

WRECK REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

SECT. ON 849

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Ship's Name s.s. "VAN DER WEYDEN" of Ostend Tons Gross 635 Net 234

Built at Beverley When 19 57 Casualty notice sent to Owner 17.6.57. Owner's reply 20.6.57.

Owners Motorvisserij M.V.

Reederijkaai 12, Ostend, Belgium.

Classification details

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Casualty 30th March, 1957.

Casualty

Wrecked on Medhallands Sand, S.E. Iceland.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

VAN DER WEYDEN. — Reykjavik, Mar. 30.—Belgian trawler Van der Weyden reported ashore during foggy weather this morning on south coast of Iceland.

Reykjavik, Mar. 30.—Belgian trawler Van der Weyden grounded on the sands of Medhallandsfjara, south-east Iceland, to-day and all except four of the crew have been taken off by lifesavers. The remaining four men intend to refloat the vessel on the flood tide, but the Life Saving Association of Iceland has ordered them to leave the vessel, because, they say, the task is hopeless.—Reuter.

VAN DER WEYDEN.—Reykjavik, Mar. 31.—Trawler Van der Weyden: Salvage prospects reported favourable. Salvage crew working since this morning to secure trawler.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Apr. 1.)

VAN DER WEYDEN.—Reykjavik, Apr. 3.—Trawler Van der Weyden: We been on spot, trawler apparently undamaged except mainpiece of rudder broken. Salvage crew discharging fish cargo and straightening vessel, which is lying starboard side seawards.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Apr. 2.)

VAN DER WEYDEN. — Reykjavik, Apr. 12.—Trawler Van der Weyden: Salvage contract not on Lloyd's Form and as yet on open basis. Refloating attempts will be made at next spring tide, Apr. 14-16, weather permitting. Salvor's foreman expected at Reykjavik at beginning of next week.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Apr. 5.)

VAN DER WEYDEN.—Reykjavik, Apr. 30.—Trawler Van der Weyden: If favourable weather, salvage attempt will be made to-morrow.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Apr. 15.)

VAN DER WEYDEN. — Reykjavik, May 21.—Trawler Van der Weyden: Refloating attempts as yet hindered by weather and surge. (See issue of May 2.)

VAN DER WEYDEN. — Reykjavik, May 20.—Trawler Van der Weyden: All the time during the last spring tide the weather was unfavourable and heavy surge prevented all attempts to refloat the trawler. However, the salvage contractors have got the trawler well under control and everything points to the refloating attempt being successful as soon as there is favourable weather during spring tide.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of May 23.)

VAN DER WEYDEN.—Reykjavik, May 31.—Trawler Van der Weyden reported on fire. Special officer proceeding to casualty, about 300 kilometres east of Reykjavik, to-day.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

VAN DER WEYDEN. — Reykjavik, June 3.—Trawler Van der Weyden is hard aground on Medhallands Sand, in exposed position, broadside to sea, listed 45 deg. to port. Reports and evidence of heavy bottom damage in boiler-room and bunkers, stern frame broken, rudder damaged, steering gear smashed, port bulwarks carried away, extensive damage to deck fittings and lifeboats. Heavy leakage into machinery spaces, which tidal and flooded with fuel oil from damaged bunkers. Foregoing due to grounding but vessel caught fire on May 30 while salvors were endeavouring to light up boilers, resulting in further heavy damage. After deck planking burnt and deck plating buckled, bridgehouse saloon and master's accommodation completely destroyed, engine and fiddle casings buckled, considerable damage anticipated in machinery spaces. Conditions preclude detailed survey. Vessel pounding heavily on port bilge, swept overall by heavy seas at high tide, resting on sandbank amidships, unsupported forward and aft, about 6 ft. short of flotation under best conditions and 600 ft. from deep water. Salvors, who lost much equipment in the fire, have abandoned ship, which is in charge of Lloyd's Agents' watchman. Consider prospects of refloating practically nil and no other Icelandic salvors interested on "no cure no pay" terms. Vessel will probably break up in first gale. Wireless and navigational equipment were brought

ashore before the fire.—Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents. (See issues of May 24 and June 3.)

Suggested Record "WRECKED 3,57"

Date of Committee FRIDAY 28 JUN 1957

Committee's Minute Wrecked 3.57

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Character Assigned

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