

## **Introduction to Map 33: Rubh' a'Phuirt Mhoir to Rubha Dubh**

This map section covers some 4.3km of coastline. Moving from the outer shores of Loch Indaal, this section takes in the village of Port Charlotte, ending just before the village of Bruichladdich. The coast edge in this area is nowhere more than 10m OD and is generally rocky and rugged. The coast edge in this map section has been classified as stable. The hinterland is composed of sloping, undulating ground, frequently of unenclosed rough grazing with occasional boggy areas. There is modern settlement, both concentrated within Port Charlotte and dispersed alongside the public A847 road, but this is largely set back from the coastal zone.

A total of nine sites were identified within this map section; four of these had been recorded previously. All but one of the sites recorded are of 18th-20th C date. In addition to agricultural remains, these sites include maritime sites such as piers, boat sheds, landing places (IY130), a lighthouse (IY129) and a shipwreck (IY296).

The village of Port Charlotte (IY128) was planned and built in 1828 under Walter Frederick Campbell and was named after his mother. It was intended as a base for a fishing fleet and had a pier and a distillery. The majority of the houses are three bay, two-storied buildings which run in short gable to gable ranges following the line of the shore. There are listed buildings within the coastal zone in Port Charlotte and these are separately itemised in the Listed Buildings Appendix to this report.

A small conical cairn of beach stone, located at Rubh'a' Phuirt Bhain (IY131) behind the coast edge, most likely represents a clearance heap. It is recommended, however, that it is kept under surveillance in case new exposures or developments alter this interpretation.

**IY127**

NR 24930 57593  
Port Mor  
Boat shed  
18-20th C  
Fair  
Nil

**IY128**

NR 25 58  
Port Charlotte  
Port Charlotte Village and Pier  
18-20th C  
Good  
Nil

**IY129** (NR25NE 22, 3)

NR 25727 58807  
Port Charlotte  
Lighthouse and associated buildings, alleged  
site of dun  
18-20th C  
Good  
Nil

**IY130**

NR 25794 59339  
Alt na Lice ruaidhe  
Landing places  
18-20th C  
Fair  
Nil

**IY131**

NR 25919 59849  
Rubh'a'Phuirt Bhain  
Clearance cairn  
???  
Fair  
Monitor

**IY132**

NR 25979 59989  
Coultorsay  
Structural remains  
18-20th C  
Poor  
Nil

**IY133**

NR 25967 60148  
Port Flora  
War memorial  
18-20th C  
Good  
Nil

**IY295** (NR25NW 66)

NR 2483 5744  
Port Mor  
Field boundary  
18th- 20th C  
N/A  
Nil








**IY296** (NR25NE 8005)

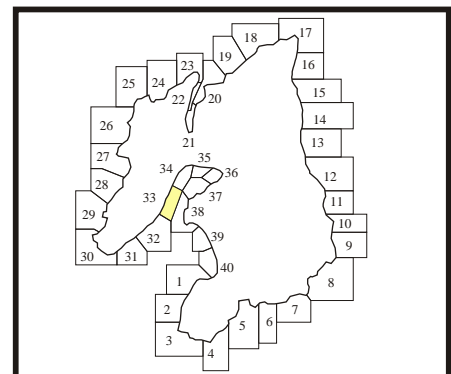
NR 253 583  
Loch Indaal, Port Charlotte  
Shipwreck- the 'Henry Clay'  
18th-20th C  
N/A  
Nil



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- Built Heritage & Archaeology**
-  Protected Ancient Monument or area of Designated Wreck
  -  Monument formally proposed by Historic Scotland for scheduling or wreck for designation
  -  Listed Historic Building
  -  Undesignated wreck
  -  Known ancient monument
  -  Site found by this survey
  -  Site complex



**1. Port Charlotte**

NR 256 588

4.3 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge <5m

Raised beach etc./ Drift on visible rock.

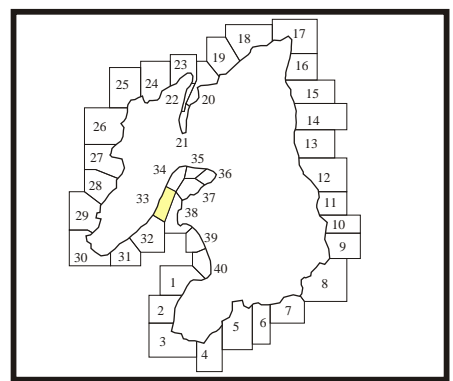
Rocky coast edge with some cobble cover in coves. There is a very small area of salt marsh at the southern end of this unit. The hinterland for the last c. 500m of this unit is interpreted as raised beach. The hinterland is poorly drained rough grazing except in the vicinity of Port Charlotte, which is built on. The coast edge in front of Port Charlotte is protected by sea walling.



- Foreshore**
- Rock platform
  - Mainly sand
  - Mainly alluvial/marine mud
  - Marsh

- Hinterland**
- Drift
  - Drift on visible rock
  - Raised beach etc.
  - Blown sand
  - Glacial sand/gravel
  - Alluvium

- Modifiers**
- Low edge <5m
  - Cliff >5m
  - Man made barrier
  - Shingle/storm bank
  - Human disturbance



**1. Port Charlotte**

NR 256 588

4.3 Km

Stable

The coast edge in this unit is rocky and stable. No signs of erosion.



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- Erosion Class**
- Definitely Accreting
  - Accreting or Stable
  - Stable
  - Eroding or Stable
  - Definitely Eroding
  - Accreting and Eroding
  - No access
  - Land below 10m

