

Wreck Report No. 14878

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 65766 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 92/118 Date of writing this report 13th November, 19 58  
Ship's Name m.s. "JANUS" of Monrovia Tons { Gross 6080  
Net 3510  
Built at Greenock When 1925 10 Casualty notice sent to Owner Owner's reply ---  
Owners Janus Cia. Nav. S.A.  
Managers ---  
Address c/o Carina Shipping Agencies Ltd., 38, Great St. Helens, E.C.3.

## Classification details

100A1	LMC CS 1,57
11,57	BS d 1,58
ss(Dr) 7,51	
Liv 9,55	ts p7,56 CL
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Reclassified 10,52	

of Casualty 12th October, 1958.

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Burnt and sunk at Alicante where she  
has been laid up since April, 1958.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION

JANUS.—Valencia, Oct. 12.—Liberian motor vessel Janus, laid up in ballast in Alicante port since April: A serious fire, cause unknown, broke out at 12 30 a.m. to-day in engine-room. Fire brigade attending. United States minesweeper Pinnacle fired shots into the Janus, endeavouring to hole and flood engine-room, but vessel still burning fiercely; understood a large quantity of gas-oil on board.

—Madrid, Oct. 12.—The motor vessel Janus, which burst into flames in Alicante harbour this morning, has been towed out to sea with fire tenders still pumping water into the fire. The fire could not be reached by firemen and rapidly grew out of control and the ship was towed from the harbour by the United States minesweeper Pinnacle. Authorities feared that if the fire was not brought under control there might have been an explosion when the flames reached fuel in the tanks.—British United Press.

JANUS.—Gibraltar, Oct. 13.—Salvage vessel Salvator sailed in evening of Oct. 12 and proceeded to Alicante to assist motor vessel Janus, on fire. (See issue of Oct. 13.)

JANUS.—Valencia, Oct. 13.—Liberian motor vessel Janus, at Alicante: Fire continues, somewhat abated. Cartagena Fire Brigade also now assisting. Owners' representative reported en route to Alicante. (See issue of Oct. 14.)

Valencia, Oct. 14.—Motor vessel Janus: Fire extinguished at approximately midnight, Oct. 13. Centre part of vessel is completely gutted. Frogmen are presently endeavouring to enter through shell holes. Surveyor is probably proceeding to Alicante to-morrow; meantime, nothing more can be done.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

JANUS.—Valencia, Oct. 16.—Motor vessel Janus surveyed. Engine-room and Nos. 2, 3 and 4 holds flooded to a depth of 16 ft., impossible to assess damage. Bridge space and centre superstructure completely gutted, shell holed by six shells at load waterline, unable to assess damage inside, and shell and decks buckled. Ship is resting on bottom with five-degree starboard list. Cause of fire unknown but believed to have originated in engine-room. Port authorities demand an immediate guarantee of 1,500,000 pesetas to cover fire-fighting expenses and threaten arrest of vessel if not forthcoming. Owners' surveyor attending on Sunday, Oct. 19.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Oct. 15.)

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Date of Committee FRIDAY 14 NOV 1958

Committee's Minute

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