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Wreck Report No. 14479

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 83426 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 56/56

Date of writing this report 26th July, 19 56.

Ship's Name s.s. "YEW-CROFT" of Glasgow Tons { Gross 827
Net 410

Built at Bowling When 1929 9 Casualty notice sent to Owner 19.7.56. Owner's reply 23.7.56.

Owners John Stewart & Co. Shipping Ltd.

Managers ---

Address 308, Clyde Street, Glasgow, C.1.

Classification details

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Date of Casualty 8th July, 1956.

Details of Casualty

Wrecked in Mounts Bay on rocks during fog.
The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

YEW-CROFT.—Land's End Radio, July 8.
Following received from British
steamer Yewcroft:

At 5 46 p.m., G.M.T.: Mayday (dis-
tress signal), hard aground forward, posi-
tion unknown, but think near The
Brisons.

At 5 59 p.m., G.M.T.: Aground on
Cudden Point, five miles from Penzance.
Water in forepeak. Require tug.

Following received from tug Oostzee
at 6 5 p.m., G.M.T.: Now leaving Fal-
mouth for steamer Yewcroft.

Following received from steamer
Kenuta at 6 11 p.m., G.M.T.: Indicate
if help required. Will arrive at 6 30 p.m.,
G.M.T.

Following received from Penlee life-
boat at 6 20 p.m., G.M.T.: Launched
and proceeding to steamer Yewcroft.

Following received from Yewcroft at
6 31 p.m., G.M.T.: Coastguard on cliffs
and standing by. Opening No. 2 hatch
to see if hold leaking. All hatches and
tanks leaking.

Following received from steamer
Kenuta at 6 41 p.m., G.M.T.: Passing
position now but cannot see ship. Can
we proceed?

Following received from Penlee life-
boat at 6 49 p.m., G.M.T.: Have reached
Cudden Point, turned north and am
following the coast.

Following received from Coastguard
at St. Just: Position of Yewcroft is 3½
cables north of Cudden Point.

Following received from tug Oostzee
at 7 1 p.m., G.M.T.: Can be on position
by 11 p.m.

Following received from Yewcroft at
7 34 p.m., G.M.T.: Coastguard has put
line on board. Awaiting tug Oostzee.
Reasonably safe at the moment.

Following received from Penlee life-
boat at 7 41 p.m., G.M.T.: Have been
aground. Now refloated and proceeding
to steamer Yewcroft.

London, July 8.—Pen-
lee lifeboat ran on the rocks near St.
Michael's Mount in dense fog. Two boat-
men went to the lifeboat's assistance in
their motor boat. The lifeboat was
undamaged and was able to proceed to
the steamer Yewcroft.—Exchange Tele-
graph Company.

Land's End Radio,
July 8.—Following received from Pen-
lee lifeboat at 7 49 p.m., G.M.T.: Have
sighted the Yewcroft. Am going along-
side now.

Following received from steamer
Lairdsford at 8 43 p.m., G.M.T.: Yew-
croft has broken her back and crew are
abandoning ship.

Following received from Penlee life-
boat.

At 8 43 p.m., G.M.T.: Lying along-
side Yewcroft. Crew coming on board
lifeboat.

At 8 51 p.m., G.M.T.: Am leaving the
Yewcroft with all the crew, except one,
who got ashore by breeches buoy. Pro-
ceeding for Newlyn.

St. Just, July 9.—
Penlee lifeboat has returned. British
steamer Yewcroft, of Glasgow, went on
rocks at Trevene, near Cudden Point.

Vessel is a total wreck, back broken.
Ten members of the crew were rescued
by Penlee lifeboat. One member of the
crew was rescued by breeches buoy. All
crew safe and well. Porthleven Life-
saving Apparatus has returned to
station.

London, July 9.—
Steamer Yewcroft, after lying apparently
safely for more than two hours, broke
her back amidships just before 10 p.m.
yesterday. Most of the crew were in
the forward section when the break
occurred. Others, who were still aft,
jumped the gap and joined their col-
leagues, who were clambering into the
lifeboat, which was alongside. The Yew-
croft was bound to Bristol (from Cliffe)
with a cargo of cement. When she
grounded her bow and stern were on
the rocks, but there was nothing under
amidships. When the tide receded the
weight of the cargo in her unsupported
portion broke the vessel in two.—
Exchange Telegraph Company.

YEW-CROFT.—Cardiff, July 10.—Steamer
Yewcroft, Cliffe for Bristol, loaded with
cement, was abandoned after striking
rocks on July 8 in Mount's Bay in fog.
Vessel examined and found supported
forward and aft, broken amidships and
sagged, deck and sheer plating fractured,
other plating heavily buckled. Con-
sider prospects of refloating nil and that
best course is to endeavour to sell wreck
"as lying." Investigating prospects of
salvage cargo. — Salvage Association's
Surveyors. (See issue of July 10.)

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Suggested Record

"WRECKED 7,56"

Date of Committee

FRIDAY 27 JUL 1956

Committee's Minute

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