

"S. S. Bonaccord"

Mr Hindmarsh is now of opinion, that this vessel was lost through mismanagement in the engine room, by taking the engine room tank door off, and opening the sea valve for filling the tank, in order to get the Centrifugal pump to work, and then forgetting to close the sea valve again. It would appear from the above remarks that the Centrifugal pump was not arranged to draw from the bilges, but ^{from} the tanks only.

It is submitted that the theory set forth by Mr Hindmarsh, he considered the most probable cause of the foundering of this vessel, provided, it can be shown that the sea valve was closed at the same time that the pumps ceased working.

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It may be added that if the above was not the cause of loss, the only alternative would appear to be that the centrifugal pump did not perform its duty. This pump was stated to be capable of discharging 160 tons per hour, and as the water entered the vessel at such a rate that she kept afloat 12 hours after the pumps ceased working, the centrifugal pump should have been sufficient, if efficiently working, to have cleared the vessel of water.

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