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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

WRECK BOOK

No. 69 (Bottom)

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Date of writing this report 14th August 1931

Vessel's Name Steel S.S. Trawler "Daily Mail" of Fleetwood Tons { Net 165 - Gross 386

Built at Middlesbrough When 1930 6 Casualty notice sent to Owner 2.8.31 Owner's reply 13.8.31

Owner's Name Boston Sea Fishing & Ice Co. (B.A. Parkes, Mgrs)

Address 232 Dock Street, Fleetwood

Case previously before Date 110081
Classing Committee. Last Minute Am Trawler 2.31 11mcb.30

Date of Casualty 10th May 1931

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This trawler went ashore on 10th May N.W. of Mull of Galloway; reported awash at high tide, and bottom stated to be badly damaged. Salvage operations have been in progress. She has settled more by the stern, and the Salvors have abandoned operations as they consider salvage not practicable.

In reply to a special casualty letter the owners state that they have now terminated trying to float the trawler, and she is merely being stripped of some of her gear. They add that it will be in order to expunge the vessel from the Register Book.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

DAILY MAIL.—Portpatrick Wireless Station, May 10.—Following received from British steam trawler Daily Mail at 10.50 p.m.: Daily Mail ran ashore about north of Mull of Galloway. Immediate assistance required.

Portpatrick Wireless Station, May 11.—Following received from British steam trawler Daily Mail at 11.39 p.m.: May 10: Vessel filling up forward. All crew left in small boat except master.

Portpatrick Wireless Station, May 11.—Following received from British steam trawler Tranquil at 1.6 a.m. (G.M.T.): Master and crew of steam trawler Daily Mail safely on board steam trawler Tranquil.

Stranraer, May 11.—British trawler Daily Mail ashore at Cromart Head, north of Mull of Galloway. Am proceeding to scene of wreck.—Lloyd's Agent.

Stranraer, May 11.—British trawler Daily Mail ashore at 12 midnight Barnacorkrie Bay, N.W. of Mull of Galloway. Master and crew taken off and away by British trawler Tranquil. Vessel abandoned and apparently badly holed. Sea calm but foggy.

Fleetwood, May 11.—Steam trawler Daily Mail reported ashore at Mull of Galloway. Crew taken off and coming home to Fleetwood.

Stranraer, May 11.—Steam trawler Daily Mail: Position 40 yards from and parallel to shore, restless on heavy boulders with deep water between at low tide, very exposed to W. and S.W. Internal condition presumed tidal. Prospects refloating not hopeful.

DAILY MAIL.—Stranraer, May 11.—Visited trawler Daily Mail at 8 p.m.: Sea calm and clear. Vessel almost quiet. At high tide main deck is awash. Considerable list to port. Of the opinion that refloating is wholly dependent on weather as vessel in an exposed situation.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

Drummore, May 12.—Trawler Daily Mail: Inspected at high water. Hold and engine-room full, deck amidships covered. Exposed weather south-west to north-west on foul ground. Inspecting low water this afternoon.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

DAILY MAIL.—Drummore, May 12.—Trawler Daily Mail: Examined at low water. Soundings 11 ft. seaward, 9 ft. inshore, evenly borne on large stones. Eight degrees port list. Fish hold tidal, engine-room filling from hold damage. Apparently bottom fractured on port side hold, wood deck set up and burst one place. No other signs. With moderate weather prospects salvage good, require divers and pumps. Telephoning apparatus dry, only motor wet. Advise leave set in place, will require dismantle to remove causing greater damage.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

DAILY MAIL.—Drummore, May 12.—Trawler Daily Mail lies stranded in Barnacorkrie Bay on the north-west side of the Mull of Galloway, exposed to the weather between S.W. to N.W. by W.; starboard broadside to the sea, on foul ground, hold, fish-room and engine-room full, deck amidships covered, fore-castle head and after part of the ship above water, with a full catch of fish on board. At low water we again boarded and continued examination, soundings were 11 ft. of water on the seaward (or starboard side) and 9 ft. on the inshore side, evenly borne on large smooth stones, 8 deg. port list, hold and fish-room (which is common) tidal, engine-room appears to be ebbing and flowing from the hold through a forward tunnel, there is slight movement on the vessel. On the hull above water or about the deck we only found one place which gave indication of bottom damage, the wood deck planking on the port side half-way between the fish-room hatchway and bulwark is set up and burst, which appears as if the bottom is set up and fractured at this place, rudder and propeller apparently all right, only small damage to deck fittings and houses. With moderate weather the prospect of salvage is good, but will require diver and pumps. There is no labour available here and no gear or diver nearer than Glasgow.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (Note.—The Salvage Association report that a "no cure no pay" contract is being arranged with the Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association.)

Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

Wrecked 5/31

TUE. 18 AUG 1931

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DAILY MAIL.—Drummore, May 14.—
Trawler Daily Mail: Strong southerly wind, rough sea, unable to board. Inspected with Liverpool Salvage Association's Officer from beach at high tide. Water 5 ft. over deck amidships, ends dry, vessel rolling about five degrees. Inspected low water from beach. Vessel rolling slightly, position unchanged.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

DAILY MAIL.—Hoylake, May 15.—
Trawler Daily Mail: Our officer reports this afternoon: Moderate south-west wind, slight swell. Boarded vessel. All compartments tidal. Vessel held upright by two large boulders or rocks under port bilge, remainder bottom sand except rocks right aft. Salvage steamer Trover arrived.—Liverpool and Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

Drummore, May 16.—
Trawler Daily Mail: Salvage steamer Trover only arrived last night, held up by weather. Commenced operations this morning, diver now making examination. Weather fine, calm.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

DAILY MAIL.—Drummore, May 16.—
Trawler Daily Mail: With the rolling she appears to have been straining, as the wood deck at the forward side of the bridge houses was open and working, otherwise her condition so far as we were able to see or judge is unchanged. Diver reports vessel lying on large stones with port bilge resting on three boulders, starboard side clear. Lower part of stem driven back, fore foot crumpled and adjoining plates open, port bottom plates badly indented, bilge keel buckled and twisted, starboard side bottom plates number of indents. He was unable to see bottom of stern frame or rudder as these had worked down between the loose stones to a distance of about 4 ft. The salvors are putting suction pipes in place and making ready to put pumps on board. Weather continues fine and sea smooth.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

Liverpool, May 18.—
Trawler Daily Mail: Our officer telegraphed on Saturday night (May 16): Weather fine. Diver reports fore foot crushed and split open to nine feet abaft stem, port bilge corrugated almost full length and resting heavily on rocks and boulders, apparent fracture in fish hold, but diver unable to reach it in present position. Placed suction pipes in various compartments, hope place pumps on board tomorrow.

Further message this morning reads: Yesterday moderate north-west wind and swell in bay; installed 6-in. pump in engine-room, but trial had little effect except proving main source of leakage through fish hold.—Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

Drummore, May 18.—
Trawler Daily Mail: Yesterday weather fine. Installed six inch pump in engine-room. Trial had little effect except proving main source of leakage through fish hold. Telephonic sounding apparatus removed by makers' representative in trawler owners' presence, landed good order and taken to Fleetwood for installing in other company's vessel.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

DAILY MAIL.—Drummore, May 19.—
Trawler Daily Mail: Second pump put on board, trial made, unable make impression. Intend installing more pumping power to-day. Fear large fracture in fish hold where reported.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

Liverpool, May 19.—
Trawler Daily Mail: Our officer telegraphs this morning: Yesterday weather fine, salvage steamer Trover alongside high water, further pumping trial, still unable make impression. Fear large fracture in fish hold.—Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

DAILY MAIL.—Drummore, May 20.—
Trawler Daily Mail: Yesterday weather favourable, salvage steamer Trover alongside. Further attempt to control leakage with large pump failed. Now endeavouring turn vessel over to starboard, diver unable get at leak present position. Shoe of stern frame broken.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

DAILY MAIL.—Drummore, May 21.—
Trawler Daily Mail: Yesterday weather favourable. Unsuccessful attempt made to turn vessel on starboard bilge. Further attempt to-day.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

DAILY MAIL.—Drummore, May 22.—
Trawler Daily Mail: Yesterday turned vessel. Diver reported large fracture in bottom port side in fish hold. Started patching, had stop work swell commenced running in Bay; vessel rolling. Waiting until dark no improvement. When leaving vessel fell back to original position.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

DAILY MAIL.—Drummore, May 23.—
Trawler Daily Mail: Yesterday salvors did not succeed in turning vessel, making another attempt to-day.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

DAILY MAIL.—Drummore, May 25.—
Trawler Daily Mail: On Saturday, May 23, hove vessel over starboard 15 deg. exposed port side damage.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

Drummore, May 25.—
Trawler Daily Mail: Yesterday (Sunday) weather favourable. The diver completed patching and closing up. At noon the wind veered south-west and freshened. The salvors commenced pumping out vessel then stopped and flooded her again, considered weather was becoming unfavourable for refloating. During the night the wind increased and this morning there is a strong south-west wind blowing with a rough sea in the bay. We are unable to board, the seas are breaking over the vessel. She appears from the beach to be pounding heavily and rolling. Some of the planks belonging to the patch have washed ashore. I am afraid her bottom damage will be increased. We hope the weather will moderate shortly.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

Drummore, May 26.—
Trawler Daily Mail: Boarded this morning. Rough swell, vessel rolling and pounding heavily, fear bottom damage greatly increased. Starboard deck set up, main engines set up. Working bodily, vessel settled further into boulders.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

DAILY MAIL.—Drummore, May 27.—
Trawler Daily Mail: Weather favourable. Diver making examination.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

Drummore, May 27.—
Trawler Daily Mail: Diver reports bottom damage greatly increased. Salvors have decided to abandon case, consider salvage not practicable. Salvors now removing pumps and gear.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

DAILY MAIL.—Drummore, May 29.—
Trawler Daily Mail: I noticed when on board at low water the engines and boiler are further set up; the rudderpost badly twisted (and fear fractured), rudder plate bent all over to port, she has settled more by the stern, and her list is now 15 degrees to starboard.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.



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