

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

Ship's Name ~~SS~~ "CORFU ISLAND" Gross tons 7075 Date of Build 11-1943
 Casualty notice sent to Owners --- Owners' Reply --- Owners Marathon Cia. Nav. S.A.

Details of classification

+100A1	+LMC 1,61
10,63	BS M3,63
ss 1,61	sp 1,61
	ts 3,63 CL

Details of casualty

This ship stranded on Magdalen Islands on 20th December, 1963. Crew removed and now a dead ship and Underwriter's Surveyor advises that owing to weather and climate conditions, a decision on salvage attempts will not be made until the Spring of this year.

Date of casualty 20th December, 1963.

Halifax 29.1.64.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

u 21/12/63
CORFU ISLAND.—Fox River Radio, Dec. 20. — At 11 40 p.m., G.M.T., Dec. 19, distress from steamer Corfu Island, ODIY. (Wismar for east Canada) approximate position at 11 30 p.m., G.M.T., lat. 48 N., long. 62 5 W., drifting towards south-west with engine trouble, requires immediate assistance.

Camperdown Radio, Dec. 20. — Following received on 500 kcs. from steamer Corfu Island at 9 15 a.m., G.M.T.: At 9 10 a.m., G.M.T., in approximate position lat. 47 26 N., long. 62 25 W., drifting towards south-east (? south-west). Engine breakdown. Require immediate assistance or lifeboats.

u 23/12/63
CORFU ISLAND.—Halifax Radio, Dec. 20. —Following received from Grindstone Radio: At 3 25 p.m., G.M.T., Dec. 20, distress call from steamer Corfu Island, ODIY, aground position lat. 47 23 N., long. 61 54 W., required immediate assistance. (See issue of Dec. 21.)

Halifax, Dec. 21.—Twenty members of the crew of steamer Corfu Island were taken ashore to-day after their vessel went aground in the Gulf of St. Lawrence yesterday. Officials said seven men were still on board and not in any immediate danger. The Corfu Island was reported to be hard aground and listing badly. Water was filling her engine-room.—Reuter.

Halifax, Dec. 21.—The crew of 27 of steamer Corfu Island, aground near the Magdalen Islands, abandoned ship to-day and were being picked up by Canadian Coastguard light ice-breaker Tupper. A Royal Canadian Air Force aircraft was sent over the area.—British United Press.

London, Dec. 21.—Twenty-seven seamen, the crew of steamer Corfu Island, were picked up to-day by Canadian rescue teams.—British United Press.

u 24/12/63
CORFU ISLAND.—Sydney, N.S., Dec. 21. —Steamer Corfu Island reported ashore near Grindstone Light, Magdalen Islands, in light condition. Crew, with exception of master and officers, taken off. No steam. Nearest tug Irving Birch at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, disabled with boiler trouble. Staff surveyor proceeding to casualty to investigate and report position. Meanwhile, endeavouring contact Foundation Maritime, Ltd., their tug occupied with other casualty and cannot reach vessel before a.m., Dec. 25.—Salvage Association's Surveyor. (See issue of Dec. 23.)

Halifax, Dec. 22.—All 27 members of the crew of steamer Corfu Island have been landed safely, the Canadian Press News Agency reported to-day. The agency said some of the crew were in hospital in Grindstone with injuries.—Reuter.

u 27/12/63
CORFU ISLAND.—Sydney, N.S., Dec. 23. — Steamer Corfu Island lying starboard side to sandy beach on west side of Grindstone Island, south of Gull Island. Low tide 6 ft. forward, 19 ft. 6 in. aft. Engine-room flooded 10 ft. of water. Holds apparently tight. Port anchor out eight shackles starboard lost. Vessel abandoned by crew. Consider prospects at present of refloating tedious but good. Vessel coated heavily in ice and suspect heavy frost damage to piping, boilers and machinery. Cause of stranding stated vessel unable to make headway in light condition against weather. Foundation Maritime, Ltd., unwilling to proceed on Lloyd's Open Form but offer to proceed casualty on daily hire to examine prospects and state their terms and intention; estimate trip for this purpose four days. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Dec. 24.)

u 1/1/64
CORFU ISLAND.—Halifax, Dec. 30. — Steamer Corfu Island: Salvage tug Foundation Vigilant returned to Halifax on Dec. 29 following investigation of position and condition as regards salvage. In their opinion salvage at this time impractical due to weather and ice conditions; recommend further investigation with view to salvage May, 1964. We concur.—Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Dec. 27.)

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