

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Swiftstar" of New York Tons {Net 5092 Gross 8207

Built at Portland Or. When 1921. 2 Casualty notice sent to Owner 29-9-23 Owner's reply

Owner's Name Swiftsure Oil Transport Co. (C.D. Mallory & Co. Inc.)

Address 11 Broadway, New York.

Case previously before { Date { Particulars of Classification. +100A1 +LMC 2-21  
Classing Committee. { Last Minute {  
Date of Casualty Overdue. Carrying Petroleum in bulk  
Precis of particulars of Casualty Altered for oil fuel 2-21 7/23

This vessel left Los Angeles on 30th June, 1923 for Fall River, Mass., and subsequently left Cristobal on 13th July. Wreckage bearing the vessel name is reported to have been washed ashore on Saint Andrew Island.

The vessel was posted "missing" at Lloyd's on 19th September. No reply has yet been received from the owners to the usual casualty notice.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

OVERDUE VESSEL.

SWIFTSTAR.—Panama, Aug. 9. — The American tanker Swiftstar, which was last heard of on July 13, is believed to have been lost near Saint Andrew Island, Caribbean Sea. Recent arrivals report having seen an oily surface and an empty lifeboat. — "Times" Correspondent.  
Colon, Aug. 10. — Reports by wireless and schooner Pearl Marie arrived here state burnt wreckage strewn along the coast of Saint Andrew Island July 22 piece marked "Swiftstar" water in the neighbourhood of island covered with oil. American steamer Swiftstar last heard of since she left here July 13.  
Panama, Aug. 10. — It is feared that the American tanker Swiftstar, Colon for Fall River, with a crew of 30, has been lost at sea. Wreckage has been found by mariners off Saint Andrew Island marked with the vessel's name, together with an ice chest marked "Swiftstar," containing the body of a man. — Reuter.

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SWIFTSTAR. — New York, Aug. 21. — American steamer Swiftstar: Master of schooner Albert H. Willis reports wreckage washed ashore Saint Andrew consisted of broken parts steel lifeboat and two rudders marked "Swiftstar New York"; also broken wooden lifeboat and other wreckage and mutilated body of man, badly burned and unidentifiable, and large quantity oil all round island, all evidence indicating explosion.

SWIFTSTAR.—Glasgow, Aug. 27. — The following is extracted from a report, dated Aug. 17, made by the master of the schooner Albert H. Willis: Arrived at the Island of St. Andrew on July 11. While lying in the harbour considerable oil and wreckage washed ashore, which I later found bore the name "Swiftstar New York." On July 23 a body was found in a box, supposed to be an ice-box, adrift near the lighthouse. The wreckage which was washed up on the beach consisted of broken parts of a wooden lifeboat and certain remaining parts of a steel lifeboat. The wooden lifeboat had been split in halves, one half was remaining. There was no rudder on this half, but I picked up two rudders on the beach bearing the name "Swiftstar New York." The afterpart of the steel lifeboat, which was supported by the airtank, bore the name "Swiftstar New York." The door to the master's cabin with "The Master" nameplate still on it, was found, and showed clearly that there had been an explosion, as the hinges and lock had been pulled out as if forced. In this door there was a round glass window, of which only a small part of the glass remained. There were also wooden hatch covers, some of which had been slightly burned, and others bore no trace of fire. Some of the hatch covers were broken in two as if from an explosion. None of the hatch covers was intact; they were either broken or slightly burned. There was a very large quantity of oil, so that while I was there it completely covered the surface of the water around the island, which is seven miles long and four miles wide. It was reported by some of the freight sloops running to Colon that additional wreckage, consisting of boards and two lifeboats, and a large quantity of oil was reported on July 24, about five miles south of the island of St. Andrew.

MISSING VESSEL.

SWIFTSTAR.—London, Sept. 19.—Steamer Swiftstar, of New York, 8207 tons gross, master Hall, which left Los Angeles for Fall River (Mass.) on June 30, 1923, and left Cristobal on July 13, 1923, with a cargo of oil, was to-day posted at Lloyd's as a missing vessel.

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Committee's Minute Missing since 7.23  
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