

WRECK SECTION

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 64609 in R.B.

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Date of writing this report 6th April, 1949

Vessel's Name

S.S. "Katowice"

of Szczecin

Tons Gross 1995
Net 1107

Built at Caen

When 1925 10

Casualty notice sent to Owner 14.3.49 Owner's reply 24.3.49

Owner's Name Zegluga Polska S.A. (Gdynia-America Shipping Lines Ltd. Gdynia)

Address Portowa 13/15, Gdynia, Poland

Case previously before

Date

Particulars of Classification.

Classing Committee.

Last Minute

T100A1 LMC 4,47

2,48 BS 2,48

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Date of Casualty

1st March, 1949

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel stranded off Terschelling
on the 1st March, 1949.

She broke in two in way of the engine
room. The after part capsized, and is now
submerged, and the forepart is full of water and
sanding up.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

KATOWICE. — Gdynia Radio, Mar. 1.
Following received from Elbe-Weser
Radio at 7.36 a.m. GMT.: Following
received at 7.22 a.m. GMT.: SOS
from steamer Katowice, SPAC (Ant-
werp for Gdynia).

Amsterdam, Mar. 1.
Polish steamer Katowice is making
water in position lat. 53 24 N., long
5 5 E. (Later) Katowice stranded off
Terschelling, lifeboat has gone to vessel.

Terschelling, Mar. 1.
A Dutch motor lifeboat and a tug left
here to-day to assist the Polish steamer
Katowice, which had radioed "I am
damaged." (Later) Polish steamer
Katowice broke up and sank off the
Dutch coast to-day. The Dutch motor
lifeboat Brandaris from Terschelling was
picking up the crew. — Reuter.

Terschelling, Mar. 1. — All
26 crew of the Polish steamer Katowice,
which broke up and sank off Terschel-
ling to-day, were brought safely ashore
the Dutch lifeboat Brandaris. When
lifeboat reached the Katowice she
already partially submerged.

Amsterdam, Mar. 1. —
since Antwerp for Gdynia.
Vessel broken, crew saved.

KATOWICE. — The Hague, Mar. 3. — The
Terschelling lifeboat Brandaris, which
rescued 26 Poles from the sinking
steamer Katowice on Tuesday (Mar. 1),
is visiting the scene of the wreck to-
day at the Polish master's request. Part
of the hull is still above water and
the master wanted to try to salvage
some of the ship's papers. — Reuter. (See
issue of Mar. 2.)

The Hague, Mar. 3. — The
lifeboat Brandaris made the trip to the
wreck of the Polish steamer Katowice
in vain. There was a heavy sea and
when the wreck was reached it was
found that the hulk had already been
torn away. It was impossible to board
the ship. — Reuter.

Amsterdam, Mar. 4. —
The lifeboat Brandaris has
returned to Terschelling after
several hours' search. It
has not been possible to
salvage any of the cargo
or papers from the wreck.
Inventory have been saved, as well as
865 pieces of hides from the cargo of
hides in No. 1 hold. Steam is to be
brought from the salvage tug to the
winches of the Katowice to enable dis-
charge of the cargo from No. 1 hold to
be made. (See issue of Mar. 4.)

Amsterdam, Mar. 12. —
A further 868 pieces of hides have been
saved from steamer Katowice, making
total of 1733 pieces.

KATOWICE. — Terschelling, Mar. 13. —
From No. 1 hold of steamer Katowice
1733 hides have been discharged and
brought ashore and about 5000 further
hides are in a light barge in the har-
bour. At present the wreck is
impossible owing to weather conditions.
(See issue of Mar. 13.)

KATOWICE. — Terschelling, Mar. 15. —
Owing to strong northerly winds and
heavy seas, position of steamer Kato-
wice has deteriorated. The vessel is
more down by the head and at high
water yesterday waves swept the whole
of the forepart. Work on the wreck is
not possible in present weather condi-
tions. About 7079 hides from No. 1
hold are on shore and are being re-
salted. (See issue of Mar. 16.)

KATOWICE. — Amsterdam, Mar. 30. —
Salvage of cargo from steamer Katowice
is still proceeding and up to the pre-
sent about 7100 hides and 1560 bags
of tannin have been salvaged. The after
part of the vessel is entirely submerged
and hatches of the holds forward are
washed away. Forward holds are there-
fore full of water and are sanding up. It
is probable that it will be possible to
salvage the bags of tannin only with assist-
ance of divers. (See issue of Mar. 18.)

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

FRI. 8 APR 1949

Committee's Minute

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