

WRECK SECTION
REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 90510 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 41/49 Date of writing this report 13th July 1949
Vessel's Name M.S. "Bergsund" of Stockholm Tons Gross 1318 Net 541
Built at Haverton Hull-on-When 1948 6 Casualty notice sent to Owner 6.7.49 Owner's reply 8.7.49
Owner's Name Stockholms Rederiaktiebolaget Svea (Eman. Höglberg, Ngr)
Address Skeppsbron 28, Stockholm

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

BERGSUND. Hull, May 20. — Motor vessel Bergsund (Stockholm and Tons for Hull) was in collision with trawler LORD HOTHAM about 2.30 a.m. to-day. Understood Bergsund badly holed and stranded in vicinity of No. 1 Elbow Buoy, middle Humber. LORD HOTHAM beached after collision but now refloated and in Saint Andrew Dock. No loss of life.
London, May 20. — Motor vessel Bergsund has settled on a mudbank 500 yards from the shore and the trawler LORD HOTHAM is beached nearer the shore. The Bergsund was to dock at Hull on the early morning tide with paper and pulp. At 2 a.m. the vessels struck and a huge hole was torn in the starboard side of the cargo vessel. She began to take in water fast and 22 of the crew, including two women, left by lifeboat and were picked up by a tug and taken to Hull. Her master, Captain Ivar Bergen, of Stockholm, two engineers and a steward remained on board the vessel which was almost awash to deck level at low water. The LORD HOTHAM was on her way to the fishing grounds. After making a bid to reach port the trawler was beached, her bows stove in. The crew are still on board her. — Exchange Telegraph Company.
Spartan Head, May 20. — Following received from Coastguard at Filey: According to information received from the Humber Coastguard Board, Swedish motor vessel Bergsund and trawler LORD HOTHAM were in collision in the Humber at about 2.30 a.m., G.M.T., to-day; no loss of life. Bergsund badly holed and stranded in vicinity of No. 10 Elbow buoy, Middle Humber; wreck visible at all states of tide and will be marked as soon as possible with wreck buoy.
London, May 20. — Just after midday to-day the trawler LORD HOTHAM was towed into deep water and taken to dock. Several feet of her bows had been badly damaged. Some of the crew of the Swedish motor vessel Bergsund returned to the vessel late this morning to save personal property. A diver is to examine her before salivage decisions are made. — Exchange Telegraph Company.

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Swedish Motorship Stranded after Collision

A collision occurred early yesterday morning in the Humber, off Salt End, between the Swedish motorship Bergsund (1318 tons gross), Stockholm, and London for Hull, and the out-bound Hull trawler Lord Hotham. The Bergsund was badly holed and stranded in the vicinity of No. 10 Buoy, Middle Humber. The Lord Hotham was beached after collision but was later refloated to dock.

BERGSUND. — Hull, May 21. — Motor vessel Bergsund: No developments, diver and surveyors making further examination to-day. — Lloyd's Agents (See issue of May 21.)

London, May 21. — Swedish motor vessel Bergsund today lay on a sandbank off Salt End. Holds full of water and the decks at high tide. Diving operations have been carried out to ascertain extent of the damage. Some of the crew have again to try to save belongings. Little arrangement for their return.

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Particulars of Classification.	Date	Previously before
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of Casualty 20th May, 1949

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This vessel was in collision with the trawler "LORD HOTHAM" in the middle Humber on the 20th May, 1949, at 2.30 a.m.

She was badly holed and stranded on a mudbank 500 yards from the shore.

Only the top of the funnel and masts are visible. There is a hole 13 ft by 7 ft. in way of forward engine-room bulkhead and into No. 2 hold on the starboard side. She is reported to be sinking further each day and prospects of salving are hopeless.

The Owners concur.

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

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Sunk after collision 5.49

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BERGSUND. — Hull, May 23. — Motor vessel Bergsund tending to settle down, list increasing. Deck fittings and deck cargo of drums of resin being removed into salvage lighter. Bundles of box boards floating away from ship, not known whether through burst hatches or hole approximately 13 ft. by 7 ft. in ship's side. All possible being retrieved. Work on patching continues according to state of tide. (See issue of May 23.)

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BERGSUND. — Hull, May 27. — Motor vessel Bergsund is now awash at low water. Understood salvage operations ceased. Floatable cargo still washing away from vessel. (See issue of May 24.)

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Salvage operations on the Swedish motorship *Bergsund*, which stranded in the Humber after collision, have ceased. Operations to refloat the

BERGSUND. — Hull, May 30. — Visited motor vessel Bergsund, now lying sunk near Salt End, River Humber, shortly after low water yesterday. Only top of funnel and masts showing. It is reported that vessel has a hole 13 ft. by 7 ft. in way of forward engine-room bulkhead and into No. 2 hold on starboard side. After deck buckled on port side and mainmast stays broken. Vessel is sinking further every day, due to scour on bank. From present position, consider salvage prospects hopeless. Salvage contractors have started, can do nothing and left. Some deck fittings, anchors, cables and winches have been removed by local salvage people. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of May 28.)

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It is now reported from Hull that the prospects of salving the Swedish motorship *Bergsund* are hopeless. The vessel stranded in the Humber after a collision. Only the top of the funnel and masts are now visible. There is a hole 13 ft. by 7 ft. in way of the forward engine-room bulkhead and into No. 2 hold on the starboard side. She is reported to be sinking further each day.



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