

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Vessel's Name Steel M. S. "Chagford" of London Tons { Net 164 Gross 311

Built at Goole When 1937 / 1 Casualty notice sent to Owner 5/4/38 Owner's reply 6/4/38

Owner's Name H. Barrison (Shipping) Ltd.

Address 9, St. Thomas Street, London, S.E.1.

Previously before Committee. { Date _____ Particulars of Classification. +100A1 +LMC 1,37
 Last Minute _____ 09
Oil Eng.

Casualty 24th March, 1938.

Particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have been sunk by collision with the steamer "Black Osprey" on the 24th March, 1938, off St. Catherine's Point, Isle of Wight, during dense fog.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

CHAGFORD.—St. Catherine's Point, Mar. 24.—Niton Radio reports following received from American steamer BLACK OSPREY at 2 15 p.m.: Motor vessel Chagford in collision with steamer BLACK OSPREY at 1 4 p.m., G.M.T., lat. 50 34 N., long. 0 9 W. Master, second engineer, mate and ordinary seaman on board BLACK OSPREY, Chief engineer, able seaman Hill and Dickson missing. Chagford sank within about five minutes.

London, Mar. 24.—Three members of the crew of the motor vessel Chagford, 311 tons gross, are feared to have lost their lives when the vessel sank within five minutes after being involved in a collision with the American steamer BLACK OSPREY, off St. Catherine's Point, Isle of Wight, to-day. The accident occurred during a dense fog. The three missing men are chief engineer A. McCrone, of South Shields, and seamen J. C. Hill and P. Dickson. The survivors, who were picked up by the BLACK OSPREY, are the master, W. Williams, of Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex; the mate, D. Roberts, of Anglesey; the second engineer, A. Woods; and ordinary seaman J. Lopez. The Chagford had discharged a cargo of coal which she had brought from Blyth, at Fareham, Hampshire, and was on her way to pick up a fresh cargo when the collision occurred. The BLACK OSPREY, 5580 tons gross, was on voyage from Rotterdam to New York.

St. Catherine's Point, Mar. 24.—Niton Radio reports following received from the Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel Montanol at 4 37 p.m., G.M.T.: Expect to arrive in position lat. 50 34 N., long. 0 9 W., at about "4 20" p.m., to-day. Will search for three missing men from motor vessel Chagford.

Newhaven, Mar. 24.—American steamer BLACK OSPREY, of New York, and British motor vessel Chagford, of London, were in collision this afternoon during thick fog in lat. 50 34 N., long. 0 9 W. The Chagford sank immediately with three of crew. Master, mate, second engineer, and seaman landed at 6 p.m. by British trawler Helping Hand, of Lowestoft. BLACK OSPREY proceeded on voyage to New York. The master reported no damage to vessel. Master and crew of Chagford are staying at Newhaven overnight.

St. Catherine's Point, Mar. 24.—Niton Radio reports following received from Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel Montanol at 6 37 p.m., G.M.T.: Expected to arrive in position lat. 50 34 N., long. 0 9 W., at about "6 20" p.m., to-day. Will search for missing men. Search abandoned at 7 p.m.

CHAGFORD.—London, Mar. 30.—Motor vessel Chagford, of London, which sank after collision with the American steamer BLACK OSPREY 16 miles SW. by S. of Newhaven Pier, English Channel, on Mar. 24, was on voyage from St. Sampson for London with stone.

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Suggested Record Sunk by collision 3.38

Date of Committee FRI. 8 APR 1938

Committee's Minute Sunk by collision 3.38

Character Assigned 100A1

