

Rpt. 25

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

Ship's Name ~~SS/MS~~ "CHEMBARGE No. 4" Gross tons 1745 Date of Build 3-1925
Casualty notice sent to Owners --- Owners' Reply --- Owners ---

Details of classification

BS*	
Great Lakes & limited Gulf of St. Lawrence service	
8,58	
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A.S. 8,58	
HULK-CLASS SUSPENDED 1,64	

Details of casualty

This barge was condemned owing to leaky acid tanks and has been scuttled in Lake Huron.

Toronto 4.8.64.

Date of casualty

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

CHEMBARGE NO. 4 (barge).—Cleveland, Ohio, July 7.—Tank barge Chembarge No. 4: One acid tank leaking into hull of vessel; caustic soda added to neutralise. Space outside acid tanks continually sluiced and residue pumped into pit ashore. Leaking tank discharged and now filled with water, remaining tanks being discharged. No leakage into vessel or spillage of acid overboard. Approximately 30 tons of acid lost. — Salvage Association's Surveyors.

CHEMBARGE NO. 4 (barge).—Cleveland, Ohio, July 10. — Tank barge Chembarge No. 4: Visited to-day. All double bottoms and hold full of acid sludge three times weight of water. Confirmed Dow Chemical and Canadian Industries experts no solution found. Contact with shell producing explosive hydrogen gas. Canadian Government pressing for immediate removal. Vessel will be sunk in deep water in Lake Huron. Vessel being trimmed and made suitable for towing; will probably leave on July 11.—Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of July 11.)

CHEMBARGE NO. 4 (barge).—Cleveland, Ohio, July 9. — Tank barge Chembarge No. 4: Owners advise local interest protesting dangerous condition of vessel due to formation of hydrogen gas and possibilities of explosion. They will request permission to remove and sink vessel in deep water. This procedure will not prevent pollution of river by acid unless towed considerable distance. Our surveyor considers towing vessel in present condition dangerous. Staff surveyor proceeding to Sarnia. (Later) Surveyor reports finding tank manhole doors previously removed, allowing acid to enter double bottom tanks. Neutralising and pumping continues. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of July 9.)

Suggested record "SCUTTLED 7,64"

Date of Committee

FRIDAY 21 AUG 1964

Minute

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