

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

Ship's Name SSMS "KOSTIS A. GEORGILIS" Gross tons 7293 Date of Build 1944
Casualty notice sent to Owners 15.11.67 Owners' Reply 21.11.67. Owners Okeanoporos Shipping Corp.

Details of classification

Table with 2 columns: Classification code and Value. Rows include 100A1 LMC 12,65; DTs-oil FP above 150°F. BS M 5,67; 5,67 sp 2,66; ss 2,66 ts 6,64 CL; AS 5,67; Classed 9,48

Details of casualty

This ship caught fire and subsequently grounded on Coco Island. Burnt out and abandoned to the Underwriters.

The owners concur.

Date of casualty 3rd 4th November, 1967.

KOSTIS A. GEORGILIS. - Rangoon, Nov. 4. - Understood fire on board steamer Kostis A. Georgilis (Rangoon for Colombo) around Coco Islands, possibly engine-room. Unconfirmed report states fire started yesterday morning, still burning in the afternoon. Rangoon, Nov. 4. - The local agents of steamer Kostis A. Georgilis have received the following from the master from the Coco Islands: Kostis A. Georgilis: Believe you were informed vessel after been on fire stranded Coco Islands south-east shore. Please inform Lloyd's Salvage and Lloyd's to come and inspect vessel, now stranded and still on fire. Please send immediately assistance according Lloyd's Salvage order as I believe vessel in distress condition ashore. All crew landed but watching vessel from shore as explosions occurring.

KOSTIS A. GEORGILIS. - Rangoon, Nov. 6. - Steamer Kostis A. Georgilis: Government officials who flew to Coco Islands on Fokker plane came back in evening of Nov. 4, bringing along 12 crew members. Under Transport Ministry's instructions, port's tug with fire-fighting equipment dispatched on Nov. 4 and commenced operations at 5 p.m., Nov. 5. According to latest messages, received at 10 30 a.m., Nov. 6, Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 holds almost completely burnt but the tug is still endeavouring to save No. 1 hold. (Later) Understand fire started from boiler, soon spread to engine-room. - Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Nov. 7.)

KOSTIS A. GEORGILIS. - Rangoon, Nov. 20. - Steamer Kostis A. Georgilis: Fire originated at forward side starboard boiler hot fuel oil filters and probably due to leakage from pressure pipe or filters coming into contact with hot boiler casing. Fire spread rapidly, causing engine-room to be abandoned within 10 minutes with main engine and auxiliary units still running. Vessel presently 200 yards from shore, with both anchors down, and bow firmly aground but aft half afloat at high tide and as yet no signs of leakage. Partial flooding of engine-room due to early extinguishing efforts and leakage from fuel oil settling tanks. Present indications are that fire in holds will continue for perhaps another week. All crew, including master, now at Rangoon. - Salvage Association's Special Surveyor. (See issue of Nov. 20.)

KOSTIS A. GEORGILIS. - Rangoon, Nov. 5. - Greek steamer Kostis A. Georgilis was still burning to-day after catching fire on Friday (Nov. 3) near the Coco Islands. The Union of Burma Five Star Line Corp., which chartered the vessel, carrying 6,575 tons of rice for Ceylon, said that no craft could approach the blazing vessel. A fire-fighting tug left here last night. Twelve of the 29 crew flew in here last night. The others, including the master, remained on Coco Islands. The third engineer and second mate said here to-day that the crew abandoned ship after fire in the engine-room was followed by explosions. - Reuter. (See issue of Nov. 6.)

Rangoon, Nov. 7. - Steamer Kostis A. Georgilis: According to message received at 8 p.m., Nov. 6, all holds caught fire and were burning, explosion feared any moment. Message received at 10 40 a.m., Nov. 7, ship still burning in all hatches; fire-fighting tug Natthar port monitor broke while coming alongside, presently under repairs.

Rangoon, Nov. 7. - Steamer Kostis A. Georgilis: Understood from port officials tug Natthar gave up fire-fighting operations and is returning to Rangoon this evening.

KOSTIS A. GEORGILIS. - Rangoon, Nov. 17. - Steamer Kostis A. Georgilis: Boarded vessel to-day and found cargo in holds still burning, making parts of the vessel inaccessible. Main deck very heavily buckled over full length and 'tween deck likewise. Port and starboard shell plating generally distorted over almost full length from main deck to light loadline. Amidships house completely gutted, together with upper engine and boiler-room, but lower engine-room flooded with fuel oil. Cause of fire as yet unknown but still investigating. - Salvage Association's Special Surveyor. (See issue of Nov. 8.)

Singapore, Nov. 6. - Steamer Kostis A. Georgilis on fire and subsequently aground Coco Islands. Surveyor attendance requested.

Rangoon, Nov. 6. - Steamer Kostis A. Georgilis: Government officials flew to Coco Islands by Fokker and came back in evening of Nov. 4 bringing along 12 crew members. Port tug Natthar, with fire-fighting equipment, is still continuing operation. Understood fire broke from boiler-room and spread to engine-room. According to latest information, received at 10 30 a.m., Nov. 6, Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 holds almost completely burnt but Natthar is still endeavouring to save No. 1 hold.

Singapore, Nov. 6. - Steamer Kostis A. Georgilis: Information here states vessel abandoned and still on fire but this not confirmed. - Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

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