

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c. 9081

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Date of writing this report 2nd January 1936

Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Orchis" of Bideford Net 191

Built at Appledore When 1918 - 2 Casualty notice sent to Owner 16/12/35 Owner's reply 19/12/35

Owner's Name British Isles Coasters, Ltd.

Address Lloyd's Wharf, Cardigan

Case previously before
Classing Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

+100A1 53 Apl. N° 3-129
3 33 55. Geo. N° 1-33

+LMC

MS 2.33
BS 8.35

Date of Casualty 30th November 1935.

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This vessel was reported to have foundered about 5 miles S. by W. of Pencarrow Head on the 30th November.

It was stated that when off Polperro a bad leak was discovered in the aft part of the engine room. The flooding was so serious that orders were given to abandon the ship & immediately this had been done she sank by the stern in deep water. Prospects of salvage were considered to be hopeless.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

ORCHIS.—Fowey, Nov. 30.—Steamer Orchis, of Bideford, which left Par on this morning's tide for Aberdeen and Dundee, cargo china clay, foundered about five miles south by west of Pencarrow Head. Crew saved by Mevagissey fishing boat, which was in vicinity, and landed here, escorted by Fowey lifeboat.

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London, Nov. 30.—Only a few seconds after her master and crew of nine had escaped in the lifeboat the steamer Orchis foundered four miles off Pencarrow Head, near Polperro, Cornwall, to-day. The vessel had left Par only two hours before, bound for Dundee and Aberdeen, with a cargo of 500 tons of china clay. While the master was on the bridge he received a message from the engine room that the vessel was sinking. He at once gave orders for the crew to man the lifeboat and only a few seconds after they had got the boat away the Orchis sank by the stern. The master, W. Jones, stated that when about four miles off Polperro a bad leak was discovered in the aft part of the engine room. The flooding of the vessel was so serious that he had to give an immediate order to man the lifeboat.

ORCHIS.—Fowey, Nov. 30.—Steamer Orchis is sunk in deep water, about 20 fathoms. Salvage prospects hopeless. Cause of sinking apparently unknown. —Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

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Suggested Record

Foundered 11.35

Date of Committee

FRI. 8 JAN 1936

Committee's Minute

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