

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 26th March, 1947

Vessel's Name *S.S. "Zephyros"*

of *Argostoli*

Tons Gross *4796*
Net *3051*

Built at *Glasgow* When *1909* 6

Casualty notice sent to Owner *17.3.47*

Owner's reply *18.3.47*

Owner's Name *"Zephyros" Steamship Co. Ltd.*

Agents' Address : *A. Lusi, Ltd., Holland House, Bury Street, London, E.C.3.*

Case previously before
Classing Committee.

Date
Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.	
<i>+100 A1</i>	<i>+LMC 1139</i>
<i>Sp. dk 346</i>	
<i>Exemined 845</i>	<i>BS 1145</i>
<i>SS. 2nd No 3-2,35</i>	
<i>SS. No 1-39</i>	<i>TS 745 CL</i>

Date of Casualty *26th February, 1947*

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel stranded in thick snow and poor visibility on rocks north of Cullercoats wireless station in the Tyne Roads on the 26th February, 1947.

Engine and boilers were set up, engine room and No. 2 hold tidal, the vessel badly buckled and distorted, and her back broken in two places.

Considered a Constructive Total Loss and tenders have been issued for sale or stripping.

The London Agents concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

ZEPHYROS.—Cullercoats Radio, Feb. 26.—Following received from Greek steamer Zephyros (Rouen for Tyne) at 6 32 a.m. G.M.T.: Zephyros in distress in Tyne Roads, tug is required quickly near the lighthouse.

North Shields, Feb. 26.—Greek steamer Zephyros is in distress off Cullercoats. Local tugs proceeded to assist vessel at 7 15 a.m., and Tyne-mouth lifeboat went out to vessel at 8 a.m. Wind south, strong thick snow, visibility very poor, sea rough.

North Shields, Feb. 26.—Greek steamer Zephyros is aground off Cullercoats wireless station. Contact has been made by line with the vessel, crew not leaving ship. Vessel is high up on rocks and lifeboat and tugs have returned as they can at present do nothing, SSE, blizzard continues.

North Shields, Feb. 26.—Greek steamer Zephyros is fast aground off Brown Point, Cullercoats, on ebb tide. Crew wading ashore, although breeches buoy apparatus in position by volunteer life brigade. Vessel lying stern to shore about 250 yards from cliff and on ebb tide practically high and dry. Weather has moderated, sea moderate.

Blyth, Feb. 26.—Greek steamer Zephyros went ashore near Cullercoats Wireless Station at 6 30 a.m. to-day; crew safe. Vessel has broken back in two places.

North Shields, Feb. 26.—Greek steamer Zephyros: Tug now standing off vessel. Cullercoats lifeboat proceeding with owners' representatives to attempt establish towing contact with vessel. Master and part crew still on board. Weather conditions much better.

North Shields, Feb. 26.—Steamer Zephyros: Crew taken off by lifeboat and landed at Cullercoats.

ZEPHYROS.—West Hart, pool, Feb. 27.—Inspected steamer Zephyros at low water in conjunction with owners' surveyor. Found vessel badly stranded north of Cullercoats Wireless Station, sitting on reefs under engine and boiler space. Engine and boilers set up bodily, thrust block broken, ship's side in way of Plimsoll line badly buckled. Vessel is leaking in engine and boiler-rooms and No. 2 hold, consequently before she can be refloated and brought into the Tyne a salvage pump must be placed on board. Have recommended that owners request Leith Salvage and Towage Co. to inspect with a view to a contract on Lloyd's Open Form.—Salvage Association's Surveyor. (See issue of Feb. 27.)

London, Feb. 27.—Unsuccessful attempts were made at high tide to-night to refloat the Greek steamer Zephyros. Cullercoats lifeboat put a skeleton crew on the vessel but the efforts of the tugs to move her failed. The skeleton crew then returned to shore by the lifeboat. Commander C. F. Smith, salvage officer, said that another attempt to refloat her will be made next week. The general opinion among shipping experts is that if there is a recurrence of gales the Zephyros might become a total loss.

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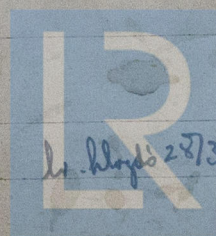
Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

Wrecked 2,47
FRI. 28 MAR 1947

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ZEPHYROS.—London, Mar. 5.—In reply to inquiry, Lloyd's Agent at Newcastle-upon-Tyne writes under date of Mar. 3: At low water yesterday steamer Zephyros did not seem to have sustained any more damage during the last few days. She is lying in a position which would become exposed if the weather should come away from any easterly quarter, and she would drive further on the rocks amidships and probably break her back. Provided salvage equipment can be obtained and the weather remains quiet until the spring tides, there should be a reasonable chance of refloating her. (See issue of Mar. 1.)

West Hartlepool, Mar. 4.—Steamer Zephyros: Boarded this afternoon in conjunction with master and owners' surveyor. Found vessel very badly buckled and distorted, especially at shell between forward part of No. 2 hold, extending to engine-room. Tank top in No. 2 hold is set up about 6 ft., the engine-room and No. 2 hold being tidal, consequently salvage practically impossible.—Salvage Association's Surveyors.

ZEPHYROS.—Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Mar. 10.—Fire broke out on board steamer Zephyros this morning. (See issue of Mar. 6.)

London, Mar. 10.—Fire on board the Greek steamer Zephyros, ashore off Cullercoats, destroyed the officers' cabins on the port side. The vessel is in imminent danger of breaking up.

ZEPHYROS.—Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Mar. 11.—The fire on board the Greek steamer Zephyros was extinguished by the local fire brigade after two hours. Salvage officer states that the vessel is now considered a constructive total loss and that tenders have been issued for her sale or stripping. (See issue of Mar. 11.)

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