

# WRECK SECTION 13375

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

### No. 562

28538 in R.B.

Wreck Book, p. 59/49

Date of writing this report 21st September, 1949

Vessel's Name

S.S. "Time"

of Melbourne

Tons { Gross 3322  
Net 1752

Built at Sunderland When 1913

Casualty notice sent to Owner X

Owner's reply X

Owner's Name Australian Steamships Proprietary Ltd (Man. Agts: - Howard Smith &amp; Co.)

Address 522, Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria

Case previously before  
Classing Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

+100 A1

+LMC 7.45

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BS 3.49

ss. 2nd No 3-837

ss. No 2-45

TS 3.49 CL

Date of Casualty

23rd August, 1949

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel stranded on Corsair Rock, entrance to Port Philip Bay, on the 23rd August, 1949, due to it is stated to steering gear trouble.

Nos. 1 & 2 holds became full, while No. 4 hold and the boiler room were leaky.

"No cure no pay" offers were unobtainable.

The wreck has been sold and it is understood from Lloyd's that the Underwriters have accepted this case as a Constructive Total Loss.

### Australian Steamer Aground

Entry to Melbourne through the Port Phillip Heads has been blocked by the Australian steamer *Time* (3322 tons gross), from Queensland, which grounded on the Corsair Reef and then swung across the channel leading into Port Phillip Bay. The crew have abandoned the vessel, and it is probable that she will become a total loss. One report states that the *Time* was carried by the tide and wind after part of her steering gear was damaged. The

A message from the salvage officer at the Australian steamer *Time*, which is aground on the Corsair Reef, near Melbourne, states that the bow of the vessel is open to the sea and that the bottom of the ship may be set up for her full length. He considers that salvage appears practicable, but the ship is most vulnerable to any change in the weather. Salvage will involve the jettisoning of cargo.

The Australian steamer *Time*, aground on the Corsair Reef, near Melbourne, has been abandoned to insurers.

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In repl. Corp. re engineering as to loss, see A. Dept. Spl. file

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Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

23 SEP 1949

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**TIME.**—Melbourne, Aug. 23.—Master of steamer Time, Sydney for Melbourne, loaded raw sugar, hides and timber, radioed early this morning: Fast on Corsair Rock at entrance to Port Phillip Bay, bucking heavily. Later messages state Nos. 1 and 2 holds full, boiler-room and No. 4 making water, position looking hopeless. Tugs are being dispatched and Captain J. P. Williams is proceeding on board one of the tugs. (Later) Master now radioes abandoning ship at 5 p.m. to-day.

Melbourne, Aug. 23.—The sea approach to Melbourne through Port Phillip Heads was blocked early to-day by the steamer Time, which went aground on the Corsair Reef with her crew of 44 and then swung across the narrow channel leading into Port Phillip Bay. Five ships are reported to be waiting outside the bay. A hole has been torn in the bottom of the vessel, which was carrying a cargo of sugar from Queensland, and she is reported to have 15 ft. of water in Nos. 1 and 2 holds. Her rudder has been carried away, and the position of the ship has become dangerous. It is feared that she may become a total loss as she is likely to sink if towed off without repairs. If left, high seas and tides will probably break her up quickly.—British United Press.

Melbourne, Aug. 23.—The crew of the steamer Time have been taken off by lifeboat. Officials said it was understood that the vessel was carried by the tide and wind after part of her steering gear was damaged. The crew saved most of their personal belongings.—Reuter.

Melbourne, Aug. 23.—The crew abandoned steamer Time late this afternoon. The vessel was still taking water. Attempts to save her are expected to begin at high tide to-morrow.—British United Press.

**TIME.**—Melbourne, Aug. 24.—Steamer Time is still fast on Corsair Rock and abandoned by crew. Salvage would involve jettisoning of cargo and probability is that tugs will return to Melbourne. (See issue of Aug. 24.)

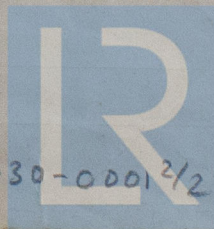
Melbourne, Aug. 24.—Tugmen who went on board the steamer Time said high tides had lifted her further on to the reef, that she had listed, and that a heavy swell was breaking over her after decks. Vessel's pumps were working while the tugs awaited a favourable tide to put more pumping gear on board.—Reuter.

Melbourne, Aug. 24.—Steamer Time: The following was telephoned from Captain Williams (salvage officer) this morning: Bow open to sea, collision bulkhead appears badly started, intake of water into other compartments at present small, bottom of ship may be set up for full length of vessel. Salvage appears practicable, but ship most vulnerable to change of weather; estimated cost of salvage £30,000 Australian. Salvage must involve jettisoning cargo as craft cannot lie safely alongside and recovery of cargo is impracticable. Underwater examination not yet possible. Engines and boilers apparently undamaged and steam raised on one boiler last night, ship's pumps coping with flow into engine-room at present. Vessel is expected to suffer heavily if weather breaks. She is heading west with a five degrees list, least depth alongside 17 ft. In case position deteriorates endeavouring to place salvage pump in engine-room. Do not think tugs can assist at present, and when salvage gear is transferred to barge propose sending both back to Melbourne.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

**TIME.**—Melbourne, Aug. 25.—Steamer Time: Owners advise notice of abandonment given to insurers here and in London. Captain Williams (salvage officer) is not prepared to entertain contract on terms "no cure no pay" and we do not consider any form of "no cure no pay" agreement procurable. Initial steps taken to terminate expenses at scene of wreck and practically all salvage gear returned to Melbourne. Our view only course is for invitations in Press for contract on your terms, alternatively sale of hull as she lies. Insurers here agreeable to follow London hull underwriters.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Aug. 25.)

**TIME.**—Melbourne, Aug. 27.—Tenders were invited to-day for the purchase of the steamer Time as she lies, in the jaws of the reef which she struck just inside Port Phillip Bay on Aug. 23. The cargo consists mainly of sugar. She lies with her holds flooded in about 17 ft. of water. Captain J. P. Williams, a salvage officer, said to-day that it was impossible to predict how long the vessel could survive the sea's battering, but with favourable weather there was no reason why the vessel could not be salvaged.—Reuter. (See issue of Aug. 26.)

**TIME.**—Melbourne, Aug. 31.—Steamer Time: Sale of hull as lying concluded this morning. (See issue of Aug. 29.)  
Melbourne, Aug. 31.—Two brothers have bought for £760 sterling the wreck of the steamer Time. The brothers, who are fishermen of Queens-cliff, Victoria, made the highest of 12 bids. The wreck was offered for sale after her owners had made unsuccessful efforts to save the vessel.—Reuter.



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