

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Ship's Name s.s. "ATHOS II" of Piraeus Tons { Gross 4674  
Net 2635  
Built at P. Glasgow When 1940 2 Casualty notice sent to Owner 4.4.62. Owner's reply 5.4.62.  
11.4.62. 12.4.62.  
Owners Avlis Shipping Co., S.A.  
Managers ---  
Address c/o P. Wigham Richardson & Co., Ltd., Armadores House, Bury Street, London, E.C.3.

## Classification details

BS*	MBS* 7,57
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This ship stranded on rocks at Hairsis Island, entrance to Bosphorus, and has been declared a constructive total loss.

The owners concur.



## SOURCE OF INFORMATION

ATHOS II. — Istanbul, Mar. 16. — Steamer Athos II, from Constantza with a full cargo of grain, grounded due to fog in the night of Mar. 15-16, believed on rocks off Hayisiz Ada, Turkish Anatolian Black Sea coast. Master requesting urgent assistance, stating position dangerous. Salvage vessel Hora proceeded.

London, Mar. 16. — The owners of steamer Athos II, Constantza for Antwerp, fully loaded with maize, report that the vessel grounded in thick fog at Hairsis Island, entrance to Bosphorus, at 2 20 a.m., G.M.T., to-day. No. 2 hold leaking. Lloyd's Form signed and salvage vessel Hora now alongside. Weather conditions worsening, condition dangerous. A further report stated that weather conditions were improving and vessel will be inspected by diver.

Istanbul, Mar. 16. — Steamer Athos II signed Lloyd's Open Form with salvage vessel Hora, which effecting diver's survey.

ATHOS II. — Istanbul, Mar. 16. — Steamer Athos II: Master reports vessel's bottom cracked aft, consequently abandoning ship. (See issue of Mar. 17.)

London, Mar. 17. — The London agents of the Turkish Salvage Company have received the following message from Istanbul, timed 5 20 p.m., Mar. 16: Steamer Athos II: Due to deterioration in weather and exposed position, master insisted on abandoning with crew and now landing. Survey when weather permits.

ATHOS II. — Istanbul, Mar. 17. — Athos II, aground on rocks at Hairsis Island, leaking No. 2 double bottom. Weather eased slightly and crew, who had abandoned ship yesterday, returning on board to assist salvors, who concentrating three salvage vessels, Imroz II, Hora and Alemdar, in attempt to refloat. Salvors propose jettison part cargo, and, providing weather holds, chance of saving vessel exists. Draughts fore and aft unknown. Salvors doing everything possible on basis of Lloyd's Open Form. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Mar. 19.)

London, Mar. 19. — Steamer Athos II: The London agents of the Turkish Salvage Company have received the following message from Istanbul, dated Mar. 17: Athos II: Weather improved and crew returned on board. Operations continuing by salvage vessels Imroz II and Hora. Vessel held on rocks under the forepeak and No. 2 hold. No. 2 ballast tank flooded and pumps placed in the forepeak. Salvage vessel Alemdar shipping workmen and gear for jettison if found necessary.

Istanbul, Mar. 18. — Steamer Athos II: Three salvage vessels, Imroz II, Alemdar and Hora, working; turned seawards 55 deg. Jettisoning from No. 1 hold. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

London, Mar. 19. — Steamer Athos II: The London agents of the Turkish Salvage Company have received the following message from Istanbul, dated Mar. 18: Athos II: Stern hove seaward but still held on rocks forward. Considerable damage under No. 2 double bottom. Jettisoning from forehold. Weather again deteriorating.

London, Mar. 19. — The owners of steamer Athos II report to-day: All efforts by three salvage vessels failed. Salvage operations suspended as weather had worsened. Vessel's position became critical. Master and crew ashore.

Istanbul, Mar. 19. — Steamer Athos II: Weather suddenly deteriorated in afternoon of Mar. 18, stopping salvage work. Salvage vessels Imroz II, Alemdar and Hora returned Bosphorus after taking off all crew and workmen as impossible to remain at sea. Further leak now started in No. 1 hold. Latest reports from land state bow down and stern lifted. Nothing can be done until weather moderates. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

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**ATHOS II.** — London, Mar. 20. — The London agents of the Turkish Salvage Company have received the following message from Istanbul, dated Mar. 19: Steamer Athos II: Obligated suspend operations in Black Sea due NW. gale and high sea. All personnel removed from Athos II. (See issue of Mar. 20.)

Istanbul, Mar. 20. — Steamer Athos II: Reports from land state vessel listed over and down by bow. Salvage steamer Imroz II with part of vessel's crew again proceeding stranding place despite bad weather. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

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**ATHOS II.** — London, Mar. 21. — Steamer Athos II: The following message has been received to-day from the owners: Agents in Istanbul cabled on Mar. 20: Athos II: According to diver's examinations on Mar. 17 and 18, ascertained one crack under No. 3 hold, starboard, about 2 ft. long and 1 in. wide, also bottom plating under No. 2 hold set in about 12 ft. by 12 ft. and two holes, 4 ft. 6 in. by 2 ft. and 3 ft. by 1 ft. According to new statement by salvage master, position at 4 p.m. to-day hatch coamings Nos. 1 and 2 slightly above sea level, ascertained one transversal crack on deck in way of No. 1 hatch aft, also deck plating buckled in areas Nos. 1, 2 and 3 holds, hatch covers of No. 2 burst out by wet cargo, port side accommodation and store-rooms flooded and boiler-room and engine-room flooded up to cylinder heads; vessel lifted about 10 to 15 degrees to port; continuing swell and latest weather report warning of gale. According to his statement, further salvage attempts will be in vain. (See issue of Mar. 21.)

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London, Mar. 21. — The London agents of the Turkish Salvage Company have received the following message from Istanbul, dated Mar. 20: Steamer Athos II: Forward partially water level forward holds, stokehold and engine-room flooded. Prospects of salvage very problematical.

London, Mar. 21. — Steamer Athos II: Information received from the owners to-day states that, in reply to inquiry, the salvors in Istanbul reported to-day that they would not again touch the vessel as they consider her a total loss.

**ATHOS II.** — Istanbul, Mar. 21. — Steamer Athos II: Salvage steamer Imroz II returned with part of crew of vessel and reports vessel listed 10 deg. to port, forepart at water level, hatch covers of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 holds washed off and holds flooded, deck cracking in way of No. 2 hold and stokehold and engine-room flooded, perhaps through skylights. Salvors fear after holds will likewise flood. Weather still prevents operations. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Mar. 22.)

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London, Mar. 22. — Steamer Athos II: The following message has been received to-day from the owners: Athos II: Salvors state, weather permitting, will try to visit vessel this morning in order to retrieve ground tackle, buckets and shovels and, if possible, hold further survey. Have suggested master or chief engineer proceed with salvors to the vessel.

**ATHOS II.** — Istanbul, Mar. 22. — Steamer Athos II: Stern reported to have sunk farther. As weather improved slightly, salvage steamer Imroz II proceeded to stranding site to survey. Owners intend to repatriate crew members due to remote possibility of salvage. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Mar. 23.)

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**ATHOS II.** — Istanbul, Mar. 24. — Steamer Athos II: Position unchanged. Vessel exposed to action of pilferers as impossible for crew or watchman to stay on board. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Mar. 24.)

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**ATHOS II.** — Istanbul, Mar. 29. — Steamer Athos II surveyed yesterday by salvors who state vessel's stern now sunk, 9 ft. over upper deck. Consequently, salvors now declare no longer prepared to continue operations on "no cure no pay" basis. Ship's agents repatriating crew. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Mar. 27.)

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**ATHOS II.** — Istanbul, Apr. 3. — Steamer Athos II: No local salvors competent and possessing equipment for a job of this magnitude available to operate on "no cure no pay" or any other terms. Owners' agents receiving offers to purchase wreck for scrap. Suggest offers be investigated as salvage possibilities remote. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Mar. 31.)

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