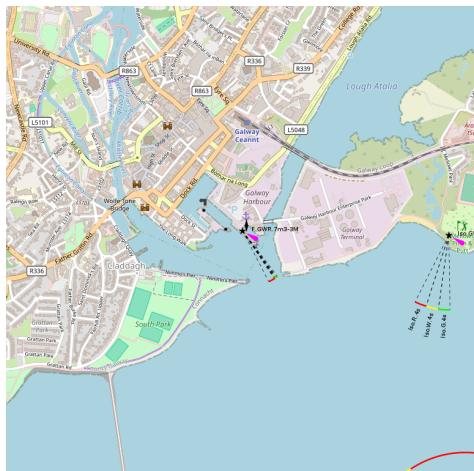




Black tower. Character:Fl (2) 15s

9 - Galway

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 Small port. Suitable for yachts of all size (the Volvo ocean stopped there once). Convenient for shopping as Galway is a major city, and the harbour is a very short walk from the city centre. You can dry out along one of the quays or get a berth at the marina at the dock. Galway is one of the main cities on the West

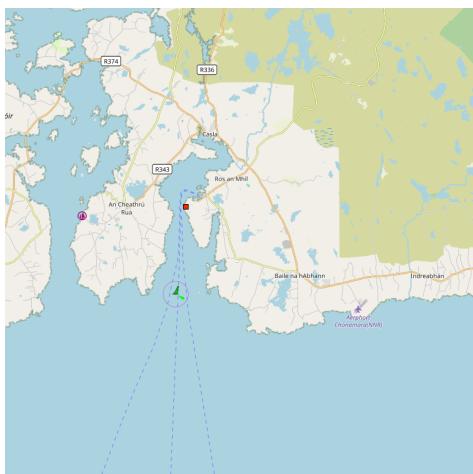
cost of Ireland and has good train and bus connections, and all the services you'd expect in a city, including a small airport.

 Petit port. Galway est une des plus grandes villes de la cote ouest de l'Irlande. Nombreux pubs, restaurants, boutiques (y compris shipchandlers), trains pour Dublin et bus pour toutes les grandes villes et même un petit aéroport. Port à écluse ou échouage. Pratique pour faire les courses, ou pour faire du tourisme, car Galway est une grande ville, est le port est en plein centre.

10 - Cashla Bay Dir. Ligh

53°15.83 N
9°33.98 W

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White square concrete tower on column. Character:Dir Iso WRG 5s

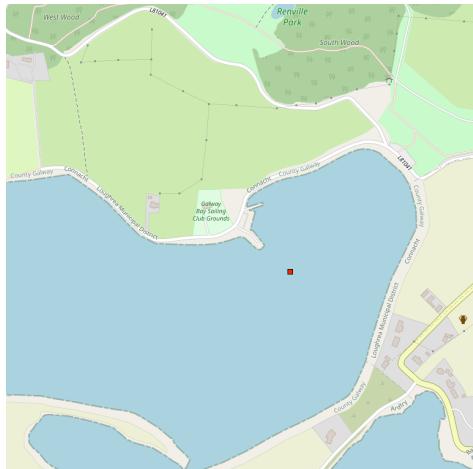
 La baie est très bien protégée, et accessible de jour comme de nuit par tous les temps. Par mauvais temps, Cashla bay est l'un des abris les plus sûrs entre l'embouchure de la Shannon et Clew bay.

Rosaveal est un port de pêche et un des ports utilisés par les ferries pour les îles d'Aran et a peu d'intérêt pour la plaisance, allez plutôt à Roundstone, un peu plus à l'ouest.

11 - Renville (Ireland)

53°14.58 N
8°57.95 W

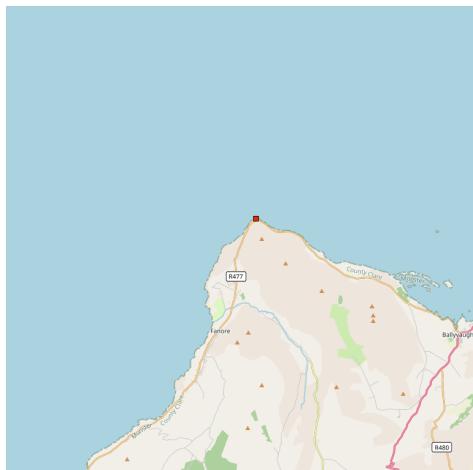
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12 - Blackhead Clare

53°09.25 N
9°15.83 W

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White square concrete tower. Character:Fl WR 5s

13 - Eeragh53°08.90 N
9°51.40 W

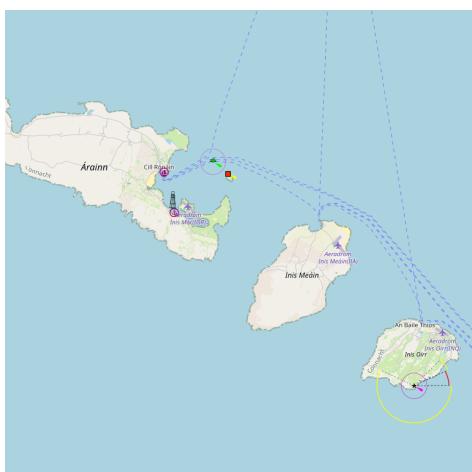
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White tower two black bands. Character:Fl 15s

14 - Straw Island53°07.06 N
9°37.84 W

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White tower. Character:Fl (2) 5s

France Marque l'entrée de Kileany bay, le seul abri sur des îles d'Aran.

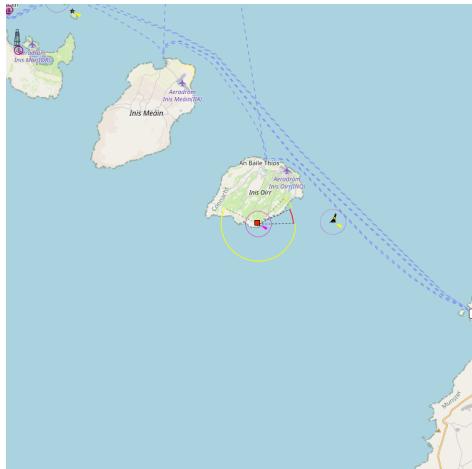
Kilronan, à l'Ouest de la baie, est le port des ferries, et le petit port d'échouage de

Killearn, 1 km au Sud (a cote de l'aeroport), est beaucoup plus sympathique, mais n'est accessible que deux heures de part et d'autre de la miree haute pour un bateau calant 1.5m.

15 - Inisheer

53°02.79 N
9°31.61 W

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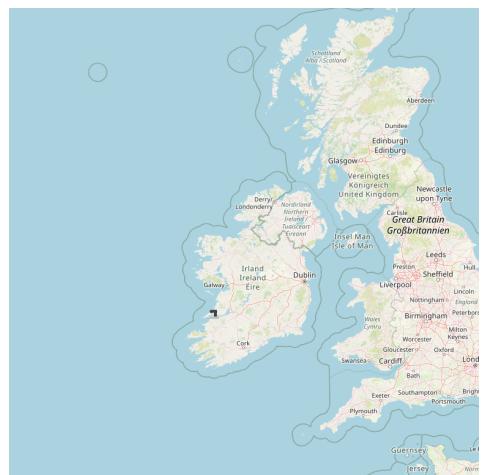
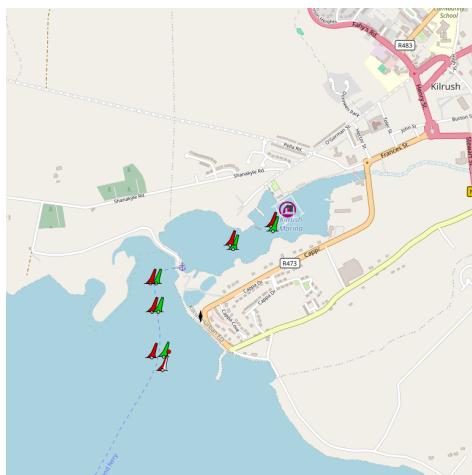


White tower black band. Character:Iso WR 12s

16 - Kilrush Marina

52°38.06 N
9°29.65 W

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Small port.

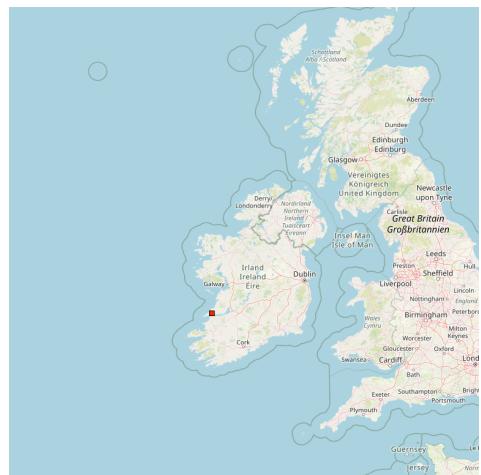
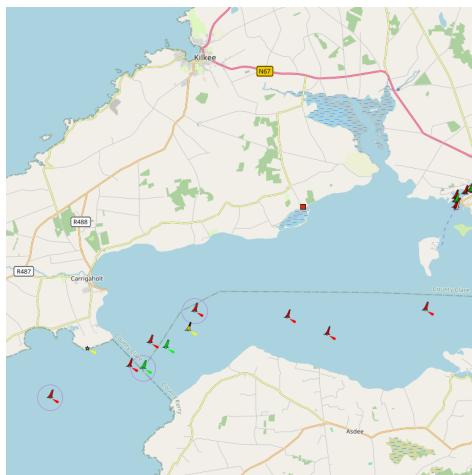


🇫🇷 Petit port de plaisance. Accès par une écluse.

17 - Corlis Point Rear (Q)

52°37.69 N
9°35.33 W

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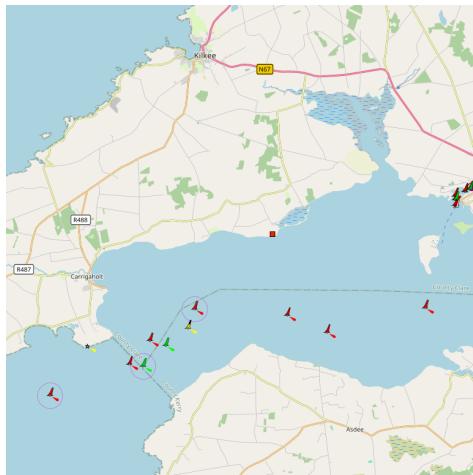
Lattice Mast. Character: Oc 5s

18 - Corlis Point Front L

52°37.09 N
9°36.36 W

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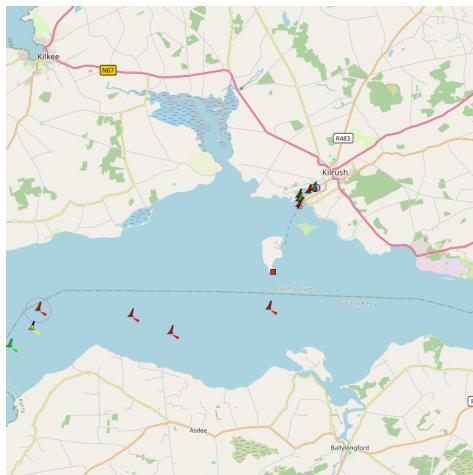




Concrete hut. Character:Oc 5s

19 - Scattery Island

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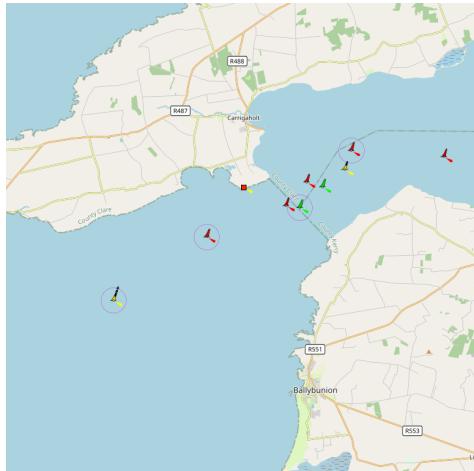
White tower. Character:Fl (2) 8s

20 - Kilcredaun Head

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52°34.81 N
9°42.61 W



White tower. Character:Fl 6s

21 - Loophead

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White tower. Character:Fl (4) 20s

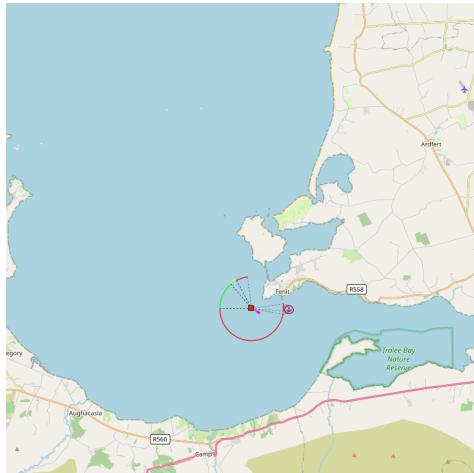
FLAG A l'embouchure de la riviere Shannon.

22 - Little Samphire Isla

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52°16.25 N
9°52.90 W



Blue round stone tower. Character:Fl WRG 5s

FLAG Marque l'entree du port de plaisance de Fenit.

23 - Inishtearaght

52°04.54 N
10°39.67 W

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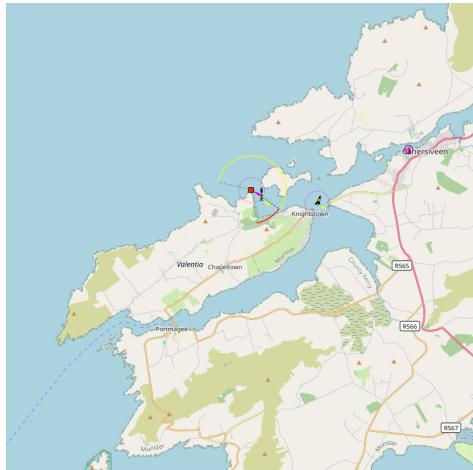
White tower. Character:Fl (2) 20s

24 - Cromwell Point

51°56.02 N
10°19.27 W

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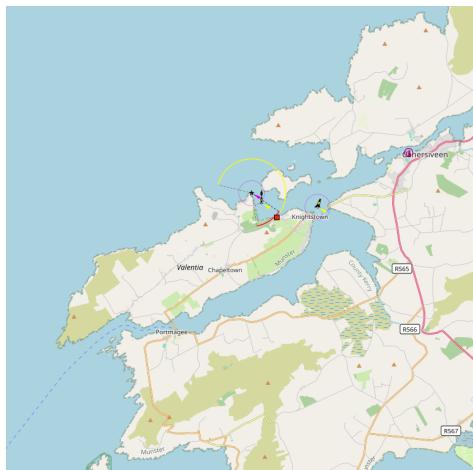


White tower. Character:FI WR 2s

25 - Valentia Dir. Lead

51°55.51 N
10°18.41 W

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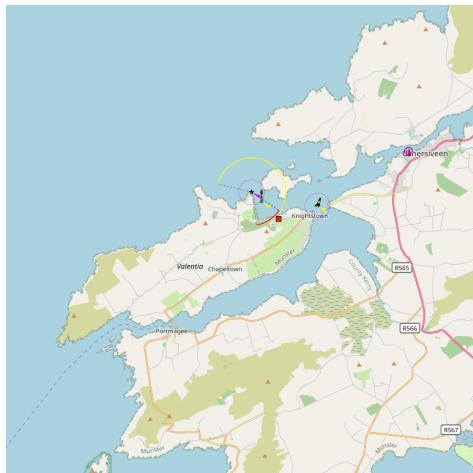
White conical tower red stripe. Character:Oc WRG 4s

26 - Valentia Leading Lig

51°55.46 N
10°18.35 W

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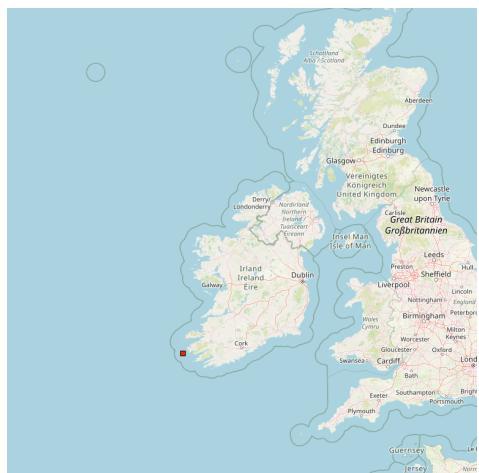
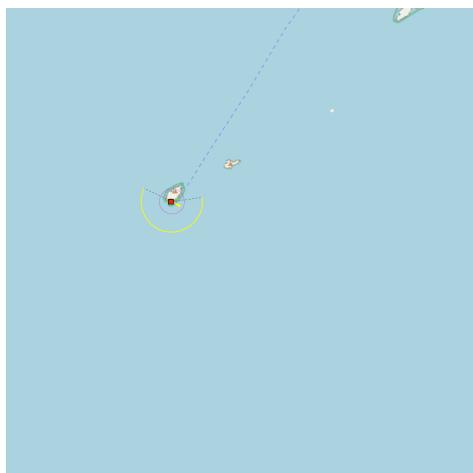


White red stripe on wall. Character: Oc 4s

27 - Skelligs

51°46.11 N
10°32.51 W

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White tower. Character:Fl (3) 15s

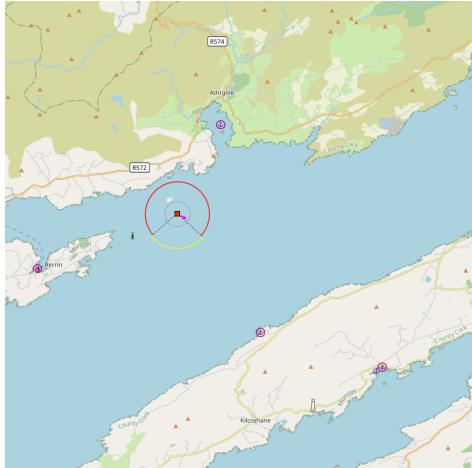
Capraia Italien

 Au moyen age, cette île escarpée et presque inaccessible était habitée par des moines qui y construisirent des huttes de pierres. C'est un haut lieu touristique, inscrit au patrimoine mondial de l'UNESCO.

28 - Roancarrigmore

51°39.17 N
9°44.81 W

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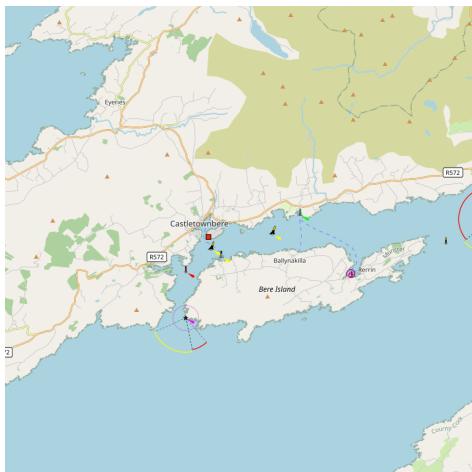


White round tower black band. Character:Fi WR 3s

29 - Castletownbere Dir.

51°38.78 N
9°54.31 W

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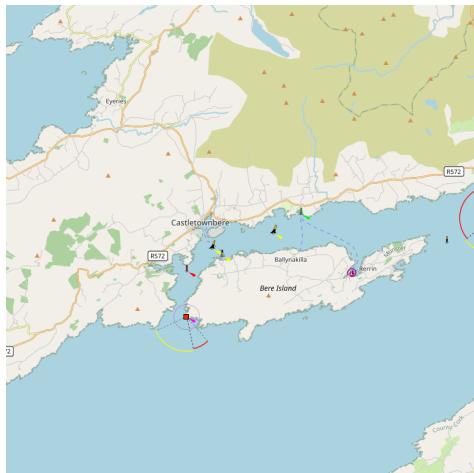


White hut red stripe. Character:Dir Oc WRG 5s

30 - Ardnakinna Point

51°37.10 N
9°55.09 W

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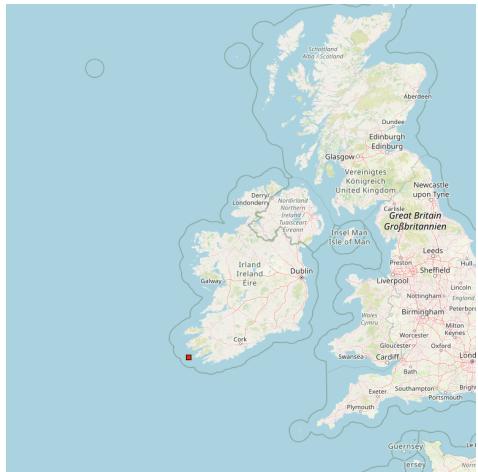


White round tower. Character:Fl (2) WR 10s

31 - Bull Rock

51°35.51 N
10°18.07 W

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White tower. Character:Fl 15s

Marks the South entrance of the Kenmare river, a most picturesque bay (despite its name), which offers a number of safe and beautiful harbours such as Sneem and Kilmakilloge. Darryname at the Northern entrance of the bay (North of Abbey Island) is also a beautiful and safe anchorage but the entrance is

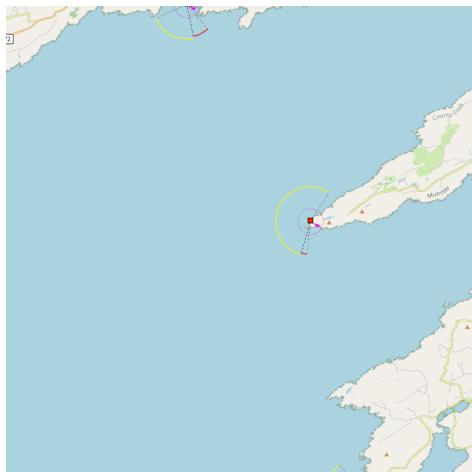
narrow and faces SW, so it is only suitable in settled weather.

There's a sea arch running East - West through the rock, right under the lighthouse.

32 - Sheeps Head

51°32.59 N
9°50.92 W

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White building. Character:Fl (3) WR 15s

 Sheeps head marks the Southern entrance of Bantry bay.

Bantry bay offers a number of well sheltered anchorages accessible in all weather: Castletown Bearhaven, a fishing harbour on the North shore of the bay is well lit and can easily be entered at night. Adrigole, halfway up the North shore in a picturesque anchorage perfect for a lunch time stop. Glengarrif, one of the most beautiful harbours on the West coast (and, some would say, in the world) offers perfect shelter in stunning scenery, while Bantry, a busy market town at the bottom of the bay, is a good place for shopping.

To the South of Sheep's head lies Dunmanus bay, a wild and remote place with offers little in the way of facilities, but has a few fine weather anchorages perfect for those who like out of the way places.

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