

Extract of Log Book of S.S. La Crescent. (Deck)
re Grounding in the River Gironde. 20/21/4/32

April 20th. Five minutes after midnight entered buoyed channel. Full ahead. courses to pilot's directions. 1.50 Stand by engines. 2.0 A.M. Stop off Verdon. Exchanged pilots, Pilot Linique now in charge of helm; proceeded up river. 4.43 Stopped off Pauillac and Doctor boarded. using engines to stem tide. 4.53 received Pratique, and proceeded full ahead. 6.0 approaching berth, tug "Simoun" came to attend on vessel. 6.17 vessel took the ground, full astern. 6.22 full ahead. 6.23 stop. 6.24 full astern. 6.37 stop. Soundings F.24ft. M.20½ ft. A.27ft. Compass bearings:- Red buoy N72E(comp), Bec d'Ambes S10E At low water (2.10)P.M. F.18ft. M.12ft. A.18ft. Sand and mud bottom. Oil leakage observed on both sides at slack water. 2.45 P.M. Tugs " Bagalan" and "Bassens" made fast aft and commenced towing. 3.30 tug "Simoun" made fast port side. 4.10 tug "Sirocco" made fast on port side. 4.12 stand by engines. Engines worked and tugs manoeuvred to pilot's directions. 6.30 fouled buoy B.A.I. and same fast alongside securely. 7.10 All efforts to refloat vessel of no avail, rang off engines and dismissed tugs.

Leakage of oil cargo continues,

B.O.T.Regulation Lights exhibited for vessel's aground.

April 21st. 4.30 A.M. Tugs "Simoun", "Sirocco", "Bagallan" and "Bassens" in attendance. 5.20 stand by engines. 6.0 tug "Mascaret" made fast and assisted in towing. Engines worked and tugs manoeuvred to pilot's directions. 7.0 vessel refloated, and proceeded towards Berth, towed by two tugs.

Main deck found to be buckled badly from bridge to mainmast, and ship's starboard side bulged out in way of No.5 tank.

7.15 all clear of shallow water, slipped buoy B.A.I., which sank. 7.30 vessel off berth, proceeded to make fast, fore and aft. 8.15 dismissed tugs. 8.27 rang off engines. 9.55 vessel moored fore and aft. Leakage of oil still observed from both sides. 10.50 commenced discharging cargo.

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