

WRECK SECTION

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 56706 in R.B.

Wreck Book, p. 46/50

Date of writing this report 9th September, 1950

Vessel's Name

S.S. "Cygnets"

of

Panama

Tons

Gross 3726

Net 2329

Built at

Stockton

When

1911

MONTH.

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Casualty notice sent to Owner

Owner's reply

Owner's Name Compania Naviera Punta Arenas, S.A.

c/o P. Wigham - Richardson & Co. Ltd.

Address Armadores House, 5/6, Berry Street, London, E.C.3.

Case previously before

Date

Classing Committee.

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

H100A1 HLMC 149

1248

TS 10,48 CL

ss. 3rd No 3-844

ss. Pin - 149

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.

2 Lines

{ 9/25 - Inboard lower lines

{ 8/13 - Forward lower cracked

{ 9/27 - Aft lower cracked

Continuous lines fitted near

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 Cygnets 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 (Cygnets) 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 Cygnets 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 Cygnets 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 Cygnets. Five members of the crew of the Cygnets who were earlier reported missing in a lifeboat have now been sighted by a Mitchell bomber.—Reuter.

Amsterdam, Mar. 14.—Steamer Cygnets: 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 Cygnets while she is being towed to Vlissingen by the tugs Holland and Stortemelk. The Cygnets 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 Cygnets left Emden last Sunday (Mar. 12) with a cargo of scrap iron for Britain.—Reuter.

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

CYGNET. — Amsterdam, Mar. 14.—Steamer Cygnets 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 Cygnets 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 Cygnets: 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 Cygnets: Made closer examination yesterday. Three winch frames broken, in engine-room different cast iron pipe lines and valves broken, forward light pressure column cracked in top flange and all keels 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 Cygnets 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 Cygnets, in tow of Dutch tugs Ocean and Holland, arrived here to-day from Emden. (See issue of Mar. 23.)

Suggested Record

Damaged by mine 3.50

Date of Committee

FRI. 15 SEP 1950

Committee's Minute

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