

REPORT

REPAIRS, &c.

Date of writing Report

No. in
Reg. Book.

Surv.

RT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

12968

37224 in R.B.

Wreck Book, p. 58/45

Date of writing this report 17th September, 1945

Vessel's Name Steam Tug "Empire Harry" of Goole

Built at Goole

When 1943

MONTH

Casualty notice sent to Owner 4.9.1945

Tons (Gross 479
Net 42)

Owner's Name Ministry of War Transport (United Towing Co. Ltd., Margate)

Owner's reply 5.9.1945

Address 11, Nelson Street, Hull.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Case previously before
Classing Committee.Date
Last Minute

Particulars of Classification

+100A1 +LMC 4, 43
For towing services
744 OGFitted for oil fuel 4,43 F.P. above
150°F

Date of Casualty 6th June, 1945.

Précis of particulars of Casualty

Stranded in thick fog on rocks four
miles west of Salcombe on the 6th June, 1945.She was broadside to sea, pounded
heavily and was extensively damaged.Considered a Constructive Total Loss.
The Managers concur.EMPIRE HARRY. London, June 7.—
The following wireless message was
received from tug Empire Harry at
11.12 p.m., G.M.T., on June 6: S.O.S.
with tow ashore of Bolt Head; require
immediate assistance.Salcombe, June 7.—
Steam tug Empire Harry has stranded
in thick fog on rocks near Bolt Tail.
Salcombe. Wind southerly, vessel
exposed and position generally pre-
carious. Master and crew landed safely
by Salcombe lifeboat.London, June 7.—
Tug Empire Harry, towing two barges,
has gone ashore east of Bigbury Bay
and has been abandoned by crew. A
tug is standing by endeavouring to tow
her off.London, June 7.—
Admiralty salvage officer reports: Tug
Empire Harry is badly ashore on
Beacon Point, half mile W. of Bolt Tail.
Vessel broadside to sea on projecting reef
of rocks; full of water fore and aft.
Oil coming away from vessel, which
indicates bottom set up. Wind
SW strong breeze to moderate gale.
Unable to approach vessel within quarter
mile from sea. Will endeavour to survey
to-morrow from shore. Two barges are
on beach ashore and will inspect them
to-night.EMPIRE HARRY. Salcombe, June 7.
Tug Empire Harry is badly ashore
near Beacon Point, approximately four
miles west of Salcombe. Vessel lying
broadside on to sea on projecting reef
of rocks, pounding heavily and exposed
to heavy ground swell. Wind WSW,
strong breeze to moderate gale. Vessel
full fore and aft and seas breaking com-
pletely over her; impossible to board.
Tug and trawler sent from Plymouth
have returned. Further survey will be
attempted at low water to-morrow if
possible to board. (See issue of June 8.)London, June 8.—
Admiralty salvage officer reports: Tug
Empire Harry surveyed at low
water from shore. Vessel within
few yards of beach. On starboard
side abait bridge deck 18 ft. in-
board set in and leaking. Star-
board, rudder and propeller blades gone,
hull in way of forecast hole 9 ft. long,
starting at turn of edge and going up
for 10 to 12 ft. Collision bulkhead can
be seen through hole and has gone.
Hull badly damaged over entire length.
Vessel badly damaged and considered
constructive total loss. Barge NO. 66
appears undamaged and if weather
good can be salvaged. Barge NO. 66
right under cliffs, damaged on port side
and leaking badly.EMPIRE HARRY. London, June 8.
Admiralty salvage officer reports: H
surveyed tug Empire Harry, at
water with master of vessel
under her. Constructive
certain amount of
salvage is possible.
(Note: See issue of June 8.)

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