

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

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WRECK SECTION No. 560

No. 27329 in R.B.

Wreck Book, p. 68/49

Date of writing this report 26th October 1949

Vessel's Name SS 'Surreybrook' of London

Tons (Gross 1543 Net 861)

Built at Hoboken When 1925 4 Casualty notice sent to Owner 20.10.49 Owner's reply 21.10.49

Owner's Name Williamstown Shipping Co. Ltd (Comben Longstaff & Co. Ltd, Mgrs)

Address 24, St. Mary Axe, London, E.C.3.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Case previously before Classing Committee.

Date Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

T100A1	TLMC 4.46
6.49	BS 6.49
SS. SH-4.46	TS 6.49CL

Date of Casualty 23rd September, 1949

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel grounded in dense fog on Spanish Battery Point, Tynemouth, on the 23rd September, 1949.

All double bottom tanks were full, the engine room and No. 5 hold were leaking, fore end of engine set up about one foot, ship's sides badly buckled and bottom extensively damaged.

All costs would exceed insured value and the ship has been abandoned as a Constructive Total Loss.

The Owners concur.

SURREYBROOK. — Blyth, Sept. 23.— At 7 40 p.m. to-day British steamer Surreybrook, of London, went aground on Spanish Battery Point, River Tyne. Tynemouth lifeboat standing by. Life saving brigade proceeding to her assistance.

North Shields, Sept. 23.— Steamer Surreybrook went aground in dense fog on east end of Black Middens in the Tyne. Vessel sailed at 6 33 p.m. to-day (for London), and went aground at approximately 7 p.m. Tugs are in attendance but efforts to refloat have failed so far due to ebb tide. Visibility poor but improving.

North Shields, Sept. 24.— Steamer Surreybrook went aground at Spanish Battery Point, Tynemouth, at 7 p.m. last night. Efforts were made on the rising tide to refloat the vessel with the assistance of tugs Homer and Joffre. Rocket Life Brigade stood by all night. Tynemouth lifeboat was launched at 2 30 a.m. Tug Homer returned from Surreybrook at 3 30 a.m. and reported that the crew had now abandoned ship. Harbour master reports master, chief officer and pilot remaining on board. (Calm, fog, considerable ground swell.

North Shields, Sept. 24.— British steamer Surreybrook: Tynemouth lifeboat has landed 19 members of the crew, none injured. Coxswain reports vessel making water in engine-room and No. 5 hold and confirms master and chief officer remain on board. Vessel is loaded with coal for London. The lifeboat is standing by.

When leaving the Tyne for London the British steamer Surreybrook (1543 tons), grounded in fog on Spanish Battery Point, Tynemouth. Efforts to refloat her with the assistance of tugs have so far been unsuccessful. The vessel is making water in her engine-room and in No. 5 hold, and the crew, with the exception of the master and chief officer, have been taken off.

SURREYBROOK. — West Hartlepool, Sept. 25.— Steamer Surreybrook: Have inspected yesterday and to-day in conjunction with owners' superintendent, finding vessel badly ashore on rocks under Spanish Battery, River Tyne, heading WSW, particularly exposed to SE gale. Examination at low water shows rocks badly broken up by vessel pounding in morning after stranding with hard patch under engine-room where fore end engines are set up about 1 ft. with ship sides badly buckled, main steam pipes being fractured. Bottom is extensively damaged and all double bottom tanks full and it is very evident that cost of salvage and repairs will considerably exceed insured value; owners' superintendent concurs.—Salvage Association's Surveyor. (See issue of Sept. 26.)

A message from the surveyor on board the British steamer Surreybrook, aground on Spanish Battery Point, Tynemouth, states that the vessel's sides are badly buckled, her bottom is extensively damaged and all double bottom tanks are full. In his opinion the cost of salvage and repairs will considerably exceed the insured value.

SURREYBROOK.—South Shields, Oct. 18.— Steamer Surreybrook, which grounded on Black Middens, in Tyne harbour, on Sept. 23, has now been abandoned as a constructive total loss.—LLOYD'S LIST Correspondent. (See issue of Sept. 27.)

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Suggested Record

FRI. 28 OCT 1949

Wrecked 9.49

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

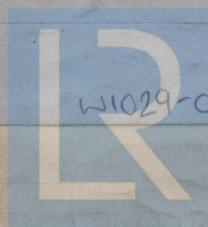
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