

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 29th December 1927

Vessel's Name *Steel S.S. "Karin"*

of *Durban, Natal* Tons {Net. 239
Gross 45.7

Built at *Sikhoweer* When *1918*

Casualty notice sent to Owner *5. 11. 27* Owner's reply *6. 12. 27*

Owner's Name *Smiths Coasters (Prop.) Ltd (C/o Smith & Co. Ltd.)*

Address *30, Smith Street, Durban*

Case previously before *1927* Date

Classing Committee. Last Minute

Date of Casualty *22nd October 1927*

Coasting Cape Town & Zanzibar

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This steamer took a heavy list when clear of Durban harbour on 22nd October.

The Harbour Authorities refused to undertake raising, and would remove wreck by explosion.

The vessel was loaded with sugar, rice etc, and on 12th December it was reported that the Court of Inquiry were of opinion cause of loss was bad stowage.

The Owners confirm the loss of the vessel.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

KARIN. — Durban, Oct. 22. — Coasting steamer Karin left here to-day at 5 p.m., when clear of harbour entrance vessel took a heavy list, altered her course, listed again. Tug(s) went to her assistance, took vessel in tow to re-enter harbour, but vessel capsized and sank half mile N.E. of Harbour entrance; depth of water 50 ft. All on board saved with exception of one native drowned. Will not impede navigation entering or leaving the harbour. — Lloyd's Agents.

KARIN. — Durban, Oct. 24. — Coasting steamer Karin: Cargo consists of 6860 bags sugar, 353 rice, 520 barrels petroleum, 80 packages general; some barrels washed ashore. Notice of abandonment has been given us but we refuse to accept. Harbour authorities have requested owners to take steps to have the wreck removed, as it constitutes an obstruction to navigation. We have recommended owners call for offers to salvage "no cure no pay." — Lloyd's Agents.

KARIN. — Durban, Oct. 25. — Steamer Karin: Prospects of salvage doubtful. — Salvage Association.

KARIN. — Durban, Oct. 26. — Steamer Karin: Owners have advertised for salvage "no cure no pay" returnable Oct. 31. — Salvage Association.

KARIN. — Durban, Nov. 1. — Steamer Karin: No offers "no cure no pay." Do you authorise owners send diver to report what are the prospects of salvage? If not, harbour authorities are taking steps for the removal of the vessel. Owners have given formal notice of abandonment. One lifeboat washed ashore. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

KARIN. — Durban, Nov. 17. — Steamer Karin: Harbour diver examined vessel yesterday at owners' instructions and reports vessel undamaged, lying on port side, decks perpendicular, hatches gone, sand level amidships, ends free. Considers diving risky owing strong current and scour, would require ideal conditions at slack water, Harbour authorities refuse undertake raising owing danger navigation while waiting for favourable conditions, risk to plant, small value vessel and will remove by explosion. Consider useless again advertising offers "no cure no pay." — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

KARIN. — Durban, Dec. 12. — Steamer Karin: Court of Inquiry held to investigate the circumstances of this case were of opinion cause of loss was bad stowage. — Salvage Association.

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