

## REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &amp;c.

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Date of writing this report 21st October, 1935

Vessel's Name *Steel & Tr. "Skegness"* of *Hull* Tons (Net) 107 (Gross) 275Built at *Middlesbrough* When *1917* Casualty notice sent to Owner *11/10/1935* Owner's reply *X*Owner's Name *Trident Steam Fishing Co. Ltd. (G. A. Ledger, Mgr.)*Address *St. Andrew's Dock, Hull.*Case previously before  
Classing Committee.Date ☒  
Last Minute ☒Particulars of Classification.  
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Stm Trawler BS 435  
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ss. No 3-633 CLDate of Casualty *24th September, 1935*Précis of particulars of Casualty *This trawler is reported to have been wrecked during heavy weather between Flamborough and Filey on the 24th September.**It is stated all the crew perished.**The usual casualty notice was addressed to the Owners on the 11th October, but no reply has yet been received.*

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

SKEGNESS.—Flamborough Head, Sept. 25.—Following received from Coast-guard Filey: Vessel in distress between Flamborough and Filey; there are lights under Speeton Cliffs which cannot be accounted for. Further report is that she is to northward of Speeton Coast-guard Station. Strong N. wind, sea rather rough, visibility moderate.

Flamborough Head, Sept. 25.—Vessel reported ashore between Flamborough and Filey identified as trawler Skegness, of Hull, ashore one and a half to two miles south of King and Queen Rocks, Speeton. Funnel and bridge gone, vessel breaking up; no news of crew. Speeton Rocket Company failed to obtain communication and have returned to station. Flamborough lifeboat returned and reports unable to get alongside owing to wind and sea. Wind north, strong breeze to moderate gale, misty, visibility moderate, sea rather rough.

Bridlington, Sept. 25.—Steam trawler Skegness, H 14, ashore Speeton Cliffs, heavy north east swell, strong gale, feared all hands lost; one body recovered pulled up cliff with rope. I have visited scene of stranding, vessel listed heavily to port, funnel and wheelhouse washed away, fully submerged at high tide. Fear total loss. —Lloyd's Agent.

Hull, Sept. 25.—Trawler Skegness went ashore off Speeton at midnight last night. Vessel lost; fear loss of all hands.

Humber Wireless Station, Sept. 25.—Following received from British tug Scotsman, timed 11 20 a.m., G.M.T.: Located trawler Skegness; no sign of life, bridge and funnel gone.

London, Sept. 25.—Nine men, the crew of the Hull trawler Skegness, are believed to have been lost on Speeton Cliffs, near Bridlington, early to-day. The trawler is stated to be pounding to pieces on the rocks. Efforts to reach her with rocket line have failed. The trawler went ashore late last night in a terrific gale under the cliff, which is 400 ft. high. Unusual lights were seen under the cliff by coastguards, and lifeboats from Flamborough North Landing, Scarborough and Filey were launched. At one time it was believed that two vessels were in distress, but this proved not to be the case. The Skegness is owned by the Trident Steam Fishing Company, of Hull, and she was on her way to that port from the fishing grounds. Five rockets were fired from the cliff top. All were blown back on top of the cliff by the terrific force of the wind. The trawler lay almost underneath the life-saving company at the foot of the cliffs. The gale, which was one of the most sudden on the coast for some time, turned from a fog into a full gale within an hour. The torrential rain which was falling reduced visibility to a few yards, and the force of the wind made it impossible to stand on the top of the cliff. So great were the seas that the lifeboats could not approach near enough to give any assistance. The wind and seas increased in intensity, and the trawler, which had been on an even keel, was driven over on to her side. Shortly after midnight a light was seen in the wheelhouse, but the last information from the trawler was received by wireless shortly before 3 a.m. Nothing has been heard since. Searchlights on the cliff showed there was very little of the trawler left above the water except the wheelhouse, in which were believed to be the crew. The funnel had been smashed and carried away. There is very little hope left for any of the crew. An attempt will be made this morning at low tide to reach the Skegness by going along the beach at the foot of the cliff and sending a line out to her.

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London, Sept. 25.—All hope has now been abandoned that any of the crew of the trawler Skegness are alive. The vessel has settled down on to her side and is almost submerged with terrific seas sweeping across her. The Flamborough lifeboat was swept by terrific seas while attempting to get back to her station at Flamborough Head. The coxswain ordered the lifeboat to put back into Bridlington Harbour. The following official list of those on board was given at the Hull offices of the Trident Steam Fishing Company, owners of the trawler: Skipper R. Wright, T. Fairclough, mate; William Coleclough, boatswain; Samuel Dyson, chief engineer; Charles M. Johnson, second engineer; Samuel Wm. Dyson, engine-room trimmer; Thomas Bale, third hand; David Grady, deck hand; Sidney Taylor, cook; Albert R. Cunningham, spare hand; Joseph L. Grimliss, spare hand.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

London, Sept. 25.—After repeated efforts the coastguards on the cliff top succeeded in firing a life-line over the Skegness with the rocket apparatus. There were, however, no signs of life on the vessel and the line was not made fast to the vessel. Huge waves were sweeping through the wheelhouse, in which the crew had been seen earlier. The body of one of the members of the crew of the Skegness has been washed ashore and has been taken to the top of the cliffs. On the body was a life-saving belt and around the waist was tied a line believed to have been one of the life-saving lines sent over by rocket.

**SKEGNESS.**—London, Sept. 25.—A body found below the cliffs to-day at Speeton, Flamborough, where the Hull trawler Skegness was wrecked with the loss of the whole crew of eleven, has been identified as that of Charles M. Johnson, second engineer, of Ripon Terrace, Kent Street, Hull. Another body has been seen floating in the sea, but it was impossible to reach it. It is believed that some of the dead are inside the trawler, which has been pounded on the rocks by heavy seas.

London, Sept. 26.—The trawler Skegness is rapidly breaking up. To-day the sea was not so rough, but the trawler is broadside on and it is expected that all trace of her will have vanished within a week. Three more bodies were found at the foot of the cliff during the morning, bringing the total recovered up to five.

**SKEGNESS.**—London, Sept. 27.—The trawler Skegness is rapidly breaking up. Each wave goes through her and she is badly holed.—“The Times.”

**SKEGNESS.**—London, Sept. 27. — The party searching for bodies of men who perished in the wreck of the Hull trawler Skegness, at Speeton, near Bridlington, to-day for the first time reached the battered vessel on the rocks beneath the cliffs. There were no bodies in the wreck. Owing to the tide the party was able to remain on board only for a brief spell. There was just enough time for a rapid search. A further attempt will be made to get on board to-morrow to find the log book of the Skegness, which it is hoped will explain how she came to run on the rocks. The body found yesterday, which could not be brought up the cliff through the rescue party being trapped by the tide, has not yet been identified.

London, Sept. 28.—A search party who to-day boarded the steam trawler Skegness found the body of the skipper, Richard Wright, aged 28, of Hull. This was the eighth body recovered. The other three of the crew are believed to have been carried out to sea.

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