

# The wreck of the *Island Maid*



As the Padstow lifeboat *Arab* lay alongside the wreck of the *Island Maid*, wrecked on the dreaded Doom Bar on 13 November 1911, a schooner stormed around Stepper Point, made a violent change of course to avoid the other two, and herself ended up on the Bar. She was the brigantine *Angèle* of Boulogne. The lifeboat was called out again, but failed to reach the wreck. When asked to launch for a third time, the exhausted Padstow crew refused, and a scratch crew was sought in Port Isaac; they reached the vessel and saved her captain but four other crew were lost.

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