

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 18<sup>th</sup> October 1937

Vessel's Name *Steel S.S. "Taylor"* of *Sunderland* Tons {Net 83 Gross 2011

Built at *Southampton* When 1914 - 10 Casualty notice sent to Owner 14/10/37 Owner's reply 15/10/37

Owner's Name *F.W. Taylor*

Address *34, West Sunnyside, Sunderland.*

Case previously before {  
 Classing Committee. {  
 Date {  
 Last Minute {

## Particulars of Classification.

+100A1 4.37  
 S.S. No. 3-127  
 S.S. No. 2-35  
 +LMC 9.35  
 BS 10.36

Date of Casualty *30<sup>th</sup> September, 1937.*

Precis of particulars of Casualty

*This vessel was reported to have  
 capsized & sunk 8 miles south-east of  
 Buchanness on the 30<sup>th</sup> September.  
 The Owner concurs.*

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

**TAYLOR.**—Wick Wireless Station, Sept. 30.—Following received from British trawler Thomas Thresher at 11 7 p.m. G.M.T.: British trawler Dalmatia reports at 8 30 p.m. G.M.T., position 6 to 7 miles east of Buchanness, he saw rockets and proceeded to that position, saw nothing and is now proceeding on voyage.

Wick Wireless Station, Oct. 1.—Following received from British trawler Ocean Princess at 1 42 a.m. G.M.T.: Have picked up one survivor of overturned vessel, position 8 miles SE. of Buchanness, five more of crew missing. Have searched round among wreckage but found nothing and am now proceeding Aberdeen, due 5 a.m. Vessel's name unknown, survivor foreigner, too far gone to give vessel's name.

Peterhead, Oct. 1.—Wick Wireless Station reports 1 42 a.m. G.M.T. trawler Ocean Princess picked up one survivor from overturned vessel. Information received states vessel is steamer Taylor, of Sunderland.

Peterhead, Oct. 1.—Steamer Taylor, of Sunderland, Buckie for Sunderland, loaded timber, reported sank last night eight miles SE. of Buchanness. Master saved by steam trawler Ocean Princess landed at Aberdeen and taken to infirmary, remainder of crew missing. Peterhead lifeboat not yet returned.

London, Oct. 1.—Five men belonging to the small Sunderland steamer Taylor are feared to have been lost when their vessel capsized off Buchanness last night. The only survivor, Captain John Olsen, the Norwegian master, was in the water for five hours clinging to two planks until he

was rescued by the Aberdeen trawler Ocean Princess. The trawler, bound for Faroe, ran into wreckage from the Taylor and then heard shouts from the water. James Innes, a deck hand, dived overboard in the darkness with a line and rescued Olsen. A thorough search of the area was made by the Ocean Princess, but she failed to find any trace of the other men, and then headed for Aberdeen, where Olsen, who was in an exhausted condition and had an injury to his hand, was taken by ambulance to the Royal Infirmary. The Taylor was bound to Sunderland from Buckie with a cargo of timber, and she is stated to have overturned about 7 o'clock last night. The master stated that his vessel took a heavy list, the engine-room filled with water, and she turned over and sank before they could get to the small boat.

The missing men are William Dedling, mate, Fulwell Road, Sunderland, Alexander Forbes, able seaman, Barrasgate Road, Fraserburgh, George Ong, first engineer, Louiseburgh Street, Wick, John Blair, second engineer, Ballet Place, Fraserburgh, and James Joiner, ordinary seaman.

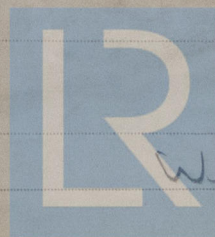
Aberdeen, Oct. 1.—At 5 20 a.m. to-day steam trawler Ocean Princess arrived with man on board, John Olsen, 56, master mariner, of 12, Ashley Grove, Fulwell, Sunderland. Olsen stated he is master of the steamer Taylor, of Sunderland. At 8 p.m. yesterday this vessel capsized eight miles SE. of Buchanness, and Olsen and his crew of five were floating on pieces of wood and cargo. At 11 30 p.m. he heard some of the crew speaking. At 12 30 a.m. to-day he was picked up by trawler Ocean Princess, which searched the vicinity and failed to find other members of the crew of the Taylor.

Aberdeen, Oct. 1.—Peterhead lifeboat returned to Peterhead at 1 p.m., having been out since 7 30 a.m. searching vicinity where steamer Taylor capsized, but has neither discovered nor seen anything.

Suggested Record *Capsized & sunk 9.37*

Date of Committee *TUE. 19 OCT 1937*

Committee's Minute *capsized & sunk 9.37*



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