

WRECK
SECTION
No 719

Wreck Report No. 15281

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 24416 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 161/59 Date of writing this report 16th December, 19 59.

Ship's Name m.s. "OLAV BAKKE" R.M.C. of Haugesund Tons { Gross 5870
Net 3517

Built at Gothenburg When Lch 1943 Casualty notice sent to Owner 25.11.59. Owner's reply ---

Owners D/S A/S Jeannette Skinner

Managers Knut Knutsen O.A.S.

Address Mollererveien 6, Haugesund, Norway.

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Classification details

✠ 100A1	✠ LMC 4,56 M1,58
with freeboard	
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✠ Lloyd's RMC	

Date of Casualty 27th October, 1959.

Details of Casualty

Stranded on Negrillas Rock, outside
Buenaventura, this ship is breaking up
and has been declared a total loss.

No reply has been received to a letter
addressed to the Owners.



SOURCE OF INFORMATION

OLAV BAKKE. — Bogota, Oct. 28. — Norwegian motor vessel Olav Bakke (Antwerp for Valparaiso) is reported to have gone aground on Negrillos Island, off Buenaventura, Colombia. Another vessel has taken off the seven passengers and most of her crew of 45. It is believed that the Canadian tug N. R. Lang may go to the ship. The vessel is carrying 5000 tons of general cargo. — British United Press.

London, Oct. 29. — In reply to inquiry, Lloyd's Sub-agent at Haugesund reported on Oct. 29: Have contacted owners of motor vessel Olav Bakke, who state that they have no exact details other than that crew and passengers are in safety. Tug under way trying to refloat vessel. Weather reported relatively good and understood vessel in no instantaneous peril.

Buenaventura, Oct. 29. — Motor vessel Olav Bakke is aground Negrillos Reefs, Nos. 1, 2 and 3 hatches perforated and flooded; engine-room O.K. Responsible witness considers salvage difficult. Expecting tug from Panama.

OLAV BAKKE. — New York, Oct. 28. — Norwegian motor vessel Olav Bakke, Antwerp for Valparaiso, went aground on Oct. 27 Negrillas Rock, outside Buenaventura; requiring immediate assistance, making water. (See later report in issue of Oct. 30.)

OLAV BAKKE. — New York, Oct. 29. — Motor vessel Olav Bakke reported at 9 25 a.m., G.M.T., Oct. 28: All passengers taken off, crew standing by in lifeboats. Only a few crew members remain on board; vessel is in no immediate danger. (See issue of Oct. 31.)

Buenaventura, Oct. 30. — Motor vessel Olav Bakke: Three days on rocks, no assistance rendered, awaiting help from Panama, No. 5 hatch intact, engine-room punctured. Owing to tide, inclination to starboard 20 deg., stern floating, risky break in two or turnover.

Miami, Oct. 31. — Tug Cable left Key West on Oct. 30 to assist motor vessel Olav Bakke, reported ashore and abandoned near Buenaventura.

OLAV BAKKE. — Oslo, Oct. 31. — A report from Bogota states that motor vessel Olav Bakke, which went aground 12 miles from Buenaventura, is hard aground and, in the opinion of experts, may be regarded as lost. She is expected to sink in three to four days. — "Norges Handels og Sjøfartstidende." (See issue of Nov. 2.)

OLAV BAKKE. — Cristobal, Nov. 4. — Motor vessel Olav Bakke: Tug Cable passed here to-day. (See issues of Nov. 2 and 5.)

OLAV BAKKE. — Buenaventura, Nov. 3. — Captain Johan Johansen Samuelsen to-day was alone on the grounded motor vessel Olav Bakke. Colombian naval vessels took off the 45 crewmen. — New York Maritime Association. (See issues of Nov. 5 and 6.)

OLAV BAKKE. — New York, Nov. 6. — Motor vessel Olav Bakke, aground Negrillas Rock: Salvage tug Cable arrived on the scene at 8 45 p.m., Nov. 5, and is conducting a survey. (See issue of Nov. 7.)

Oslo, Nov. 6. — Latest reports to the owners of motor vessel Olav Bakke state that the vessel's situation has deteriorated in the last few days. Decks have commenced to crack and it is thought probable that the vessel will break up and be lost. — "Norges Handels og Sjøfartstidende."

London, Nov. 9. — Motor vessel Olav Bakke: In reply to inquiry, Lloyd's Sub-agent at Haugesund reports to-day: Owners advise bottom torn and cracks in deck, consider salvage of vessel impossible.

Suggested Record

"WRECKED 10,59"

Date of Committee

FRIDAY 18 DEC 1959

Committee's Minute

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OLAV BAKKE. — Oslo, Nov. 7. — A report from Bogota to-day states that cargo from motor vessel Olav Bakke, which includes 236 cars for Peru, was being discharged into lighters yesterday in an attempt to refloat the vessel. All the crew has now returned to the vessel to assist in the attempt and a tug from Key West has arrived on the scene. The owners of the vessel, however, state that she is now regarded as lost. It was reported yesterday that the hull had cracked and to-day it is stated to be broken. A large salvage vessel has arrived on the scene and will concentrate first and foremost on salvaging as much as possible of the cargo. — "Norges Handels og Sjøfartstidende." (See issue of Nov. 10.)

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—Buenaventura, Nov. 10. —British and United States salvage experts have given up hope of saving Norwegian motor vessel Olav Bakke. They hope to remove her cargo in barges. Captain Samuelson, the master, was reported to be still on board the ship, but was expected to come ashore after the cargo was removed. —British United Press.

—Buenaventura, Nov. 10. —Motor vessel Olav Bakke: Tug returning on Thursday (Nov. 12), bringing a 700-ton barge. Apart from mail nothing landed. Hull broken: master on board.

OLAV BAKKE. —New York, Nov. 9. —Motor vessel Olav Bakke is considered a total loss. Merritt-Chapman & Scott's salvage vessel Cable will continue salvage of whatever cargo possible. (See issue of Nov. 11.)

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OLAV BAKKE. — Oslo, Nov. 9. — A report from Bogota, dated Nov. 8, states that as much as possible of the cargo of motor vessel Olav Bakke will be discharged, and equipment will also be taken ashore. A large part of the cargo has been damaged by seas. — "Norges Handels og Sjøfartstidende." (See issue of Nov. 12.)

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OLAV BAKKE. — Oslo, Nov. 10. — A report from Bogota, dated Nov. 9, states that motor vessel Olav Bakke has such large cracks in her hull that she is expected to break in two during the course of the next few days. — "Norges Handels og Sjøfartstidende." (See issue of Nov. 13.)

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OLAV BAKKE. — New York, Nov. 18. — Motor vessel Olav Bakke: Merritt-Chapman & Scott's salvage vessel Cable is still continuing salvaging cargo. (See issue of Nov. 14.)

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OLAV BAKKE. —New York, Nov. 23. — Motor vessel Olav Bakke: Salvage vessel Cable is continuing to salvage cargo. (See issue of Nov. 21.)

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OLAV BAKKE. —New York, Nov. 30. — Motor vessel Olav Bakke: Merritt-Chapman and Scott's salvage vessel Cable completed salvage of cargo on Nov. 29. The Cable proceeded to the assistance of steamer Gulf Trader (which see). (See issue of Nov. 26.)

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OLAV BAKKE. —Oslo, Dec. 5. —The owners of motor vessel Olav Bakke state that the vessel's position is unchanged. Owners' representatives remain in attendance. — "Norges Handels og Sjøfartstidende." (See issue of Dec. 4.)

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