

## REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, BREAKING UP, ETC. of Drydocking Surveys, etc.

CLASS

1.62

WRECK  
SECTION

Ship's Name SS/MS- "KOWLOONDOCKS"

Gross tons 597

SEC  
Data  
Bu

No Casualty notice

sent to Owners 26.9.62

Owners'

Reply

2.10.62 Owners The Admiralty

## Details of classification

+ 100A1	+ LMC 1,61
tug	BS M1,62
1,62	sp 12,56
ss 1,61	ts 1,62 CL

## Details of casualty

This ship foundered near  
Hong Kong in typhoon WANDA and has  
been declared a total loss.

The owners concur.

Date of casualty 1st September, 1962.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Hong Kong, Sept. 3. — Understand no news since Aug. 31 from tug KOWLOONDOCKS, towing steamer SLETHOLM, Shanghai for Hong Kong. Advised SLETHOLM radioed on Sept. 2 stating she anchored 70 miles from Hong Kong, requesting tug assistance. Understand full air-sea search mounted. — Lloyd's Agents.

LL4/9/62

London, Sept. 4. — In reply to inquiry, Lloyd's Agents at Hong Kong report on Sept. 4: Confirmed tug KOWLOONDOCKS towing steamer SLETHOLM; no further news.

Hong Kong, Sept. 4. — A Hong Kong dock company is searching for its tug KOWLOONDOCKS with her reported crew of 30, which cast off a tow last Friday (Aug. 31) during rough weather and has not been seen since. — Reuter.

LL5/9/62

London, Sept. 5. — The Admiralty state that their tug Encore reported at 8 30 a.m., G.M.T., Sept. 4: "In position lat. 22 25 N., long. 115 18 E., returning Hong Kong, speed five and a half knots, steamer SLETHOLM in tow." There is no further news of tug KOWLOONDOCKS. (See issue of Sept. 5.)

Hong Kong, Sept. 5. — British and Australian naval ships have been making a wide sweep of the South China Sea for the Hong Kong tug KOWLOONDOCKS, missing since last Friday night (Aug. 31) when she ran into high seas whipped up by the typhoon "Wanda." The tug was towing the Norwegian steamer SLETHOLM from Shanghai to Hong Kong, but let go the towline about 100 miles from the colony. Nothing has been heard from the tug since. The SLETHOLM managed to drop anchor after drifting for about 33 hours. — Reuter.

LL6/9/62

Hong Kong, Sept. 5. — Steamer SLETHOLM now arrived at Hong Kong in tow of tug Encore. Crew state lost contact with tug KOWLOONDOCKS on Aug. 31 when tug signalled she was obliged to slip tow owing to danger of capsizing but would stand by and reconnect later. — Lloyd's Agents.

Hong Kong, Sept. 6. — Tug KOWLOONDOCKS: Chinese authorities report Hong Kong-Chinese seaman washed ashore in rubber dinghy at Swatow, apparently crew member of unidentified Hong Kong tug towing vessel from Shanghai. Man stated he jumped overboard in lifebelt at 2 a.m., Sept. 1, believing vessel sinking. — Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Sept. 6.)

LL7/9/62

Hong Kong, Sept. 10. — Tug KOWLOONDOCKS still missing. — Salvage Association's Special Officer and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Sept. 7.)

LL12/9/62

London, Sept. 14. — Typhoon "Wanda": In reply to inquiry, Lloyd's Agents at Hong Kong cabled on Sept. 14: Tug KOWLOONDOCKS: Survivor identified and returned Hong Kong evening of Sept. 12. His statement confirms assumption vessel foundered. (See issues of Sept. 7 and 12.)

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Suggested record "FOUNDERED 9,62"

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