

WRECK SECTION

No. 406

13022

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Wreck Book, p. 2/46

Date of writing this report 7th March, 1946

Vessel's Name M.S. "Badger State"

of New York

Tons (Gross 1539
Net 1107)

Built at Pt. Glasgow When 1912 9

Casualty notice sent to Owner 2/2/46

Owner's reply

Owner's Name Federal Motorship Corporation (L.S. Martin, Mgr.)

Address 24, State Street, New York City, U.S.A.

Case previously before
Classing Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

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with fwd
245
SS 2nd No 3-534
SS No 2-43
TS 645 CL
OIL ENGINES
for service between New York,
Chicago & Quebec via Canals,
also from Eastport, Maine
to Gulf of Mexico and
Caribbean Sea.

Date of Casualty 14th January 1946

Précis of particulars of Casualty

During bad weather this motorship struck
a steel and concrete ship, 6ft submerged, forming
part of a breakwater at Alvaro Obregon, near
Tampico, Mexico, on 14th January, 1946.

The bow is on the bar, with the stern
completely submerged, and the ship is damaged all
aft of No. 1 hold and filling with sand.

Local salvors lack adequate equipment and
as bad weather is expected to last until April, a
New York firm of salvors may only become interested
in May next if condition of vessel warranted
salvage and if satisfactorily sound value could
be established.

No reply has been received to the Casualty
Notice addressed to the Owners on the 2nd February.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

BADGER STATE.—London, Jan. 17.
The following cable has been received
from New York, dated Jan. 14: Motor
vessel Badger State is ashore, Tampico,
near Tampico. Owners notifying
Lloyd's (Lloyd's Agents, Tampico 13
cable).

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BADGER STATE.—Mexico City, Jan. 18.
The Government announced to-night
the stranding in a hurricane of the Gulf
of Mexico of the American motor vessel
Badger State off Alvaro Obregon,
Tabasco State, while bound for New
Orleans. The crew were rescued.
Exchange Telegraph Company. (See
issue of Jan. 18.)

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Merida, Yucatan,
Jan. 19.—American motor vessel
Badger State is aground at entrance to
canal at Alvaro Obregon; salvage
practicable.

BADGER STATE.—Veracruz, Jan. 18.
Motor vessel Badger State stranded in
night of Jan. 14 at the mouth of the
river at Alvaro Obregon. Vessel is now
half under water.—New York Maritime
Association. (See issue of Jan. 21.)

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BADGER STATE.—Merida, Jan. 23.
Motor vessel Badger State. Sub-Agent
at Alvaro Obregon advises vessel con-
sidered lost, impossible to put her afloat.
Owners' representatives discharging
crew.—Lloyd's Agent, Per Salvage Asso-
ciation. (See issue of Jan. 25.)

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BADGER STATE.—London, Feb. 4.
American motor vessel Badger State:
Advices from New York, dated Jan. 28,
state that the owners' representative, Mr.
L. S. Martin, proceeded to the scene
immediately he heard of the sinking
of the vessel, and the owners presume
that it has been impossible for him to
get any message through previously to
one sent to his wife (the date is not
given) in Brownsville, Texas, who passed
it on immediately to the owners, as
follows: During bad weather Badger
State struck steel and concrete ship,
6 ft. submerged, forming part of break-
wall at Alvaro Obregon. Damaged all
aft No. 1 hold, engine-room filled in
three minutes. Ship sunk at present
position. Bow on bar submerged com-
pletely aft of No. 4 hatch in matter
of minutes. Salvage attempts discon-
tinued after three days. Ship filling
with sand due to continued bad weather
which has also delayed me total of 10
days. (See issue of Jan. 26.)

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Alvaro Obregon, Feb.
2.—Motor vessel Badger State: On
account of heavy seas unable to
approach vessel, which is abandoned
south of entrance canal with stern com-
pletely submerged. Port authorities
have written to the owners of the vessel
requesting removal within 30 days,
otherwise a fine of 100,000 Mexican pesos
will be incurred.—Salvage Association's
Surveyors.

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Motor vessel Badger State: Salvage
difficult and impossible on account
of prevailing weather, which is
expected to continue until April. Deck
is approximately 15 ft. above water at
bow and 10 ft. below at stern. Depth
of water forward 10 ft. at 18 ft. W.
line cut-off of funnel and water line
of fifth hatchway from fore-cabin to
engine-room. Salvage Association's
Surveyors. (See issue of Feb. 5.)

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New York, Feb. 14.
Lloyd's Agent, New York, writes:
Meridians are not interested but
state they might be interested
about May if condition of vessel at that
date warranted salvage also if satisfac-
torily sound value could be established.
—Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See
issue of Feb. 5.)

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BADGER STATE.—Mexico City, Feb. 18.
Motor vessel Badger State: Local
salvors lack adequate equipment and are
unwilling to undertake salvage.—Lloyd's
Agent, Mexico City Salvage Association.
(See issue of Feb. 18.)

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Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

Wrecked 1.46
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L. L. Lloyd

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