

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, BREAKING UP, ETC.

Ship's Name ~~SS~~MS "ACTUALITY"

Gross tons 945

Date of Build 11-1945

Casualty notice sent to Owners 6.11.63. Owners' Reply 8.11.63.

Owners F.T. Everard & Sons Ltd.

Details of classification

+100A1	+LMC 6,63
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Details of casualty

This ship was sunk by collision 12 miles from Dungeness Lighthouse and has been declared a total loss.

The owners concur.

Date of casualty 27th October, 1963.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

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ACTUALITY. — North Foreland Radio, Oct. 27. — Following received from Dutch motor vessel BETTY ANNE-S (Swansea for Rotterdam) at 9 12 a.m., G.M.T.: Mayday (distress signal), picking up crew of motor vessel Actuality 12 miles west of Dungeness.

Actuality and BETTY ANNE-S have been in collision.

Following received from BETTY ANNE-S:

At 9 29 a.m., G.M.T.: Mayday, Actuality capsized in position 12 miles 240 deg. from Dungeness Lighthouse four miles out from Hastings. We have taken all crew on board. Actuality danger to navigation. We are leaking and proceeding to Dover.

At 10 22 a.m., G.M.T.: We are in no difficulty, proceeding Dover. Position of Actuality, which is still floating, 14 miles 240 deg. from Dungeness Lighthouse. Weather foggy.

Distress traffic is ended.

London, Oct. 27. — All 12 of the crew of British motor vessel Actuality were picked up uninjured after the vessel had been in collision off Hastings to-day, Coastguards reported. The Actuality was carrying coal from Amble to Yelland. Motor vessel BETTY ANNE-S was reported to be leaking slightly forward, but reported there was no urgency. H.M. fishery protection vessel Squirrel was escorting her.

London, Oct. 27. — The London agents of salvage tug Danzig state that the vessel has left Dover for motor vessel Actuality.

Dover, Oct. 27. — Motor vessel Actuality is in position lat. 50 49 N., long. 0 44 E., bearing 238 deg. from Dungeness. Motor vessel BETTY ANNE-S has fairly severe stem damage and will be examined to-morrow; Lloyd's surveyor will be in attendance.

Dover, Oct. 27. — Motor vessel BETTY ANNE-S arrived here at 2 52 p.m. and is alongside Eastern Arm. Salvage tug Danzig returned to Dover at 3 55 p.m.

London, Oct. 27. — Twelve men from motor vessel Actuality reached Dover to-day on Dutch motor vessel BETTY ANNE-S after their ship capsized in a collision with the BETTY ANNE-S. The men were thrown into the water but all were picked up by the Dutch ship, which was badly damaged below the waterline. The chief engineer of the Actuality said visibility was down to a few yards when the collision occurred. The Actuality heeled over within a few minutes.

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ACTUALITY. — London, Oct. 28. — Motor vessel Actuality stayed afloat, upside down, for six hours. Then she sank four miles off Hastings. — "Daily Mail." (See issue of Oct. 28.)

Dover, Oct. 28. — Motor vessel Actuality: German salvage tug Danzig investigated oil patch yesterday and found air bubbles and debris at end of same, position lat. 50 48 N., long. 0 44 12 E., 10 miles seven cables 238 deg. from Dungeness Lighthouse, at 1 p.m. yesterday. Echo-sounder confirmed a wreck in this position.

Dover, Oct. 28. — Motor vessel Actuality: Only information we have as to position of wreck is from master of salvage tug Danzig, which proceeded to her yesterday. He states investigated oil patch yesterday and found air bubbles and debris at end of same, position lat. 50 48 N., long. 0 44 12 E., 10 miles seven cables 238 deg. from Dungeness Lighthouse, at 1 p.m. yesterday. We make it on the 10-fathom line. — Salvage Association's Surveyor and Lloyd's Agents.

London, Oct. 28. — Trinity House report wreck of motor vessel Actuality has been located in position lat. 50 48 54 N., long. 0 43 48 E., in 68 ft. of water and has a clearance of only 15 ft. at mean low water springs and is marked by a green can lighted wreck buoy, group flashing green light two flashes every 10 seconds.

Dover, Oct. 28. — Motor vessel BETTY ANNE-S, Swansea for Rotterdam with anthracite peas, has berthed alongside Eastern Arm, Dover. Main deck of forepeak tank top cut in and set back aft about eight feet about eight inches above the waterline, but how far down to forefoot difficult to say. Lloyd's surveyor attended and requires small temporary repairs to holes on main deck which forms top of forepeak tank to be patched so as to make watertight the forecastle space and fit two supporting stanchions down from under forecastle deck to tank top, and when completed vessel should be able to proceed to Rotterdam. Vessel lost starboard anchor and all cable to same, both hawsepipes intact and port anchor workable. Temporary repairs in hand, expect complete to-morrow. — Salvage Association's Surveyor and Lloyd's Agents.

Suggested record

"SUNK BY COLLISION 10,63"

Date of Committee

Minute

FRIDAY 15 NOV 1963

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