

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 7th December 1936

Vessel's Name *Steel Twin S.S. "Cristobal Colon"* of *Barcelona* Tons { Net 6057 Gross 10833

Built at *Perrol* When 1923 - 9 Casualty notice sent to Owner \* Owner's reply \*

Owner's Name *Cia. Trasatlantica*

Address *Apartado de Correos N.º 14, Plaza Medinaceli 8, Barcelona, Spain.*

Particulars of Classification.  
+100 AI S.S. Bto N.º 2-31  
Shade 5k. +LMC 2.35  
8.35 BS 2.36

before Date 25th October, 1936.

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*This Spanish vessel was reported to have gone ashore near North Rock, Bermuda, on the 25th October.*

*The Naval Authorities commenced salvage operations, but abandoned the work after two days as it was considered to be beyond their resources.*

*Lloyd's Agent reported on the 6th November that the situation had become more serious owing to heavy weather & pounding. The ship was badly hogged, & it was believed that her back was broken.*

*18th January, 1937.  
No further reports have been received.*

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

**CRISTOBAL COLON.**—Bermuda, Oct. 25.—Spanish steamer *Cristobal Colon* is ashore north-east reefs; understand holed in No. 3 hold. Tugs have gone to her assistance.—Lloyd's Agent.

Bermuda, Oct. 25.—The Spanish steamer *Cristobal Colon*, owned by the *Cia. Trasatlantica*, is piled high on the rocks 10 miles off shore this morning. Salvage tugs are unable so far to render aid. She is reported to be badly damaged. There are no passengers on board.—*Reuter*.

**CRISTOBAL COLON.**—Bermuda, Oct. 25.—Steamer *Cristobal Colon* is halfway on the reef with her bows eight feet higher than her stern. The crew, numbering 160, is dumping overboard 1600 tons of coal from the forward holds in order to lighten the vessel so that she can be towed off the rocks. It is not known definitely if she is holed. An inspection is being made but it seems improbable that the vessel is seriously damaged. She was bound for Mexico but according to the salvage agents the master did not state for what port he was bound. The vessel carries neither passengers nor cargo. Her fuel was taken on board at Cardiff.—*Reuter*.

Bermuda, Oct. 25.—There is now 16 ft. of water in No. 3 hold of the steamer *Cristobal Colon*, and it is thought that help from some place other than Bermuda will be necessary. Six stewardesses have been landed.—*Reuter*.

**CRISTOBAL COLON.**—Bermuda, Oct. 28.—Spanish steamer *Cristobal Colon*, ashore near North Rock: Forepeak bulkhead tight, chain locker dry, No. 1 hold about sea level, No. 2 hold leaking, No. 3 hold at sea level. Damage to bottom unknown. Boiler engine-rooms, Nos. 4 and 5 holds dry. Exposed position, considerable swell. Naval authorities have commenced salvage operations but consider beyond their resources and have abandoned operations.

**CRISTOBAL COLON.**—Bermuda, Oct. 28.—Attempts to save the Spanish steamer *Cristobal Colon*, which is grounded on a reef off Bermuda, have been abandoned by the Admiralty after two days of efforts with the cruiser *Dragon* and two tugs. The crew is being landed and accommodated at the Government expense.—*Reuter*.

Bermuda, Oct. 29.—Spanish steamer *Cristobal Colon*: Crew abandoned ship, reported 8 ft. of water in stokehold.

**CRISTOBAL COLON.**—Bermuda, Nov. 6.—Spanish steamer *Cristobal Colon*: Situation more serious owing to heavy weather and pounding. Ship badly hogged, believe back broken.—Lloyd's Agent.

Suggested Record \*

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