

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

No. 64525 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 81/54 Date of writing this report 6th September, 19 54.

Ship's Name m.s. "JACQUES DEL MAR" of Noumea Tons (Gross 512 Net 265)

Built at Bremerhaven When 1906 Casualty notice sent to Owner 5.8.54. Owner's reply ---

Owners Captain Emile Savoie,

Managers ---

Address Noumea, New Caledonia.

WRECK SECTION No.

RETAIN

Classification details

Table with classification details: 100A- LMC5,52; 9,53 NE32; ssWln.-5,52(Dr.) DBS11,53; NDBmade20refitted32; ts 2,52 OG

Date of Casualty 20th July, 1954.

Details of Casualty

This ship dragged her anchor in a gale and was wrecked on a reef off Lord Howe Island.

No reply has been received to a letter addressed to the Owner 5th August, 1954.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

JACQUES DEL MAR.—Sydney, July 20.—The local agents of motor vessel Jacques del Mar report that a message has been received from the master stating that the vessel has been wrecked in north passage, Lord Howe Island, and is a total loss.

Melbourne, July 20.—French motor vessel Jacques del Mar foundered on a reef off Lord Howe Island during a storm early today. Captain Savoie said his ship dragged her anchor in a gale when winds reached 60 miles an hour and drifted towards the reef near the north passage of the island. One engine was under repair and the other was started in an effort to save the ship, but she was unable to make headway against big seas and was washed high on the reef. The crew was taken off by boats from the island. The ship was on her way from Sydney to Noumea with cargo.—Reuter.

JACQUES DEL MAR.—Sydney, July 22.—Motor vessel Jacques del Mar: Agent advised by representative at Lord Howe Island that inspection with master on July 22 confirms vessel holed and stern overhanging reef.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of July 21.)

Sydney, July 22.—Motor vessel Jacques del Mar: Agents report engine in sound condition when leaving Sydney, good passage to Lord Howe Island, arriving there on July 17. Gale experienced in night of July 19 when sound engine was started to assist anchors, heavy seas washed vessel high on reef at high water. Agents' representative flown there reports: "Vessel hard aground and considered total loss; administrator confirms this view. Consider practicable salvage of balance of cargo with assistance of islanders." Chief officer, presently at Sydney, states regarding engine, under repair at time of casualty, cylinder head cracked and ashore for repair, also considers holing of bottom inevitable. Master has informed agents that he is returning to Sydney on July 23 unless underwriters have any objections. Lloyd's Register surveyor investigating condition of machinery at this end.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

JACQUES DEL MAR.—Sydney, July 28.—Motor vessel Jacques del Mar: Our special officer reports vessel stranded on reef, bottom damaged, holds and engine-room flooded and tidal. No prospects of salvage and recommends prompt sale as lying. Understand balance of cargo now salvaged.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of July 24.)

cc 21/7/54

cc 24/7/54

cc 30/7/54

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Suggested Record "WRECKED 7,54" TUESDAY 7 SEP 1954

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

Handwritten notes: Wrecked 7,54



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