

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

17 MAR 1952

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Ship's Name ss "TAXIARCHIS" of Syra Tons { Gross 4221
Net 2619

Built at Stockton When 1913 9 Casualty notice sent to Owner 14.2.52. Owner's reply 27.2.52

Owners Lemos Brothers & Theseus S.S.Co., Ltd.,

Managers

Address Odos Tritis Septemvriou 151, ATHENS, Greece.

Classification details

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Date of Casualty 14th January, 1952.

Details of Casualty

This ship grounded on rocks at West Scar, Redcar, on the 14th January. Refloating was made impossible by bad weather which increased the damage to the ship, and she was abandoned on the 17th January.

It has now been decided to break her up for scrap on the spot.

The Owners' concur.

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1-37-Liner grooved
1-28-Liner deck

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

TAXIARCHIS. — Saltburn, Jan. 14. — Redcar lifeboat launched on service to steamer Taxiarchis (Leith for Black Sea), ashore at Redcar, Yorkshire, Middlesbrough, Jan. 14. — Greek steamer Taxiarchis grounded at West Scar, Redcar, at 3.20 p.m. to-day, three tugs in attendance.

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TAXIARCHIS. — London, Jan. 15. — The London agents of the owners of the steamer Taxiarchis, in ballast, ashore off Redcar, have received the following message from the superintendent of the Tees Towing Company, who is at present on board, timed 9.40 a.m. to-day: Engine-room and No. 3 hold leaking, No. 4 double bottom tank leaking and full, pumps broken and unable to deal with water, rudder broken. (See issue of Jan. 15.)

London, Jan. 15. — The following message has been received from the master of the steamer Taxiarchis, timed 10.45 a.m. to-day: Signed Lloyd's Open Form. We remain dangerously aground, ship is lying on rocks, rudder broken, engine bedplate broken, engine-room platform lifted up. Water has appeared in No. 3 hold and engine-room.

Redcar, Jan. 15. — Steamer Taxiarchis: attended, finding vessel stranded on West Scar Rocks, Redcar, heading NE., exposed to all easterly and northerly weather. Tugs Banbury Cross and Dundas Cross connected at about 4.30 p.m. yesterday and swung bow about 9 deg. seaward but had to abandon at 6.30 p.m. owing to falling tide. Same tugs attempted to reconnect on morning tide to-day but unable to approach owing to SW. gale. Vessel has now dried out at low water this morning, weather conditions still bad. Tug owners' salvage superintendent now on board, reports engine-room and No. 3 hold leaking, No. 4 double bottom tank full and leaking, ship's pumps out of action also rudder broken. Tides now heaving, to-day's morning tide being 2 ft. 7 in. less than yesterday's p.m. Understand owners instructed master contact with Tees Towing Company on Lloyd's Open Form but in view of leakage and weather salvors do not propose to attempt to refloat before leakage under control. Ground tackle and heaving off gear which salvors possess must also be laid out and it may also be necessary to flood holds until vessel ready for refloating. — Salvage Association's Special Officer.

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TAXIARCHIS. — London, Jan. 16. — Operations to free steamer Taxiarchis were suspended temporarily to-night. The master and crew of 27 are still on board. The Tees Towing Company, who are controlling the operations, are to-night conferring with the owners of the vessel on further action. It is understood that because she is firmly held by the rocks there is danger of more serious damage if attempts to pull her off with tugs are continued. Redcar lifeboat is standing by. — Exchange Telegraph Company. (See issue of Jan. 16.)

Redcar, Jan. 16. — Steamer Taxiarchis: Tug owners' salvage superintendent has landed and reports engine-room tank top set up, main engine bedplate broken in number of places, shafting bent and ballast pump displaced, ship's side on starboard side of engine-room badly buckled. — Salvage Association's Special Officer.

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West Hartlepool, Jan. 16. — Steamer Taxiarchis: Salvors now loading two 4-in. pumps also two 3-in. pumps and equipment on paddle tug Lingdale, which they propose placing on board at high water to-morrow morning and, subject to conditions being favourable, will attempt to refloat to-morrow p.m. — Salvage Association's Special Officer.

Middlesbrough, Jan. 16. — Steamer Taxiarchis: Owing to wind-blown tide last night, which was 1 ft. higher than predicted, vessel's bow shifted 60 deg. to starboard and now heading E. & S. Leakage in engine-room has increased and ship's sides now buckled over five frame spaces, boilers displaced and main steam pipes set up. — Salvage Association's Special Officer.

TAXIARCHIS. — London, Jan. 17. — Greek steamer Taxiarchis, which went aground on West Scar Rocks, near Redcar, in a gale on Monday (Jan. 14), has engine-room badly flooded and her keel plate is right out of the water. Tug officials and workmen boarded the vessel this morning to inspect the damage. (See issue of Jan. 17.)

Middlesbrough, Jan. 17. — Steamer Taxiarchis: Still aground, now reported abandoned. — London, Jan. 17. — The crew of the Taxiarchis has been taken off with the exception of the master and two officers.

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Suggested Record Wrecked 1,52.

Date of Committee FRI. 7 MAR 1952

Committee's Minute

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TAXIARCHIS.—West Hartlepool, Jan. 17.
—Steamer Taxiarchis: Position unchanged but in view of gale warning master and remainder of crew landed. To-day salvors have cut scuttling hole in No. 2 hold to minimise further damage to ship, but in view doubtful saved value they have informed owners they are not now prepared to continue salvage on the existing open contract.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Jan. 18.)

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TAXIARCHIS.—Middlesbrough, Feb. 22.
—Greek steamer Taxiarchis, which is stranded on rocks at Redcar, is to be broken up for scrap. This was reported at meeting of local council which sanctioned proposal to fence off portion of beach as a working area for men engaged in dismantling the vessel.—LLOYD'S List Correspondent. (See issue of Jan. 19.)

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