

## REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &amp;c.

No. 23005 in R. B.

Wreck Book, p. 137/29

Date of writing this report 30th December 1929

Vessel's Name

"Helene"

of Edbjerg

Tons { Net 726  
Gross 1199

Built at

Glasgow

When

1920

MONTH

Casualty notice sent to Owner 6-12-29

Owner's reply

Owner's Name

J. Lauritzen

Address

Hammernegade 1, Copenhagen, K.

Case previously before

Date

Particulars of Classification.

+100A1 5512-29

Classing Committee.

Last Minute

4-29 +1212429

Date of Casualty

5th December 1929

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This steamer was abandoned in a disabled condition with her main shaft broken on 5th December. She was taken in tow, but the line parted and she went ashore on rocks near Brest, and on 11th December it was stated that the sea was completing her destruction.

In reply to a casualty notice the Owner states that no doubt the vessel will have to be condemned, but he has not yet received particulars of her condition.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

HELENE.—Land's End Wireless Station, Dec. 5.—Following received from British motor vessel Asturias at 7 57 a.m. (G.M.T.)—To all stations from Helene, lat. 46 44 N., long. 6 50 W., approximately. Danish steamer Helene engines completely disabled requires towing.

Land's End Wireless Station, Dec. 5.—Following received from steamer Sabor at 9 52 a.m.: Have sighted steamer Helene and am standing by.

Land's End Wireless Station, Dec. 5.—Following from British steamer Sabor at 10 13 a.m.: We are standing by steamer Helene, but weather is too bad to get line aboard.

London, Dec. 5.—The owners of the steamer Sabor have received the following radio message, timed 10 25 a.m. Dec. 5: Standing by Danish steamer Helene, her main shaft broken. Endeavouring to get towline to her. Lat. 46 40 N., long. 6 53 W.

HELENE.—Portsmouth Wireless Station, Dec. 5.—Following from steamer Sabor at 10 55 p.m., Dec. 5: Standing by steamer Helene until tug arrives.

London, Dec. 6.—The following message has been received from the master of the steamer Sabor via Ushant Radio, dated Dec. 6: Left Danish steamer Helene in charge of French tug Iroise at 5 30 a.m. to-day in lat. 46 41 N., long. 6 29 W., main shaft broken, engine-room flooded, part deck cargo lumber jettisoned.

Brest, Dec. 6.—Danish steamer Helene taken in tow by tug Iroise, expected here.

HELENE.—Brest, Dec. 7.—Danish steamer Helene: It is reported that at 4 a.m. tug's hawser parted when 10 miles west of Armen Lighthouse. Tug standing by preparing new hawser.

Brest, Dec. 7.—Danish steamer Helene was taken in tow, but had to be left in consequence of the towline parting and Helene being half mile off Armen Rocks. At the crew saved except one.

Paris, Dec. 7.—The salvage tug Iroise went out to the Danish steamer Helene, in distress in the Bay of Biscay, and succeeded in getting a hawser on board and towing her some distance when the hawser broke and the Helene sank. One woman was drowned. All other persons on board the Helene were saved by the Iroise.—Reuter.

Brest, Dec. 8.—Steamer reported ashore two miles from Ile de Sein, supposed Danish steamer Helene.

HELENE.—Land's End Wireless Station, Dec. 7.—Following intercepted from Ushant Radio at 9 50 p.m. G.M.T., Dec. 7: Danish steamer Helene abandoned half mile Armen, drifting towards the south. (See later report in issue of Dec. 9.)

HELENE.—Rennes, Dec. 11.—The authorities at Ile de Sein report that the steamer Helene is ashore on the Chaussée de Sein, where the sea is completing her destruction. Her cargo consisting of planks is being washed ashore at Raz Point.—"Le Nouvelliste."

HELENE.—Copenhagen, Dec. 15.—There is still a heavy swell round the Danish steamer Helene, which is on the rocks near Brest. Cargo from her is drifting ashore and planks and boards are piled on the coast and will be sold by auction.—"Nationaltidende."

Suggested Record: Stranded after Abandonment 12-29

Date of Committee

TUE. 31 DEC 1929

Committee's Minute

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