

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

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Date of writing this report 9th September, 1950

Vessel's Name *S.S. "Cygnet"* of *Panama* Tons Gross 3726 Net 2329

Built at *Stockton* When *1911* 3 Casualty notice sent to Owner Owner's reply

Owner's Name *Compania Naviera Punta Arenas, S.A.*
40 P. Wigham - Richardson & Co. Ltd.
Address *Armadores House, 5/6, Bury Street, London, E.C.3.*

Case previously before _____
Classing Committee. _____

Particulars of Classification.	
<i>H100A1</i>	<i>HLMC 149</i>
<i>1248</i>	<i>TS 10,48 CL</i>
<i>ss. 3rd No 3-844</i>	
<i>ss. Pir-149</i>	

MINE CASUALTIES

CYGNET.—North Foreland Radio, Mar. 14.—Following received from Dutch tug Holland, PESJ:—

At 4.35 a.m., G.M.T., to-day: XXX (urgency signal) Panamanian steamer Cygnet struck mine near Terschelling Bank Light-vessel. Lifeboat Brandaris and tug Holland alongside. Ship's lifeboat with five men missing. Ships in vicinity please keep sharp lookout.

At 4.40 a.m., G.M.T.: S O S given.

Following received from Scheveningen Radio, PCH, at 5.3 a.m., G.M.T., to-day: S O S following received from motor lifeboat Brandaris: Panamanian steamer (Cygnet) struck mine at 11 p.m. on Mar. 13, lifeboat with five men missing. Please keep sharp lookout. Rest of crew picked up by motor lifeboat, five men still on board.

At 5.5 a.m. Scheveningen Radio stated position of S O S is half mile east of Terschelling Bank Light-vessel.

Amsterdam, Mar. 14.—Panamanian steamer Cygnet struck a mine off Terschelling Island yesterday. Tugs standing by, five of crew still on board, wireless out of working order.

The Hague, Mar. 14.—Panamanian steamer Cygnet struck a mine near the Terschelling Bank Light-vessel last night. The motor lifeboat Brandaris and the tug Holland reached the vessel early this morning and took off 16 of the crew. Five men left the ship in a lifeboat before the rescue vessels arrived. The Brandaris and a plane from the air base at Valkenburg are searching for them. (Later) Two tugs have taken in tow the Panamanian steamer Cygnet. Five members of the crew of the Cygnet who were earlier reported missing in a lifeboat have now been sighted by a Mitchell bomber.—Reuter.

Amsterdam, Mar. 14.—Steamer Cygnet: Doeksen tugs are trying to tow vessel, which is badly leaking, to Terschelling. Crew safe, except four, who were found dead in ship's boat.

The Hague, Mar. 14.—Eight men remain on board steamer Cygnet while she is being towed to Vlieland by the tugs Holland and Stortemelk. The Cygnet is making water and lying rather low in the water, but is not listing. The only survivor among the five men in the lifeboat is the first mate, a Greek, who was picked up by the Holland. The Cygnet left Emden last Sunday (Mar. 12) with a cargo of scrap iron for Britain.—Reuter.

Amsterdam, Mar. 14.—Steamer Cygnet, in tow, is approaching island of Terschelling for beaching.

CYGNET.—Amsterdam, Mar. 14.—Steamer Cygnet has not been beached but is anchored in roads south of Terschelling; water kept under control by pumps. (See issue of Mar. 15.)

London, Mar. 15.—The London agents of the steamer Cygnet have received the following message from Doeksen N.V. Scheepvaart Maats. G. and Zonen, dated Rotterdam Mar. 15: Vessel now pumped dry, presently stopping leakages and repairing windlass. Hope to be able to leave Terschelling on Friday (Mar. 17.)

CYGNET.—Antwerp, Mar. 16.—Steamer Cygnet: Visible damage to hull and deck very slight; probably bottom damage. Leakage very slight. Engine-room and boilers slight visible damage. Mainly damage to woodwork on bridge and cabins. Steam now raised on vessel and vessel's pumps controlling leakage. Salvage Association's Surveyor. (See issue of Mar. 16.)

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CYGNET.—Antwerp, Mar. 17.—Steamer Cygnet: Made closer examination yesterday. Three winch frames broken in engine-room different cast iron pipe lines and valves broken, forward high pressure column cracked in top flange and all keeps of plunger blocks broken. Everything under control, no leakage of importance, ship dry, one boiler under steam. Cargo parties and owners to discharge of cargo at Hull. To get two lifeboats, if not suggest ship go back to Emden. (See issue of Mar. 17.)

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CYGNET.—Antwerp, Mar. 22.—Steamer Cygnet left Terschelling Roads at noon to-day for Immingham, in tow.—Salvage Association's Surveyor. (See issue of Mar. 20.)

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CYGNET.—Immingham, Mar. 24.—Steamer Cygnet, in tow of Dutch tugs Orson and Holland, arrived here to-day from Emden. (See issue of Mar. 23.)

Casualty *13th March, 1950*

Particulars of Casualty

This steamer struck a mine W.N.W. of Terschelling Light Vessel on the 13th March, 1950.

A considerable number of shell plates were found buckled.

Upon inquiry of Lloyd's, it is understood that this case has been settled as a Constructive Total Loss.

She has arrived in the Tyne in tow to be broken up.

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TS-14 1/8" CL-M.
9/25 - Treatment between lenses
8/13 - Forward lens cracked
9/27 - Aft lens cracked
Continuous lens fitted now

2 Lenses

Suggested Record *rf*

Damaged by mine 3.50

Date of Committee

FRI. 15 SEP 1950

Committee's Minute

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