

WRECK SECTION No. 727

Wreck Report No. 15345

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 26344 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 174/59 Date of writing this report 24th February, 19 60.  
 Ship's Name m.s. "PRASSONISIA" of Piraeus Tons { Gross 436  
 { Net 190  
 Built at Troon When 1937 11 Casualty notice sent WRECK SECTION No. 727 27.1.60. Owner's reply ---  
 Owners John Psimenos  
 Managers Manlemos Shipping Agencies Co., Ltd.  
 Address 19, Akti Miaouli, Piraeus, Greece.

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Classification details

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Stranded on rocks near Cape Aghia Irini, south Lemnos Island and subsequently wrecked in heavy weather.

No reply has been received to a letter addressed to the Owners on 27th January, 1960.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

**PRASSONISIA.**—London, Nov. 20.—The London agents of the motor vessel Prassonisia (Zonguldak for Genoa) have received the following message from the owner in Athens, timed 7 a.m., Nov. 20: Prassonisia: Master advises, via Athens Radio, grounded outside Limnos (? Limnos) at approximately 6 a.m.

**PRASSONISIA.**—London, Nov. 21.—The London agents of the owner of motor vessel Prassonisia have received the following cable from Athens, timed 6 10 p.m., Nov. 20: Prassonisia grounded owing to fog at 5 15 a.m. in lat. 39 46 N., long. 25 22 E., bound Genoa, via Chalkis, from Zonguldak, cargo 220 long tons of naphthalene in bags. Soundings forward 4 ft, amidships 1 ft. 6 in., aft 4 ft. Weather, NE., 4 (moderate breeze). Ship dry. Salvage tug Armadores proceeding if necessary to assist. Meantime, trying to refloat by own means.

The London agents of the owner of the Prassonisia have dispatched the following cable to Athens: In the event of salvage services being necessary, instruct master to contract on Lloyd's "no cure no pay" form. (See issue of Nov. 21.)

Piraeus, Nov. 21.—Greek motor vessel Prassonisia, Zonguldak for Chalkis and Genoa, with 220 tons of naphthalene, reported aground on Nov. 20 in vicinity of Cape Aghia Irini, south Lemnos Island. Salvage tug proceeding from Piraeus.

Piraeus, Nov. 21.—Motor vessel Prassonisia: Owing to heavy seas, salvage tug Armadores proceeding from Syra station.—Nicolas E. Vernicos Shipping Company, Ltd.

Piraeus, Nov. 22.—Motor vessel Prassonisia: Salvage tug Armadores alongside since 8 p.m., Nov. 21, but unable to start salvage operation owing to extremely adverse weather. Master of Armadores informs that vessel is aground shallow, rocky bottom, Nos. 1 and 2 holds and engine-room flooded. Awaiting improvement in weather. Salvage tug Proteus also expected alongside momentarily.—Nicolas E. Vernicos Shipping Company, Ltd.

**PRASSONISIA.**—Mitylene, Nov. 21.—Motor vessel Prassonisia, coming from Turkey, reported to-day grounded Cape Irene (Aghia Irini), Lemnos. Master failed to refloat by jettison of part of cargo and asked for assistance; salvage steamer Marigo Matsas III expected at spot to-day. Master declared to Lemnos harbour-master vessel in safety. Surveyor leaving to-morrow for Lemnos, will proceed to spot on Monday (Nov. 23).—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See later report in issue of Nov. 23.)

Mitylene, Nov. 22.—Motor vessel Prassonisia: According to new information, tug Armadores has arrived at spot. Cannot assist grounded vessel owing to rough sea. Port Officer informed vessel now in dangerous position, water flowed in holds. Crew unable to abandon vessel owing to rough sea. Salvage operations being tried. Master has jettisoned a large quantity of cargo, consisting of naphthalene.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

Mitylene, Nov. 23.—Motor vessel Prassonisia: Surveyor has arrived at Lemnos. Vessel was on voyage from Zonguldak for Genoa with 122 tons of naphthalene. On Nov. 20, owing to limited visibility, vessel grounded Cape Irene (Aghia Irini) on rocky beach. Master jettisoned about 20 tons. Tug Marigo Matsas III has arrived on the scene. On Nov. 22, crew landed except master and engineer.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

**PRASSONISIA.**—London, Nov. 24.—The London agents of the owner of motor vessel Prassonisia received the following message yesterday from the owner in Piraeus: Following received from master of Prassonisia: Master advises: Owing to weather and ship's condition getting worse, if compelled to abandon ship will try to board near salvage vessel. (See issue of Nov. 24.)

Mitylene, Nov. 24.—Motor vessel Prassonisia: Surveyor has arrived on the spot. Prassonisia lies on rocks, depth at prow 5 ft., stern 7 ft., listing port side 5 deg. Waters flowed into hold and engine-room. Master signed Open Lloyd's Contract with salvage vessels Armadores and Proteus. Owing to rough sea anchored Mudros awaiting weather amelioration for endeavour in refloating.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

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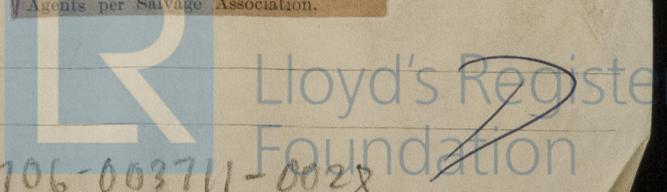


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**PRASSONISIA.** — Mitylene, Nov. 27. — Motor vessel Prassonisia: About 70 tons of naphthalene transhipped to motor vessel. Water under control by two pumps, 4 in. each; will add two more. Surveyor hoping to float vessel tomorrow; weather favourable. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Nov. 25.)

LL28/11/59

**PRASSONISIA.** — Mitylene, Nov. 27. — Motor vessel Prassonisia: Two attempts to refloat failed; decided to continue unloading. Weather good. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Nov. 28.)

LL30/11/59

**PRASSONISIA.** — Mitylene, Nov. 30. — Motor vessel Prassonisia: On Nov. 28, owing to low water, repeated attempts failed. Weather getting worse, tugs withdrew to Mudros awaiting amelioration. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Nov. 30.)

LL1/12/59

**PRASSONISIA.** — Mitylene, Dec. 2. — Motor vessel Prassonisia: Weather strong south-east wind, sea rough. Waves carried vessel 40 metres to right and prow 15 metres to land. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Dec. 1.)

LL3/12/59

**PRASSONISIA.** — Mitylene, Dec. 7. — Motor vessel Prassonisia: On Dec. 6, two tugs and floating crane arrived at spot. Three pumps being damaged, only one working, could not control water. Crane could not approach and withdrew to Mudros. Condition of vessel not satisfactory. Cargo hold destroyed. Weather strong south-east wind, rain. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Dec. 3.)

LL8/12/59

**PRASSONISIA.** — Mitylene, Dec. 9. — Motor vessel Prassonisia: Surveyor instructed. On Dec. 8, two tugs and a crane discharged about eight tons and at 9 p.m. returned to Mudros owing to rough sea. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Dec. 8.)

LL10/12/59

**PRASSONISIA.** — Mitylene, Dec. 11. — Motor vessel Prassonisia: On Dec. 10, Vernicos withdrew sole working pump. Salvors started loading about 70 tons of salvaged naphthalene, afterwards tugs and crane leaving for Piraeus. Marcos Matsas declared will be substituted by tugs Vernicos, Nicolaos and Vernicos Frangiski. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Dec. 10.)

LL12/12/59

**PRASSONISIA.** — Mitylene, Dec. 14. — According to a report made by the surveyor, the position of motor vessel Prassonisia is not satisfactory. The waves caused her to drift to the shore and she must be seriously damaged. (See issue of Dec. 12.)

**PRASSONISIA.** — Mitylene, Dec. 17. — Motor vessel Prassonisia: Sub-agents at Lemnos received the following cable from Rinnione Adriatica di Scurta, dated Dec. 11: "Politaridis Sons & Co., of Lemnos, being insurers of 220 tons of naphthalene on board Prassonisia, stranded Cape Aghia Irini, are informed part cargo discharged on lighters, other part carried sound Mudros, and remainder on board probably damaged. Necessary cargo on board be preserved from greater damages. Would know decision ship about following voyage?" The Sub-agents replied on Dec. 12: "Seventy tons carried by tug to Piraeus, 20 tons dropped in sea, remainder on board 100 per cent. damaged. Situation of vessel precarious."

LL22/12/59

**PRASSONISIA.** — Mitylene, Dec. 22. — Motor vessel Prassonisia: Communicating to-day owner at Piraeus inform salvor, Vernicos, preparing tug Vernicos Frangiski; date of departure not fixed. Surveyor reported vessel exposed to all winds and position changed for worse. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Dec. 22.)

LL24/12/59

**PRASSONISIA.** — Mitylene, Dec. 24. — Motor vessel Prassonisia: Surveyor reported that on Dec. 22 a violent storm drifted vessel port side; rudder destroyed, sternpost broken and small fractures in plates. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Dec. 24.)

LL28/12/59

**PRASSONISIA.** — Mitylene, Jan. 2. — Motor vessel Prassonisia: Vernicos, by written notice, informed owner will start attempts second 10 days of January. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Dec. 28.)

LL4/1/60

**PRASSONISIA.** — Mitylene, Jan. 21. — Motor vessel Prassonisia: Salvor, Vernicos, regrets that owing to continuing bad weather could not resume interrupted salvage operations. Awaiting seasonable weather stabilisation next days, will resume immediately efforts at salvaging vessel and remainder of cargo. Sub-agents at Lemnos visited Prassonisia on Jan. 21 and reported in their opinion, no prospects of floating. Vessel found in very bad condition, much damaged owing to last heavy storms. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Jan. 4.)

LL23/1/60

**PRASSONISIA.** — Mitylene, Jan. 29. — Motor vessel Prassonisia: Surveyor proceeding on Jan. 31 Lemnos, will cable position and condition of vessel. Salvor, Demetrios Vernicos, advised will visit soon Prassonisia to ascertain to-day condition and take decision whether starting new efforts or abandon vessel. Weather favourable. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Jan. 23.)

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