

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

Wreck Report No. 14789

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Ship's Name s.s. "TAJUNA" of Bilbao Tons Gross 4648  
Net 2812

Built at Haverton Hill When 1921 3 Casualty notice sent to Owner --- Owner's reply ---

Owners Maritima Madrileña S.A.

Calle Alfonso XII 18, Madrid, Spain.

### Classification details

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casualty 11th December, 1957.

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Broke moorings and stranded in gale at Mazarron.

Repeated attempts to tow her off proved unsuccessful, and she has been sold for breaking up. (Madrid 23.5.58.)

### SOURCE OF INFORMATION

**TAJUNA.**—Gibraltar, Dec. 11.—Gibraltar Radio reports:

Following received from Algiers Radio, FFA, at 7 a.m., G.M.T.: Following received from steamer Tajuna, EAFE, at 6 40 a.m., G.M.T.: Ashore Mazarron Beach, wanting tug urgently, position lat. 37 34 N., long. 1 12 W.

Following intercepted at 7 25 a.m., G.M.T., from British salvage tug Masterman, addressed Algiers Radio: Masterman to master of Tajuna: Proceeding to your assistance, estimated time of arrival your position 3 p.m., terms Lloyd's Open Form of Salvage Agreement. Please radio if accepted.

Following intercepted from steamer City of London: Do you wish me to tow you, terms Lloyd's Open Form of Salvage Agreement, or stand by you until salvage tug arrives?

—Carthagena, Dec. 11.—Steamer Tajuna, in ballast, awaiting to load at Mazarron, alleged broke anchor chain in storm in the night of Dec. 10 and driven aground. Bow said to be held in sandy bottom but vessel afloat aft and engines holding her in said condition, awaiting abatement of westerly gale and subsequent assistance by Naval tugs.

**TAJUNA.**—Hull, Dec. 12.—Hull tug Masterman is standing by the Spanish steamer Tajuna, ashore at Mazarron. The Tajuna sent out an urgent signal for tug assistance yesterday and the Masterman reached her last night. A report received by the tug states that the Masterman is unable to attempt to refloat the steamer at present because of bad weather. — "The Daily Mail," Hull. (See issues of Dec. 12 and 13.)

**TAJUNA.**—Carthagena, Dec. 12.—It is understood that steamer Tajuna broke her anchor cable owing to a strong westerly gale, while waiting to load a cargo of minerals, and her bow became beached. She had a line out to a buoy from aft and by holding on same and keeping her engines moving she tried to maintain her position but was unsuccessful. It was reported this afternoon that, whereas her position on grounding was bows on to beach, she now seems to be at a tangent, and though the gale has abated somewhat, it has not yet spent itself. (See issue of Dec. 14.)

Gibraltar, Dec. 16.—Salvage vessel Em. Z. Svitzer proceeding to-day to assist Spanish steamer Tajuna.

**TAJUNA.**—London, Jan. 16.—In reply to inquiry, Lloyd's Agents at Carthagena write under date of Jan. 13: So far there has been no success in efforts to refloat steamer Tajuna. Salvage vessel Herakles, assisted by salvage vessel Em. Z. Svitzer, after laying the necessary ground tackle, endeavoured to try the Tajuna to deep water, but without avail. On Dec. 29, the Herakles set up a waiting station in this harbor and the Em. Z. Svitzer sailed for L... The Tajuna lies parallel to the shore her bows and fore end as far as No. 2 hold are afloat, but from No. 2 hold the engine-room and is lying on a bed of hard clay and from the engine-room to the stern she is on flat ground. She requires some 3 ft. 6 in. of water to float. Six ground tackles are attached five from the bows and one from the stern. All 10 anchors have been thrown down into the water. All that is left is very good holding. All that is left is very good holding. A good southerly breeze is blowing and water sufficient to float her. The dead weight will not be drawn off a gale is not blowing or blowing in February or March.

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Suggested Record "STRANDED 12.57 - TO BE BROKEN UP"

Date of Committee TUESDAY 10 JUN 1958

Committee's Minute Stranded 12.57

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