

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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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.

Case previously before
Classing Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

+100A1 +LMC 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.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

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, con-
siderable ground swell.)

North Shields, Sept. 24.—
British steamer Surreybrook: Tyn-
emouth 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 con-
junction 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. (Sal-
vage 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 LAST Correspondent. (See issue
of Sept. 27.)

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

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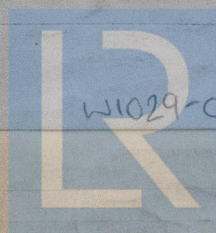
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