

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

Ship's Name ~~SS/MS~~ "COSMO TRADER"

Gross tons 7201

Date of Build 9-1942

Casualty notice sent to Owners ---

Owners' Reply ---

Owners Eastland Nav. & Commerce Ltd.

Details of classification

+100A1	+LMC 2,61
with freeboard	BS M7,63
7,63	sp 2,61
ss 2,61	ts 5,62 CL

Details of casualty

which
This ship/stranded Kau Shan Island, Hong Kong during typhoon, was subsequently refloated and declared a constructive total loss. Sold to Hong Kong shipbreakers.

Date of casualty 5th September, 1964.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

u19/64
COSMO TRADER aground Kau Shan Island; owners appointed Taikoo on Lloyd's Open Form.

u19/64
Hong Kong, Sept. 8.—Steamer COSMO TRADER: Preliminary survey indicates vessel on an even keel 13 ft. 6 in. forward and 17 ft. aft and average three fathoms all round. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 holds and engine-room open to sea. Salvage considered possible.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

u19/64
COSMO TRADER.—Hong Kong, Sept. 14.—Steamer Cosmo Trader aground between Heiling Chau and Chaukung Islands. Ship held amidships on rocks visible on starboard side amidships and abreast No. 2 hold with 5-deg. starboard list. Water in holds No. 1 4 ft., No. 2 6 ft., No. 3 7 ft. 6 in., No. 4 5 ft. 6 in., No. 5 dry, machinery space flooded half-height. Double bottom tanks Nos. 1, 2 and 3 pressed up; remaining tank conditions unobtainable. Ship under repair on Sept 5, not at buoy but anchored on both anchors, which dragged. Salvage prospect reasonable. Suspect bottom damage which could approach 150 tons steel. Diver's examination required. Recommend drydocking for examination and accurate assessment.—Salvage Association's Staff Surveyor and Lloyd's Agents. (See issues of Sept. 9 and 12.)

u21/64
Hong Kong, Sept. 19.—Steamer COSMO TRADER re-examined after typhoon "Tilda." Position unchanged.—

u21/64
COSMO TRADER.—Hong Kong, Sept. 30.—Steamer Cosmo Trader: Salvors dispatched salvage equipment to ship on Sept. 29 and commencing work to-day. Proposing seal hull externally by divers, allowing pumping out flooded spaces and tanks for refloating with ground tackle and tugs. Salvors estimated time required four to six weeks, depending upon weather conditions. Attending.—Salvage Association's Staff Surveyor and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Sept. 21.)

u21/64
COSMO TRADER.—Hong Kong, Oct. 3.—Steamer Cosmo Trader: Divers located one hole in port side bilge in way of Nos. 2 and 3 holds eight feet by five feet and two holes in port side in way of machinery space six feet by two feet and two feet by one foot, also at bilge level. External patches to be prepared and fitted. Various smaller leaks located and sealing.—Salvage Association's Staff Surveyor and Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Oct. 1.)

u21/64
COSMO TRADER.—Hong Kong, Oct. 10.—Steamer Cosmo Trader: Adverse weather and currents making progress of patching externally slow. At No. 2 hold patch not yet fitted, but at machinery space one sectional patch partially finished. Attending.—Salvage Association's Staff Surveyor and Lloyd's Agents. (See issues of Oct. 5 and 9.)

u21/64
Hong Kong, Oct. 15.—Steamer COSMO TRADER re-examined after typhoon "Dot." Ship has swung slightly so that bow moved seawards and stern landwards about 10 ft., exposing torn forefoot plates, port and starboard sides, at 3-ft. draught mark and in forepeak tank. Damage goes below sea level but appears local. Salvors returned to ship on Oct. 14. Remaining conditions on board unchanged.—Salvage Association's Staff Surveyor and Lloyd's Agents.

u21/64
Hong Kong, Oct. 16.—Steamer COSMO TRADER: Salvors now securing engine-room patch which moved during typhoon "Dot." Patching of hole at Nos. 2 and 3 holds restarted. Five 8-in. pumps alongside on barge to be placed on board at Nos. 2, 3 and 4 holds and machinery space. Test-pumping after connecting up pumps on spaces as sealed; attending.—Salvage Association's Staff Surveyor and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Oct. 16.)

u24/64
COSMO TRADER.—Hong Kong, Oct. 23.—Steamer Cosmo Trader: Salvors have two 8-in. pumps rigged and tested at Nos. 2 and 3 holds and two similar pumps ready at No. 4 hold. One 8-in. pump rigging at machinery space. Divers presently working on sectional hull patch at No. 2 and (23) holds, which half completed. All major patching expected completed in about ten days but dependent upon weather. Attending.—Salvage Association's Staff Surveyor and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Oct. 17.)

u23/11/64
COSMO TRADER.—Hong Kong, Nov. 2.—Steamer Cosmo Trader: Major hull patching now complete. Nos. 2, 3 and 4 holds pumped dry but reflooded by salvors pending refloating. Minor sealing continues at machinery space prior to pumping out. Ground tackle laid out aft and now laying forward. First refloating attempt Nov. 4. Attending.—Salvage Association's Staff Surveyor and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Oct. 24.)

u26/11/64
COSMO TRADER.—Hong Kong, Nov. 5.—Steamer Cosmo Trader: All sealing of spaces completed on Nov. 3. Pumping all spaces commenced p.m., Nov. 4, which resulted in holds being emptied but 7 ft. of water remains in machinery space. Vessel refloated with ground tackle at 8 30 p.m., Nov. 4, and hauled into deep water; remaining in position until examined by diver prior to moving to Hong Kong harbour limit by tugs. Ship will be drydocked for examination on Nov. 15; meanwhile salvors remain on board to deal with slight leakage into holds.—Salvage Association's Staff Surveyor. (See issue of Nov. 3.)

u21/11/64
COSMO TRADER.—Hong Kong, Nov. 10.—Steamer Cosmo Trader: Diver unable to inspect bottom due to position of vessel as lying. Dockyard unprepared to accept vessel for drydocking in view of leaking oily condition and listing of vessel. In view of delay in drydocking, unlikely vessel able to be docked until mid-December.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Nov. 6.)

u24/11/64
COSMO TRADER.—Hong Kong, Nov. 13.—Steamer Cosmo Trader: Salvors have agreed to further patching and pumping out of oil and vessel expected to drydock Kowloon Docks on Nov. 16.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Nov. 11.)

Suggested record "DAMAGED BY STRANDING 9,64 - TO BE BROKEN UP"

Date of Committee

Minute

FRIDAY 29 JAN 1965

Damaged by stranding 9.64

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