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## REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &amp;c. SECTION

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Date of writing this report 27th January, 19 60.

Ship's Name m.s. "LOUGH FISHER" of Barrow Tons { Gross 994

Net 539

Built at Walsend When 1950 2 Casualty notice sent to Owner 20.1.60. Owner's reply 25.1.60.

Owners Seaway Coasters Ltd.

Managers James Fisher &amp; Sons, Ltd.

Address Fisher's Building, Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire.

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## Classification details

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Date of Casualty 13th November, 1959.

Details of Casualty

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Stranded S. end of Odland Island and subsequently  
wrecked in heavy weather.

The Owners concur.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION

**LOUGH FISHER.**—Hamburg, Nov. 13.—A British motor vessel, identified as the Lough Fisher, was reported to be aground off the coast of southern Sweden to-night. A distress call was received in Hamburg from the vessel, saying she was aground about a mile south-west of Oland Sound Light-house, near Karlskrona.—British United Press.

**FISHER.**—Karlskrona, Nov. 14.—Karlskrona Radio reports British vessel Lough Fisher aground at end of Oland Island about 5 p.m. yesterday. Life-saving cruiser Drottning Victoria alongside. Salvage vessel will be there this morning. Vessel not leaking. (See issue of Nov. 14.)

**Motor vessel Lough Fisher.**—Kalmar, Nov. 14.—Motor vessel Lough Fisher, of Barrow, (Koge for Hamina) in ballast, grounded last night at south point of Oland Island and remains hard on ground. Salvage vessel on way, expected to arrive at noon. Swedish life-saving cruiser Drottning Victoria is assisting. Men of crew brought ashore at 4 p.m. Weather conditions bad, westerly gale.

**Malmo, Nov. 14.**—salvage tug Karl reached the motor vessel Lough Fisher this noon and was last reported standing by, waiting for an improvement in the weather before trying to free her. Winds were still high.—Reuter.

**Karlskrona, Nov. 14.**—Five officers who stayed on board the British motor vessel Lough Fisher were taken off to-night by a Swedish lifeboat. The ship's engine-room and her two holds were filled with water and the high wind prevented the Swedish salvage tug Karl from trying to refloat her, but the Karl reported there appeared to be little risk that the Lough Fisher would sink as she was so firmly aground on the underwater rocks just south-west of Oland Island. The officers were transferred by the lifeboat to the Karl, which later left to seek shelter from the gale during the night in Kalmarund.—Reuter.

**LOUGH FISHER.**—Karlskrona, Nov. 14.—Motor vessel Lough Fisher: Probably a leak. Vessel still on ground. Cause of casualty, machinery breakdown. Cargo unknown. Lifeboat Drottning Victoria brought 10 of crew into Gronboken, on Oland Island. Said to fetch rest of crew this evening. Salvage tug Karl on spot. No salvage possible now owing to hard weather.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Nov. 16.)

**LOUGH FISHER.**—Kalmar, Nov. 16.—Motor vessel Lough Fisher: Salvage tug Karl arrived at the place of casualty on Saturday afternoon (Nov. 14) but, on account of very bad weather, could not commence any refloating operations. The rest of the crew, four men, were taken on board the Karl and brought ashore at Berggvara. The weather is still bad, wind SE, force seven to eight (near gale to gale). (See issue of Nov. 17.)

**Kalmar, Nov. 18.**—Motor vessel Lough Fisher: Have just returned from Oland Island. Lloyd's Open Form signed by master and Neptun Salvage Company, Stockholm. No surveys or salvage work presently possible due to bad weather. Salvage vessel sheltering at Degerhamn, Oland Island. Vessel flooded to sea-level throughout; position apparently little changed since earlier reports. Salvage vessel will try to operate to-morrow. Casebourne arrived at Degerhamn.—Lloyd's Agents.

**LOUGH FISHER.**—London, Nov. 20.—Motor vessel Lough Fisher: The following cables have been received from the Neptun Salvage Company, Ltd., Stockholm:

Timed 7 30 p.m., Nov. 19: Master of salvage tug Karl reports after preliminary survey to-day certain possibilities salvage Lough Fisher as diver has seen only minor damages but vessel submerged in limestone. Will cable further after pumping trials in first suitable weather. Further salvage vessel will be dispatched when weather permits further operations. Crew returned to United Kingdom and Lloyd's expert now wishing send also master and engineer. Lloyd's Form signed.

Timed 11 50 a.m., Nov. 20: Karl continues operations and now also salvage tug Neptun under way; estimated time of arrival 8 p.m. (See issue of Nov. 19.)

Suggested Record

"WRECKED 11,59"

Date of Committee

FRIDAY 29 JAN 1960

Committee's Minute

Wrecked 11.59

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**LOUGH FISHER.** — Kalmar, Nov. 21. — Motor vessel Lough Fisher: Weather moderated for few hours yesterday, two pumps brought on board and satisfactory pumping tests of engine-room and No. 2 hold carried out. Conditions again deteriorated and salvage tug returned to Degerhamn. Second tug due with additional equipment to-day. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Nov. 21.)

LL23/11/59

**LOUGH FISHER.** — London, Nov. 24. — The following message has been received from Neptun Salvage Company, Stockholm, timed 11 33 a.m., Nov. 24: Motor vessel Lough Fisher: Slight improvement in weather. Tugs Neptun and Karl working. (See issue of Nov. 23.)

LL25/11/59

**LOUGH FISHER.** — Kalmar, Nov. 25. — Motor vessel Lough Fisher: Weather conditions greatly improved yesterday. Salvors placed pumps and other

material on board casualty. Two tugs in attendance. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Nov. 25.)

LL26/11/59

— London, Nov. 25. — The following message has been received from Neptun Salvage Company, Stockholm, timed 2 36 p.m., Nov. 25: Motor vessel Lough Fisher: Portable pumps controlling leakage in holds and engine-room. Tugs Neptun and Karl unable to come closer than six cables owing to low water level. Refloating attempts this afternoon.

**LOUGH FISHER.** — Kalmar, Nov. 26. — Motor vessel Lough Fisher: All compartments now pumpable, although No. 2 hold leaking rather heavily. Unsuccessful refloating attempt made to-day. Sea level here at present 18 in. below normal. In view of unfavourable weather forecast, vessel now flooded down again. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Nov. 26.)

LL27/11/59

— London, Nov. 26. — The following message has been received from the Neptun Salvage Company, Stockholm, timed 11 10 a.m., Nov. 26: Motor vessel Lough Fisher: Refloating attempt failed. South-westerly gale warning.

**LOUGH FISHER.** — Kalmar, Dec. 1. — Motor vessel Lough Fisher: No progress on salvage since Nov. 25. Present conditions easterly gale. Understand shallow-draught tug dispatched from Gothenburg yesterday to assist. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Nov. 27.)

LL2/12/59

**LOUGH FISHER.** — Gothenburg, Dec. 7. — The situation of British motor vessel Lough Fisher, which grounded off the south point of Oland on Nov. 13, remains unchanged. Easterly and south-easterly gales have hindered practically all salvage work. The snowstorm of the last few days appears to have caused no noteworthy change in the vessel's position, as she is wedged hard aground. — "Göteborgs Handels- och Sjöfartstidning." (See issue of Dec. 2.)

LL2/12/59

**LOUGH FISHER.** — Kalmar, Dec. 11. — Motor vessel Lough Fisher: Ship visited yesterday for first time since Nov. 26. Apparently little damage sustained during recent gales but unfortunately decks, rigging and superstructure encrusted with up to 200 tons of ice. Weather still unsuitable for resumption of salvage work, but at soonest possible time salvors will endeavour to remove ice. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Dec. 12.)

LL4/12/59

**LOUGH FISHER.** — London, Dec. 14. — Motor vessel Lough Fisher: The following message has been received from the Neptun Salvage Company, Stockholm, dated Dec. 11: Salvage vessel Neptun reports: From yesterday's survey possibilities of refloating Lough Fisher still remaining. Vessel covered by ice and water level 22 in. below mean level; easterly gale warning. (See issue of Dec. 14.)

LL5/12/59

**LOUGH FISHER.** — Kalmar, Dec. 15. — Motor vessel Lough Fisher: Ice cleared away, bunkers transferred and all preparations completed for refloating. However, there is no prospect of refloating until sea level, which has been substantially below normal for a month, rises about two feet. Salvors are leaving all pumps and equipment on board until suitable conditions prevail, and their tug is stationed at Kalmar, within three hours' steaming of casualty. Owners' representative, Mr. Casebourne, leaves Kalmar to-morrow morning via Stockholm for discussion with salvors. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Dec. 15.)

LL6/12/59

**LOUGH FISHER.** — London, Dec. 23. — The following message has been received from the Neptun Salvage Company, Stockholm, dated Dec. 16: Motor vessel Lough Fisher: Further attempt to refloat vessel failed after all compartments except bottom tanks had been drained and 12 labourers from shore had been working for two days to clear vessel of ice. Mr. Casebourne, owners' representative, was of the opinion that nothing could be done until the water-level had increased by about two feet or risen to the mean level. We do not expect this to happen until we get strong north-westerly winds in the North Sea and the waters along the Swedish coast. Mr. Casebourne has returned to England to-day to report. If the water is freezing in the holds and engine-room there will be no possibility of refloating vessel before the spring, if she remains where she is now and has not suffered further damage. We are making ready a shallow-draught steam tug to go to the spot as soon as the possibility occurs to do anything further. (See issue of Dec. 16.)

LL24/12/59

**LOUGH FISHER.** — Kalmar, Jan. 4. — Motor vessel Lough Fisher: Sea level now nearer normal. Salvage tug Neptun left Bergqvara early this morning for casualty. Shallow-draught tug Victor expected at Karlskrona to-night and, providing good weather, expected to arrive at casualty at noon to-morrow. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Dec. 24.)

LL5/1/60

**LOUGH FISHER.** — Kalmar, Jan. 8. — Motor vessel Lough Fisher: Refloating attempt yesterday unsuccessful; towing wire broke. Stone through ship's bottom at No. 2 hatch. New attempt to refloat vessel will be made soonest. Weather now worse again with north-easterly wind, strength 6 to 7, Beaufort wind scale (strong breeze to near gale). — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Jan. 5.)

LL9/1/60

— London, Jan. 8. — The following message has been received from the Neptun Salvage Company, Stockholm, timed 12 14 p.m., Jan. 8: Salvage tug Neptun reported yesterday afternoon: Motor vessel Lough Fisher pumped out but not possible to move outwards as pivoting on stone piercing No. 2 tank. Water now above mean level; no working weather. Our shallow-draught tug Wiktor also assisting.

**LOUGH FISHER.** — London, Jan. 19. — The following message has been received from the Neptun Salvage Company, Ltd., Stockholm, dated Jan. 19: Motor vessel Lough Fisher reported broken in recent gale. Will try to get salvage gear back when weather permits. (See issue of Jan. 9.)

LL20/1/60

**LOUGH FISHER.** — Kalmar, Jan. 20. — Motor vessel Lough Fisher: During gale night before Tuesday, Jan. 19, ship washed off ground. Now lying in deeper water with railings just above sea level. Vessel broken aft of bridge. Salvors inform us that they now consider refloating or salvage work impossible. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Jan. 20.)

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