

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 21848 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 94/57 Date of writing this report 30th January, 1958.  
Ship's Name s.s. "NEPTUNIA" of Panama Tons Gross 10519 Net 6299  
Built at Amsterdam When 1920 2 Casualty notice sent to Owner --- Owner's reply ---  
Owners Neptunia Shipping Co. S.A.  
Managers c/o Ormos Shipping Co., Ltd.  
Address 2, Duke Street, St. James's, London, S.W.1.

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Classification details

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of Casualty 2nd November, 1957.  
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Struck the Daunt Rock at entrance to  
Cobh Harbour, was holed, flooded and beached.  
15.1.58. Dublin Surveyors report sold for  
breaking up.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

NEPTUNIA. — Cork, Nov. 2. — Panamanian steamer Neptunia, 10,519 tons gross, (Boston) for Havre (and Bremerhaven) via Cork, with passengers and cargo, anchored on Nov. 2, one mile south of Roche's Point, Cobh, making a lot of water; tugs Turmoil and Francis Hallinan standing by.

London, Nov. 2. — Panamanian liner Neptunia was holed in the engine-room when she struck the Daunt Rock, at the entrance to Cobh Harbour shortly before 3 p.m. to-day. The engine-room was flooded and the engines put out of action. No one was hurt but the passengers on board were taken ashore by tender.

Cork, Nov. 2. — Steamer Neptunia is being towed by tugs Turmoil and Francis Hallinan to eastern bank of Whitegate Roadsteads to be beached. Understood vessel fouled Daunt Rock while approaching Cobh this afternoon. Vessel now has to starboard and two holds and engine-room flooded. Full complement of passengers numbering 31 disembarked.

Cork, Nov. 2. — Steamer Neptunia was beached in Whitegate Roadsteads at 9 55 p.m. to-day.

Cork, Nov. 3. — Steamer Neptunia: Lloyd's surveyor reports

Nos. 2 and 3 holds, both boiler-rooms and engine-room completely flooded; salvage pumps on engine-room space. Unable to estimate damage until diver's report is obtained. Damage reported in boiler-room and starboard side plating.

NEPTUNIA.—London, Nov. 3.—Steamer Neptunia was safely beached by tug Turmoil in Whitegate Bay p.m., Saturday (Nov. 2). Tug is remaining in attendance, Lloyd's Form signed. The Overseas Towage & Salvage Co., Limited, have arranged with Risdon Beazley, Ltd., to co-operate in salvage operations, including temporary repairs to enable casualty to proceed to dry dock. Salvage officer is arriving at casualty by air to-night. Two Bristol air freighters are leaving Eastleigh Airport a.m., Monday, Nov. 4, for Shannon with approximately 9 tons of diving and salvage equipment and salvage personnel, including divers, for onward routing to casualty by road. Salvage vessel Help is sailing Falmouth for casualty. — Overseas Towage & Salvage Co., Limited. (See issue of Nov. 4.)

Dublin, Nov. 3.—Steamer Neptunia, striking rocks in vicinity of Cobh Harbour: Holds, engine-room and stokehold flooded. Tug Turmoil, in attendance, has now placed vessel on bank off Whitegate. Vessel tidal. Passengers and 118 members of crew landed at Cobh. Lloyd's Open Form of Salvage Agreement signed. Four hundred tons of cargo on board.—Salvage Association's Surveyor.

NEPTUNIA.—Cork, Nov. 4.—It has been decided to discharge the cargo of steamer Neptunia, consisting of 500 tons of asbestos and one motor car, and her bunkers. It is hoped to be able to tow the vessel to Cork Dockyard, at Rushbrooke, after the damaged plates have been welded. (See issue of Nov. 5.)

Cork, Nov. 5.—Steamer Neptunia had her deck aft submerged over two feet at high water to-day. Weather remains calm but the height of tides will continue to rise until Nov. 10, then reaching 12.2 ft. against 9.2 ft. when Neptunia was beached. Tender Blarney and other vessels worked against time on Monday afternoon (Nov. 4) in an effort to save tobacco, spirits and crew's effects from vessel. — LLOYD'S LIST Correspondent.

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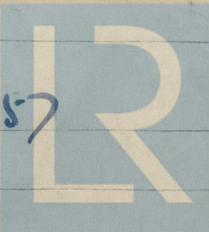


Suggested Record "DAMAGED BY STRANDING 11,57 - TO BE BROKEN UP"

Date of Committee FRIDAY 31 JAN 1958

Committee's Minute

Damaged by stranding 11.57  
To be broken up





**NEPTUNIA.**—Cork, Nov. 5.—Steamer Neptunia is beached on firm sand and mud in sheltered position approximately 7½ cables SE. of Spit Bank Light, inside Cobh harbour, 22 ft. forward, 36 ft. aft at low water. Draught when beached 30 ft. forward, 28 ft. 6 in. aft. Vessel now flooded throughout and after end of promenade deck awash at high water. No. 3 hold, forward and after boiler-rooms and engine-room tidal. Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 holds flooded to sea level but these compartments possibly undamaged. Tug Turmoil remaining alongside pumping after holds. Salvage contractors now transferring pumps, compressor and divers on board. Weather good. Salvage vessel Help, with additional divers and equipment, is due to leave Falmouth for site as soon as the weather there moderates.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Nov. 6.)

—Falmouth, Nov. 6.— Salvage vessel Help left here to-day for Cobh.

**NEPTUNIA.**—Cork, Nov. 7.—Steamer Neptunia: Salvage vessel Help alongside at 2 p.m. to-day. Divers plugging ship's side connections preparatory to pumping out compartments at after end of vessel. Unable to discharge cargo until Nos. 2, 3 and 5 holds are pumped out. Prospects of refloating good. (See issue of Nov. 7.)

**NEPTUNIA.**—Cork, Nov. 7.—Steamer Neptunia: Salvage vessel Help alongside at 2 p.m. to-day with additional pumps and equipment. Divers now plugging scuppers and ship's side connections below water level at after end preparatory to restoring buoyancy to after end of vessel. Consider situation well in hand. — Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Nov. 8.)

**NEPTUNIA.**—Cork, Nov. 15.—Steamer Neptunia: All hull openings abaft engine-room plugged and sealed off. Pumping operations on after compartment commenced p.m. yesterday on three after holds and engine-room. Nos. 5 and 6 holds and stern compartments now pumped down and after end of vessel buoyant at high water. Heavy leakage in No. 4 hold from engine-room

not yet under control. Heavy leakage into engine-room indicates this space may be common to boiler-rooms. No difficulty anticipated in pumping out Nos. 1, 2 and 3 holds. Now attempting to seal off No. 4 hold and engine-room. — Salvage Association's Surveyor and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Nov. 9.)

**NEPTUNIA.**—Cork, Nov. 16.—The work of pumping water out of steamer Neptunia is continuing. The after end of the vessel is buoyant at high water but there are still leakages into No. 4 hold, which are not yet under control. It is hoped to be able to refloat the vessel in three or four days' time. (See issue of Nov. 18.)

**NEPTUNIA.**—Cork, Nov. 17.—Steamer Neptunia: No. 4 hold sealed off and pumped down. Leakage into engine-room estimated about 400 tons per hour but pumps slowly gaining control over leakage through fan casing and bulkhead from after boiler-room. Attempting to pump out all after spaces to enable stern to float high enough to allow divers to examine bottom amidships at high water, probably to-morrow. — Salvage Association's Special Officer.

**NEPTUNIA.**—Cork, Nov. 19.—Steamer Neptunia: All after compartments pumped practically dry and water level in engine-room now approximately 5 ft. above floor plates, but leakage about 500 tons per hour. Owing to bad weather yesterday and to-day salvage operations curtailed. Weather now moderating and salvors transferring pumps forward so that forward compartments can be pumped out and vessel refloated. Divers unable to examine bottom until vessel refloated. — Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Nov. 19.)

**NEPTUNIA.**—Cork, Nov. 22.—Steamer Neptunia: Engine-room again under control after additional leakage started yesterday morning. Diver reports landing A and B strakes starboard side in way forward bulkhead engine-room opened up over a length of 18 ft. and rivets out. Unable to ascertain extent of damage forward to this owing to forward end of vessel being on ground. All slack water being pumped from decks and attempting to top up bunker tanks port side to counterbalance list, preparatory to commencing attempt to refloat at low water at noon to-morrow. — Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Nov. 21.)

—Cork, Nov. 22.—Steamer Neptunia: Attempt to refloat has now been postponed until end of next week.

**NEPTUNIA.**—Cork, Nov. 22.—Steamer Neptunia: After consultation with salvors' marine superintendent and salvage officer, attempted refloating of vessel postponed until about Nov. 28 pending additional pumps being available. We concur with this arrangement. — Salvage Association's Surveyor and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Nov. 23.)

**NEPTUNIA.**—Cork, Nov. 27.—Steamer Neptunia: Divers further report lap of keel and A strakes port and starboard sides opened up and rivets out over approximate length of forward boiler-room also lap of A and B strakes ditto starboard side in way of after boiler-room, plating in way of above also set up and corrugated. Diver now wedging and plugging up damaged plating. All compartments now under control and salvors arranging to shift ground tackle to enable vessel to move aft into deeper water when refloating attempted at end of this week. Port anchor and five fathoms of cable now recovered from channel.—Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Nov. 25.)

**NEPTUNIA.**—Cork, Nov. 28.—It may now be early next week before an attempt is made to refloat steamer Neptunia. (See issue of Nov. 29.)

**NEPTUNIA.**—Cork, Dec. 1.—Steamer Neptunia: Refloating attempt postponed owing to leakage through double bottom tank top into No. 3 hold. Leakage now being plugged, after which Nos. 2 and 3 holds will be pumped down simultaneously with engine-room to enable vessel to refloat, probably to-morrow. Leakage into machinery spaces now reduced from approximately 700 tons to 300 tons per hour and well under control.—Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents. (Note.—Neptunia has since been refloated at 2 p.m., Dec. 2. See issue of Nov. 30.)

**NEPTUNIA.**—Cork, Dec. 2.—Steamer Neptunia now refloated and moved approximately quarter of a length astern, draught 31 ft. 3 in. forward, 28 ft. 6 in. aft. Salvors now sealing off leakage through tank top No. 3 hold and pumping dry all holds and eliminating free surfaces of water throughout ship except machinery spaces, which under control of pumps. Expect divers to make full examination of bottom to-morrow.—Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Dec. 3.)

**NEPTUNIA.**—Cork, Dec. 4.—Steamer Neptunia afloat in Cork harbour under control of salvage pumps to our satisfaction at 4 p.m., Dec. 4. Draught approximately 29 ft. 6 in. forward, 30 ft. aft. In the interests of all concerned and in view of the cross tides salvors arranging to move vessel to anchorage at edge of channel near present position to-morrow.—Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Dec. 4.)

**NEPTUNIA.**—Cork, Dec. 5.—Steamer Neptunia: When dropping starboard anchor in new position at edge of channel, cable parted at 15 fathoms shackle. No other anchor on board. Vessel now grounded fore and aft to tide at entrance to east channel eastward of No. 4 Black Buoy with assistance of tug Turmoil and salvage vessel Help. Vessel lying on even keel in soft sand at low water and internal conditions the same as yesterday. Vessel moored to ground tackle off bow and tug detailed to keep stern in channel at high water to-morrow pending moorings being laid out aft. Vessel is not considered to be in any danger.—Salvage Association's Surveyor and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Dec. 6.)

**NEPTUNIA.**—Cork, Dec. 6.—Steamer Neptunia: Machinery spaces and tunnels partially flooded to maintain vessel on ground at all states of tide. Ground tackle being laid out forward and aft and all concerned, including master, agree that vessel should remain in present position pending decision in London. Vessel on even keel in safe position.—Salvage Association's Surveyor and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Dec. 7.)

**NEPTUNIA.**—Cork, Dec. 8.—Steamer Neptunia: Position satisfactory on beach despite westerly gale. Leakage into machinery spaces almost stopped due to bottom damage being sealed off by mud. Very slight leakage through tank tops and tunnels into Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 holds. Unable to adjust moorings and recover lost starboard anchor until weather moderates.—Salvage Association's Surveyor and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Dec. 9.)

**NEPTUNIA.**—Cork, Dec. 16.—Panamanian steamer Neptunia: Salvage vessel Help, which arrived in Cork harbour on Nov. 7 and has since been engaged in salvage operations on Neptunia, sailed for Southampton on Saturday (Dec. 14). Neptunia remains beached at Whitegate Bank, Cork harbour.—LLOYD'S LIST Correspondent. (See issue of Dec. 10.)

**NEPTUNIA.**—Cork, Mar. 2.—Steamer Neptunia, in tow of Dutch tug Gele Zee, left Cobh for Rotterdam at 11.20 a.m. to-day. (See issue of Feb. 20.)

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