[**SMS *Kaiser***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SMS_Kaiser_%281911%29) was the [lead ship](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lead_ship) of [her class](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaiser-class_battleship) of [battleships](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battleship) of the [Imperial German Navy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imperial_German_Navy). The ship was built by the [Imperial Dockyard](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaiserliche_Werft_Kiel) at [Kiel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kiel), launched on 22 March 1911, and commissioned in August 1912 with ten 30.5-centimeter (12.0 in) guns and a top speed of 23.4 knots (43.3 km/h; 26.9 mph). *Kaiser* was assigned to the [Third Squadron](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/III_Battle_Squadron) of the [High Seas Fleet](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High_Seas_Fleet) for the majority of [World War I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_War_I). The ship participated in most of the major fleet operations of the war, including the [Battle of Jutland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Jutland) on 31 May – 1 June 1916, where she was hit once, suffering negligible damage. The ship was also present during [Operation Albion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Albion) in the [Baltic Sea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baltic_Sea) in September and October 1917, and at the [Second Battle of Heligoland Bight](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Battle_of_Heligoland_Bight) in November 1917. After the war she was interned with other ships of the High Seas Fleet at [Scapa Flow](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scapa_Flow) in Scotland. In June 1919 the commander of the interned fleet, Rear Admiral [Ludwig von Reuter](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ludwig_von_Reuter), [ordered the fleet to be scuttled](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scuttling_of_the_German_fleet_in_Scapa_Flow) to ensure that the British would not be able to seize the ships. *Kaiser*'s wreck was raised in 1929 and [broken up](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ship_breaking) in [Rosyth](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosyth) in 1930. ([**Full article...**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SMS_Kaiser_%281911%29))

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