

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c. 9115

No. 28954 in R. B. Wreck Book, p. 126/35 Date of writing this report 10th February 1936  
Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Lough Fisher" of Barrow Tons (Net 160 Gross 415)  
Built at Connah's Quay When 1921 - 3 Casualty notice sent to Owner x Owner's reply x  
Owner's Name J. Fisher & Sons Ltd.  
Address Barrow-in-Furness.

Case previously before Date  
Classing Committee Last Minute  
Date of Casualty 28th December, 1935.  
Particulars of Casualty

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+100 A1 12.35  
+LMC MS 10.33 BS 8.35

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

LOUGH FISHER. - Barrow, Dec. 28. - British steamer Lough Fisher, Ayr for Barrow, cargo coal struck ground three miles north-west of Lightning Knoll Buoy, off Barrow, in fog at 5.50 a.m. today. Vessel was holed in engine-room and sunk stern first. All crew landed in ship's lifeboats at 11.30 a.m.  
London, Dec. 28. - A message has been received from the owners of the steamer Lough Fisher to the effect that she struck the ground three miles NW. of Barrow at 5.15 a.m. today. She is reported to be holed in engine-room and to have sunk stern first. All crew landed. The vessel was on a voyage from Ayr to Barrow with a cargo of coal.  
Barrow, Dec. 28. - Steamer Lough Fisher, of Barrow, foundered about 1 1/2 miles off Biggar Bank, Walney Island, at 10.30 a.m. today, but probably dry at low water springs. The crew of nine landed in own boats. Barrow lifeboat launched but services not required.  
London, Dec. 28. - Steamer Lough Fisher is likely to become a total wreck. Visibility was very bad when the vessel grounded.  
LOUGH FISHER. - Barrow, Dec. 30. - Steamer Lough Fisher, ashore Walney, heeled over and is now lying on port broadside with about 12 ft. of water around steamer at low water, submerged at high water, rise and fall about 25 ft.; stony bottom, exposed position, south to north-west by west. Arranging motor craft go alongside and inspect steamer at low water to-morrow morning. - Lloyd's Agent.  
Barrow, Dec. 30. - Steamer Lough Fisher: Only viewed vessel from beach at low water. Vessel lying on port broadside with 12 ft. water around ship at low tide, submerged entirely at high water, rise and fall about 25 ft.; stony bottom, exposed position open to all weather from south to north-west by west, holed in bottom under engine-room. Salvage might be possible with moderate weather, must be done quickly. Will require services of contractor. - Lloyd's Agents and Salvage Association's Special Officer.

This vessel was reported to have gone ashore at Walney on the 28th December, 1935.  
It was stated that she was holed in bottom under engine room and had sunk stern first. Later reports, however, intimate that after striking the ground she heeled over & was lying submerged at high water but with about 12 ft of water around her at low water. It was considered that salvage might be possible if quickly effected.

The Barrow Surveyors stated, in a communication dated 4th February, they were informed by the Owners that notice had been given to the Underwriters of abandonment, but it was understood the matter had been referred to the Salvage Association.

In reply to inquiry the Salvage Association state per telephone today (10th Feby) that endeavours are being made to sell the vessel as she lies or to interest Contractors in regard to possible salvage, but nothing definite has yet transpired regarding her disposal.

2nd March, 1936.

In reply to further inquiry, the Barrow Surveyors state that have abandoned this vessel.

Lloyd's state per telephone today (2/3/36) that the Underwriters accepted the vessel as a total loss & all claims have been paid.

Suggested Record x  
Date of Committee TUE. 11 FEB 1936  
Committee's Minute

Referred / Mr. Brown

Wre.  
TUE 11 FEB 1936  
Surveyor to Lloyd's Register of Shipping.  
Lloyd's Register Foundation

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