

WRECK
SECTION
No. 787

Rpt. 25

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, BREAKING UP, ETC. SECTION

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No. 787

Date of Build 4-1928

Ship's Name SS/MS "CATALINA S."
Casualty notice sent to Owners --- Owners' Reply ---

Gross tons 2407

Owners J.M. O'Sullivan & Associates

Details of classification

+100A1	+LMC 5,60
12,61	BS M12,61
ss Dr 8,54	sp 5,60
5,60	ts 12,61 CL

Details of casualty

This ship stranded on rocks 2 miles west of San Juan, P.R. and has been declared a total loss.

The owners concur.

Date of casualty 21st December, 1962.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

LL 22/12/62
CATALINA S. — San Juan, P.R., Dec. 21. — Trinidad vessel Catalina S., leaving San Juan, ran hard aground about two miles west of harbour entrance; engine-room flooded, pounding moderately.

LL 23/12/62
NATIONAL MARINER. — San Juan, P.R., Dec. 24. — Steamer National Mariner fast on rocks, badly holed and water-filled. Vessel was boarded by Captain Potts, of Porto Rico Lighterage Company, experienced salvor with good equipment, who reports his opinion impossible to refloat and lighterage company's tug return to harbour, abandoning any possibility of salvage. Potts' opinion agreed by United States Coast Guard and Navy here; therefore, we believe vessel must be considered a total loss. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Jan. 4.)

LL 1/1/63
NATIONAL MARINER. — London, Dec. 31. — In reply to inquiry, Lloyd's Agents at Trinidad write under date of Dec. 27: It is understood that steamer National Mariner, ex Catalina S., was on voyage from British Honduras with a cargo of approximately 1,000,000 board feet of lumber destined for West Indian ports when she went aground on a reef approximately two miles from San Juan, P.R. Up to the present, her owners advised that neither the vessel nor the cargo had been salvaged. (See issue of Dec. 28.)

LL 4/1/63
NATIONAL MARINER. — San Juan, P.R., Jan. 2. — Steamer Catalina S. (National Mariner) Coast Guard removed last of crew on Dec. 29. Owner arrived here, went as near vessel as possible in heavy seas and discussed with master if vessel cannot be saved. Storm now raging makes it impossible to approach within two miles of vessel, which apparently beginning to break up, therefore no steps to preserve can be taken at present. Cargo of lumber, insured New York, unable attempt salvage at present. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Jan. 4.)

LL 13/1/63
NATIONAL MARINER. — Washington, D.C., Jan. 8. — Large timbers are drifting westwards from steamer Catalina S. (National Mariner), stranded in lat. 18 28 27 N., long. 66 9 21 W., and are forming a log jam near Punta Salinas. (See issue of Jan. 4.)

LL 23/1/63
NATIONAL MARINER. — London, Jan. 22. — In reply to inquiry, Lloyd's Agents at Port of Spain write under date of Jan. 16: It has been ascertained that the owners of steamer NATIONAL MARINER, Messrs. John M. O'Sullivan Associates, of Dock Road, Port of Spain, applied to the Ministry of Transport in the United Kingdom through the authorities at Port of Spain to have the name Catalina S. changed to NATIONAL MARINER. The vessel wished to sail before this permission had been granted, and a temporary certificate was issued by the local authorities in Trinidad for one voyage only in the Caribbean area, and the vessel therefore would have been sailing under the name of Catalina S. (See issues of Jan. 4 and 18.)



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Date of Committee

Minute

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