

WRECK SECTION
REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.
No. 660

Wreck Report No. 14703

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Ship's Name s.s. "COLUMBINE" of Lerwick Tons Gross 374 Net 121

Built at Bowling When 1934 6 Casualty notice sent to Owner 9.1.58 . Owner's reply 10.1.58.

Owners Hay & Co. (Lerwick) Ltd.

Managers W.N. Lindsay Ltd.

Address 138, Constitution Street, Leith, Edinburgh 6.

Classification details

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Date of Casualty 24th December, 1957.

Details of Casualty

Has become a total loss on rocks at North Head, Peterhead.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

COLUMBINE.—Stonehaven Radio, Dec. 24.—Following received from British steamer Columbine, MBWT:

At 7 34 p.m., G.M.T.: Just gone ashore on Scotstown Point, Peterhead, need immediate assistance.

At 7 42 p.m., G.M.T.: Ashore at North Head, Peterhead, need immediate assistance.

Peterhead, Dec. 24.—British steamer Columbine grounded North Head, Peterhead, at 7 25 p.m. Lifeboat launched at 7 47 p.m.; rocket apparatus also in attendance.

Stonehaven Radio, Dec. 24.—Following received from British fishing vessel Honey Bee at 7 49 p.m., G.M.T., addressed Columbine: We are 20 minutes from harbour, we will stand by you, we will be up in 20 minutes.

Following received from Columbine at 7 49 p.m., G.M.T., addressed Honey Bee: Received. We are hard aground at the North Head, The Queenie.

Following received from Peterhead lifeboat at 8 17 p.m., G.M.T.: We are returning to harbour with all crew of Columbine.

Peterhead, Dec. 24.—Peterhead lifeboat returned with all crew of steamer Columbine.

London, Dec. 25.—An attempt was to be made to-day, if conditions were favourable, to refloat the steamer Columbine, said a spokesman for the owners of the vessel. The crew of 10 were taken off by Peterhead lifeboat. The Columbine was on her way from Baltasound to Middlesbrough with a cargo of ore.

COLUMBINE.—Peterhead, Dec. 25.—Steamer Columbine, Baltasound for Middlesbrough, cargo 350 tons of serpentine stones, grounded North Head, Peterhead, at 7 25 p.m. on Dec. 24 at low tide. Examination disclosed all compartments tidal, vessel lying on rocks, weather exposure NW. to SSW., hatches submerged at high tide, cover missing, beams dislodged and accommodation under water. Salvage officer of Metal Industries (Salvage), Ltd., surveying vessel to-morrow. — Salvage Association's Surveyor. (See issue of Dec. 27.)

Peterhead, Dec. 26.—Steamer Columbine struck the ground at full speed, while steaming on a southerly course. The stern held fast but with the tide the stern surged round, vessel bumping on rocks into her present position with bow heading south-east. Survey was held yesterday as far as possible. The hatch covers of both holds and one beam in No. 2 hold were missing. The bottom is believed to have sustained extensive damage. Both the holds and engine-room are tidal, and the cargo of 350 tons of serpentine rock is under water even at low tide. The Columbine is lying on a rocky ledge with deep water on both sides. Strong tides of up to 8 knots at springs run both north and south at this point, making diving operations impossible. At this time of the year it is doubtful if it would be possible to carry out salvage on consecutive days, and in all the circumstances it is considered that the chance of salvage is remote. Even if salvage were possible, the cost, plus subsequent repairs, would probably exceed the insured value of the vessel. At present the wind is south-westerly, light to moderate, but should it shift to any point between NW. and SE. and freshen, it is feared that vessel would either break up or slip off the ledge and sink in the deep water alongside.

COLUMBINE.—Glasgow, Dec. 31.—The steamer Columbine, which ran on rocks at North Head, Peterhead, on Dec. 24, has become a total loss. Heavy seas pounded the vessel over the week-end, and yesterday the forepart broke away and sank while the other part heeled over on the rocks and was barely visible from the shore. — "The Glasgow Herald." (See issue of Dec. 28.)

COLUMBINE.—Peterhead, Dec. 30.—Steamer Columbine: At 6 a.m. yesterday the wind moved from W. to WNW. and freshened to force 6 to 7 (strong breeze to moderate gale) with moderate swell. At 9 30 a.m. vessel turned over on to her starboard side. The coastguard at Peterhead reports that it appears that the portion of the vessel from the stern to No. 1 hold has broken away from the stern portion. (See issue of Jan. 1.)

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

"WRECKED 12,57"

THURSDAY 14 JAN 1958

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