

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 31st December 1938

Vessel's Name Steel Arm. Trawler "Cheriton" of Hull

Tons { Gross 275
Net 107

Middlesbro' When 1917 9 Casualty notice sent to Owner X

Owner's reply X

Name Boston Deep Sea Fishing & Ice Co. Ltd. (B.A. Perkins, Mgr.)

Address 232 Dock Street, Fleetwood

Previously before Date
Committee. Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

+100A1	
Str Trawler	LMC 8.35
737	
SS No 3-830	BS 11.37
SS No 1-35	TSN 7.37CL

Casualty

19th November, 1938.

Particulars of Casualty This vessel is reported to have stranded in the Westray Firth on the 19th November, 1938. The same day she was refloated and beached on a sandy bottom on the Island of Rousay. The engine room was flooded, stern post broken and probably the bottom was set up.

Six days later she was again refloated and towed into Aberdeen for survey.

Upon inquiry of Lloyd's, it has been ascertained that the Underwriters have accepted this case as a Constructive Total Loss, and in a communication dated the 27th instant, the Aberdeen Surveyors state that the vessel has been towed to Leith to be broken up.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

CHERITON. — Wick Wireless Station, Nov. 19.—Following received from British trawler Cheriton at 3.55 p.m., G.M.T.: Cheriton ashore Westray Firth, about eight to ten miles from Noup Head, breaking up, urgent assistance required.

Following received from American steamer Scanmail at 4.5 p.m., G.M.T.: We are 18 miles NE. of Noup Head and going to her assistance. Please advise what assistance she requires.

Following received from British trawler Indian Star at 4.15 p.m., G.M.T.: Going to that position, there about three or four hours.

Following received from British trawler Cheriton at 4.25 p.m., G.M.T.: Vessel filling with water and heeling over, trying to lower small boat now.

Following received from British trawler Alafoss at 4.40 p.m., G.M.T.: Trawler Cheriton: Advised she is five to six miles S. by W. of Green Holm and trying to beach ship south side of Firth, presumably Westray Firth.

Following received from British trawler Loch Long at 4.55 p.m., G.M.T.: Trawler Lynx H. is anchored Inganess Bay, will let her know about Cheriton at 5 p.m., Cheriton probably making for that bay.

Following received from American steamer Scanmail at 4.55 p.m., G.M.T.: Is there anyone nearer than us? We are 35 miles from Green Holm on west side of Orkney Islands and we cannot go through the Firth until daylight. Attempt find some ship on other side.

Vessel informed that she appears to be nearest to casualty.

Following received from British trawler Cheriton at 5.24 p.m., G.M.T.: I am trying to get her beached, we are all safe, the ship is full of water and we have no steam, our exact position Rousay Bay, we want assistance from Stromness lifeboat.

Following received from British fishery cruiser Freya at 5.38 p.m., G.M.T.: We are on our way to assist trawler Cheriton and will arrive Rousay Bay in about one hour. Our present position north side Fara Sound.

Westray, Nov. 19.—Trawler Cheriton ashore Skea Skerries. Mail steamer Earl Thordinn, Stromness lifeboat and other vessels proceeding to render assistance.

Kirkwall, Nov. 19.—Trawler Cheriton ashore Skea Skerries. Island of Westray, 3.20 p.m., now reported afloat making water. Stromness lifeboat and drifter Betty Bodie with life-saving apparatus on board have gone to her assistance. It is now reported that Cheriton has made Saviskaill Bay, Island of Rousay.

Kirkwall, Nov. 19.—Trawler Cheriton beached at Holm Bay, Rousay, at 6.23 p.m. to-day. Leakage in engine-room, making water.

Wick Wireless Station, Nov. 19.—Following received from British trawler Cheriton at 6.52 p.m., G.M.T.: Now hard and fast and boat alongside, will manage without lifeboat assistance.

Kirkwall, Nov. 19.—Trawler Cheriton reported grounded Ham Bay, Island of Rousay, not requiring assistance from lifeboat.

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

Stranded 11.38 - Refloated

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Stranded 11.38 - to be broken up



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CHERITON. — Kirkwall, Nov. 21. —
Trawler Cheriton: Sternpost reported
broken, cabin and engine-room flooded
and considerable water in fish room.
Vessel now beached on sandy bottom
and no immediate further damage anti-
cipated. Owners' surveyor arrived and
now proceeding to wreck. — Lloyd's
Agents per Salvage Association.

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CHERITON. — Kirkwall, Nov. 22. —
Trawler Cheriton: Inspected to-day.
Stern post broken, propeller stripped and
bottom probably set up. At present
vessel full of water but consider will
refloat without much difficulty. —
Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

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CHERITON. — Kirkwall, Nov. 26. —
Trawler Cheriton refloated on last
night's tide and is now on passage to
Aberdeen in tow of salvage vessel
Bullger.

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Leith, Nov. 26. — Trawler
Cheriton was successfully floated at
11 p.m. yesterday and is being taken to
Aberdeen where we hope to obtain a
dry dock on Monday (Nov. 28). — Sal-
vage Contractors per Salvage Associa-
tion.

London, Nov. 26. — The
crew of the Milford Haven trawler
Cheriton reached Aberdeen to-day on
the steamer St. Fergus.

CHERITON. — Aberdeen, Nov. 28. —
British trawler Cheriton, H 519, which
was ashore in Orkney Islands, arrived
here at noon yesterday in a damaged
condition in tow of salvage steamer
Bullger. She will be placed on pontoon
to-morrow to ascertain extent of
damage.

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