

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

WRECK BOX
No. 87
(Bottom)

933

No. 35834 in R. B.

Wreck Book, p. 27/34

Date of writing this report

3rd April

1934

Vessel's Name *Steel S.S. "Swift eagle"*of *Wilmington, Del*

Tons

Net 509.2

Gross 820.7

Built at *Portland, Or* When *1921 - 5*Casualty notice sent to Owner *5/3/34*Owner's reply *20/3/34*Owner's Name *Boat Owning & Operating Co. (C.D. Mallory & Co. Inc., N.Y.C.)*Address *11 Broadway, New York U.S.*

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

Case previously before

Date

Particulars of Classification.

Classing Committee.

Last Minute

+100A1 S.S.N.Y.R. No 3-8.33

Shelter Dr. +LMC 8.33

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8.33

Casualty *21st February, 1934**Carrying petroleum in bulk
filled for oil fuel 4.21.
F.P. above 150°F.*

particulars of Casualty

*This vessel stranded on San Benito Islands
on the 21st February.**Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association stated
that salvage operations were begun, but owing
to the vessel sustaining further damage
(broken forward of stokehold; aft end dropped
4 feet; machinery & boilers completely wrecked-
set up 4 to 4 1/2 feet; etc) he & the Owners'
superintendent considered further operations
to be futile.**The Owners concur.**SWIFTEAGLE.*—San Francisco, Feb. 21.
—American tank steamer Swift eagle, San
Pedro for New York, reported stranded
Cerro Island, Lower California. Vessel
pounding heavily.

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SWIFTEAGLE.—London, Feb. 23.—The
Salvage Association have received the
following information: American tank
steamer Swift eagle, San Pedro for New
York, with a full cargo, stranded
400 miles south of San Pedro. Engine-
room flooded, pounding heavily. Coast-
guard cutter Shoshone proceeding to
assistance. Merritt Chapman sending
steamer Peacock from San Pedro on sal-
vage contract "no cure no pay."

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San Francisco, Feb. 22.—
Steamer Swift eagle reports solidly
aground in thirty feet of water with
cargo hold, boiler and engine-room
flooded. Apparently on San Benito
Islands, not Cerros Island, and in
exposed position. Merritt Chapman's
salvage steamer Peacock sailed early this
morning, should reach vessel on Friday
(Feb. 23) at noon. Owners signed "no
cure no pay" contract with Merritt, New
York. Coastguard cutter en route to ves-
sel. Steamer Santa Catalina standing by,
reports crew still on board, no immediate
danger. Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Asso-
ciation.*SWIFTEAGLE.*—San Francisco, Feb. 23.—
Steamer Swift eagle: Salvage steamer
Peacock arrived 11 a.m., reports
draught of Swift eagle 23 ft. forward,
28 ft. aft. Tanks Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and
7, afterpeak and pump-room intact. Fore-
peak, cargo hold and Nos. 1, 8 and 9
tanks, bunkers and machinery space
flooded. Engines and boilers set up
3 ft., no apparent distortion of vessel.
Three compressors and lighting set on
board to-night. Long westerly swell
prevents work. Lloyd's Agent per Sal-
vage Association.

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SWIFTEAGLE.—San Francisco, Feb. 26.
—Steamer Swift eagle: Salvage report
Sunday morning (Feb. 25) crew trans-
ferred to coastguard cutter on account of
danger owing to heavy seas. Later report
from salvors states weather good, work
proceeding. Too soon to foretell success
or failure, blowing tanks slowly on
account of heavy oil. Latest report re-
ceived at noon to-day states vessel moved
astern 140 ft., changed heading 13 deg.
Strong NW. wind, moderate sea.—
Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

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SWIFTEAGLE.—San Francisco, Feb. 27.
—Steamer Swift eagle: Salvage master
reports as follows: My opinion damage
now exceeds any possible recovered value
probably also insured value. Question
possibility of success after to-day's gale
as lost (P control) after tanks and buck-
ling started forward of boiler-room. Pre-
sent intention to remove our equipment
and return as soon as weather permits.—
Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

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SWIFTEAGLE.—San Francisco, Feb. 28.
—Steamer Swift eagle: Salvage master
reports abandoned ship to-day, salvage
crew removed by breeches buoy with
great difficulty. Ship broken forward of
fire-room. Salvage steamer Peacock re-
maining to recover equipment when
weather moderates.—Lloyd's Agent per
Salvage Association.

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SWIFTEAGLE.—San Francisco, Mar. 2.—
Steamer Swift eagle: Salvage master
reports as follows: Broken forward of
stokehold, but not definitely apart, aft
end has dropped 4 ft., forward end up
to mainmast badly hogged, machinery
and boilers completely wrecked, set up
4 to 7 ft. He and owners' superintendent
consider further operations futile.—
Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

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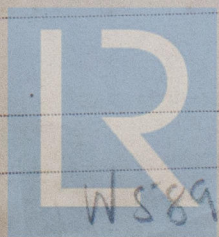
Suggested Record

Wrecked 2.34

Date of Committee

WED. 4 APR 1934

Committee's Minute

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