

# WRECK SECTION

## REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 75730 in R.B.

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Date of writing this report

3rd May

1949

Vessel's Name

Trawler "Spaniard"

of

Hull

Tons

Gross 542  
Net 220

Built at

Beverley

When

1942

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Casualty notice sent to Owner

25.4.49

Owner's reply

26.4.49

Owner's Name

The Northern Fishing Co. (Hull) Ltd.

Address

St. Andrew's Dock, Hull

previously before  
ing Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| +100AI                       | +LMC 147   |
| Sim Trawler                  | BS 1048    |
| 3.49                         | TS 3.49 CL |
| S.S. Hpl - 147               |            |
| Fitted for oil fuel 147 F.P. |            |
| Above 150°F.                 |            |

Casualty

22nd March, 1949

of particulars of Casualty

This trawler stranded off Tanafjord, North Norway, on the 22nd March, 1949.

Her bows are crushed with her forepart up on the rocks and only a part of the bow and funnel are above water.

Two salvage vessels have given up attempts to refloat her, and it is stated that no work will be done at least until the summer.

In reply to the casualty notice the Owners state that until the finer weather comes in June, a diver cannot make an examination to report whether there is a prospect of salving the trawler, and they request that expunging her class be accordingly deferred.

7th July, 1949.

The Owners now advise that an examination of the vessel has been made and that there is no possibility of salving her.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

SPANIARD.—Portsmouth Radio, Mar. 23.—Following received from British trawler Spaniard at 1.7 a.m.: Ashore off Tanafjord, badly holed, awaiting salvage tug. All crew safe.

Oslo, Mar. 23.—Trawler Spaniard ran aground yesterday off Sletnes Lighthouse, near Gamvik, Finnmark, north Norway, and is presumed a total loss. The crew abandoned ship. —Reuter.

London, Mar. 23.—News reached Hull this morning that the trawler Spaniard, carrying a crew of about 25, ran aground on the Norwegian coast during the night. It is reported that the crew is safe. The Spaniard, a modern oil-burning fishing vessel, left Hull on Mar. 7.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

Oslo, Mar. 23.—British trawler Spaniard, which ran aground off the coast of Finnmark, Northern Norway, last night, is still in a precarious position, according to the Norwegian Salvage Company. The vessel is now firmly aground on a rocky sea bed near Sletnes Lighthouse and a special salvage ship will be needed to get her off. One of the company's patrol ships and a British trawler are standing by.—British United Press.

SPANIARD.—Oslo, Mar. 24.—The Hull trawler Spaniard, which ran aground off the coast of Finnmark, in northern Norway, during Tuesday night, will probably be a total loss, a spokesman of the Norwegian Salvage Company said in Oslo to-day. The whole keel of the vessel is aground and there is little chance of getting her off.—British United Press. (See issue of Mar. 24.)

SPANIARD.—Oslo, Mar. 25.—The skipper and some of the crew of the trawler Spaniard were last night reported to be still on board. The remainder of the crew were taken off by the trawler Indian Star. Two Norwegian destroyers, a corvette and a salvage tug were to-day reported to be making for the wreck to see whether anything could be done to save the trawler. The engine-room and hold of the vessel are reported under water and she is badly exposed to gales. (Later.) The trawler Spaniard was to-night covered by the sea with only her funnel showing. The skipper and some of the crew, who last night were reported to be still on board, are believed safe. Waves dragged the vessel off the rocks early this morning. It is believed she has broken her back. —Reuter. (See issue of Mar. 25.)

Oslo, Mar. 25.—Norwegian vessels were reported to-day to have completed the rescue of the crew of the trawler Spaniard. Some of the crew had been taken off earlier by the Grimsby trawler Indian Star. This vessel, with Norwegian salvage steamers and the corvette Soroy, carrying the skipper and others of the crew, was to-day reported to be making for Tromsø.—Reuter.

Oslo, Mar. 26.—The Norwegian Salvage Company's salvage vessel Storkodder is on her way to the trawler Spaniard and will start salvage work immediately she reaches the vessel.—British United Press.

Portsmouth Radio, Mar. 26.—Following received from British trawler Macbeth at 9.40 a.m., G.M.T.: Trawler Spaniard. Prospect of salvage very poor. Extensive damage to fore end but cannot fully examine owing to heavy swell and precarious position of vessel. She is above water from a line drawn under the forefoot to top red band on funnel. Stern submerged in six fathoms. Salvage vessels Busen and Havornen I cannot assist so am proceeding to Honningsvaag. Would need two lifting craft and fine weather to attempt salvage; success unlikely.

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**SPANIARD.**—Oslo, Mar. 28.—There is little hope of saving the British trawler Spaniard, the Norwegian salvage vessel Stærkodder reported from Sletnes, North Norway, to-day. The vessel is lying in 27 ft. of water with her bow crushed and heavy seas have made investigation by divers impossible.—British United Press. (See issue of Mar. 28.)

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**SPANIARD.**—Oslo, Mar. 31.—The Norwegian Salvage Company stated to-day that an examination of the grounded Hull trawler Spaniard indicated that she was unsalvageable and no work would be done on the vessel at least until summer.—British United Press. (See issue of Mar. 29.)

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**SPANIARD.**—Hammerfest, Mar. 25.—At 10 o'clock this evening salvage vessels Busen and Havorn left the scene of the stranding of the British trawler Spaniard. Attempts at salvage have been given up and they regard the trawler as lost. The vessel is lying with part of forepart up on the rock and only a part of the bow and funnel are visible above water. If the wind and sea do not abate it is thought that the vessel may slip off at any moment.—"Bergens Tidende." (See issue of Apr. 1.)

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**SPANIARD.**—Oslo, June 23.—Attempts to save the Hull trawler Spaniard are likely to fail, a Norwegian salvage company announced here. A salvage steamer investigating the wreck reported that the trawler was so badly damaged as to be scarcely worth salvaging.—Reuter. (See issue of June 1.)

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