



Recorded casualties in the English Channel and North Sea. This map is a pie-chart based on numbers of casualties – ships whose loss is recorded in documentary sources – provided by the National Monuments Record. Casualties are allocated to a series of 'named locations' which have grid references; the overall number of casualties at each location is indicated by the size of the pie (circle), with the proportion of losses in each period indicated by the size of the pie-slice. As the systematic documenting of shipping losses only started in the mid-1700s, this map emphasises Post-Medieval and Modern casualties. The overall distribution may, however, indicate the pattern of losses in different areas in earlier centuries, and help therefore to indicate the overall archaeological potential of each sea area.