

REPORT of SURVEY for DEPARTING

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 17458 in R. B. Wreck Book, II 28132

Date of writing this report 12th May 1932

Vessel's Name *Keel S.S. Chepstow Castle* of *London*Built at *Sunderland* When *1913* 12 Casualty notice sent to OwnerOwner's Name *Union Castle Mail S.S. Co. Ltd*Address *3 Fenchurch St. S.C.B.*Case previously before
Classing Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

<i>110081</i>	<i>15A 3.9.26</i>
<i>Shake deck</i>	<i>7.1m (8.30)</i>
<i>with fastenings</i>	
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Date of Casualty *7th April 1932*

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This steamer broke from her moorings in Rothesay Bay on 7th April and drove ashore on rocks at Toward Point. She was floated on 20th April & taken to Glasgow. Bottom reported holed and approximately 91 plates to deal with in addition to internal damage.

In a letter dated 6th May from the Liverpool Glasgow office it is stated that in view of the extent of damage it has been decided to break up the vessel.

The owners now state that the steamer was sold to Messrs Douglas & Ramsey of Glasgow on 10th instant for breaking up.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

CHEPSTOW CASTLE—Glasgow, Apr. 7.—British steamer Chepstow Castle drove ashore Toward Point early this morning after breaking away from her moorings in Rothesay Bay. Two tugs now in attendance. High tide approximately two o'clock.

Glasgow, Apr. 7.—Steamer Chepstow Castle: Our representative at Toward reports vessel ashore 200 yards west Toward Lighthouse. Vessel upright, has lost her anchors, bow on to shore, draught 10 30, 12 ft. aft, 9 ft. forward. Arrangements made by owners for riggers attend and tugs attending endeavour tow her off at high water 1 p.m.

Southend, Argyll, Apr. 7.—British steamer Chepstow Castle ashore Toward Point; tug standing by.

Glasgow, Apr. 7.—British steamer Chepstow Castle: Tugs endeavoured tow vessel off this tide, but account unsatisfactory tide attempt unsuccessful.

Liverpool, Apr. 7.—Steamer Chepstow Castle: Our officer reports ashore on rocks two hundred yards west of Toward Lighthouse, heading due east, stem on to shore, bearing on rocks fore and aft, not making any water. Today's tide one foot short. Expect vessel will refloat during current springs with assistance of tugs which standing by on hire terms.—Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

London, Apr. 7.—A Union-Castle Line official stated that a further attempt would be made by tugs at midnight to refloat the steamer Chepstow Castle. The liner was 100 ft up in Rothesay Bay and has nobody on board except the crew in charge. So far as is known no damage has been done.

CHEPSTOW CASTLE—Glasgow, Apr. 8.—British steamer Chepstow Castle: Attempts made by tugs to tow off during early morning tide unsuccessful account unsatisfactory tide. Another attempt understood will be made afternoon tide.—Lloyd's Agents.

Liverpool, Apr. 8.—Steamer Chepstow Castle: Our officer reports unsuccessful in attempt to refloat early morning tide. Had steam at midnight and pumping ballast from 2 a.m. Vessel evidently damaged in vicinity of No. 5 tank in way of hold immediately abaft engine-room and floating on tank top in this compartment. If successful refloating to-day's tide recommend dry-docking.—Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

Glasgow, Apr. 8.—Steamer Chepstow Castle: Four tugs endeavoured tow off afternoon tide unsuccessfully, no move. Tide still unsatisfactory.

Liverpool, Apr. 8.—Steamer Chepstow Castle: Our officer reports all ballast dealt with to best possible advantage but still six inches short of water in unsuccessful attempt with five tugs this afternoon, tide being cut by fresh northerly wind. Tides decreasing but propose retain two tugs and tender over to-morrow afternoon's tide.—Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

CHEPSTOW CASTLE—Liverpool, Apr. 8.—Steamer Chepstow Castle: In view of the prevailing weather with strong northerly and north-westerly winds which are cutting the tides, our officer is now doubtful whether the vessel will refloat on to-morrow's tide, but in case of failure there is still a prospect that with south-westerly winds backing the tide she may be floated, during the neaps with the assistance of heavy ground tackle in conjunction with the recovery of buoyancy in the No. 5 tank, and, acting in consultation and agreement with the owners' superintendent on the spot, we are dispatching the salvage steamer *Ranger* with the necessary heavy anchors and air-compressing plant, and she will leave to-morrow afternoon if the vessel fails to refloat.—Liverpool and Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

Suggested Record *Stranded 4.32-Refloated*Date of Committee *FRI. 13 MAY 1932*Committee's Minute *Stranded 4.32-Refloated**Lloyd's Register*

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CHEPSTOW CASTLE.—Hoylake, Apr. 10.
—Steamer Chepstow Castle: Yesterday wind changed to S.S.W. fresh gale, attempt to connect with tugs at high water unsuccessful owing too much sea. All ballast tanks filled but vessel shifted position slightly inshore and now broadside to sea with Toward Lighthouse on port beam. Cofferdam at after end engine-room leaking but under control. Vessel now lying on flat stony bottom, position as regards salvage unchanged except that lesser draught will involve waiting for approaching spring tides. To-day wind still strong south-west and holds partly flooded to prevent pounding, but moderating this evening and veering to north-west.—Liverpool and Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

—Glasgow, Apr. 11.—
Steamer Chepstow Castle: Position unchanged. Salvage steamer Ranger arrived.

—London, Apr. 11.—
The owners of the steamer Chepstow Castle have received the following messages:—

From their superintendent, Captain Mumford, dispatched at 8 43 p.m., Apr. 9: Vessel moved about 100 yards in better position, fear salvage operations suspended till next spring tide.

From their superintendent, dispatched at 7 51 p.m., Apr. 10: All Sunday strong gale, salvage steamer delayed, not yet arrived. Have put 2 ft. water in Nos. 2, 3 and 4 holds to keep ship down as impossible refloat before next spring. I propose remain till anchors laid out and ship secure.

From their Glasgow agency, dispatched at 10 10 a.m. to-day: Chepstow Castle will not refloat until next spring tide.

Captain Mumford staying on board. Salvage steamer arrived this morning.

—Liverpool, Apr. 11.—
Steamer Chepstow Castle: Our officer reports this afternoon, strong northerly winds, work proceeding well; position unchanged.—Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

CHEPSTOW CASTLE.—Liverpool, Apr. 13.—
Steamer Chepstow Castle: Our officer reports fresh S.S.W. wind and sea retarding progress of preparatory work. Position unchanged.—Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

CHEPSTOW CASTLE.—Liverpool, Apr. 14.—
Steamer Chepstow Castle: Our officer telegraphs: Southern gale from 6 p.m. yesterday until 2 a.m. to-day, but conditions now favourable and work proceeding well.—Liverpool and Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

CHEPSTOW CASTLE.—Liverpool, Apr. 15.—
Steamer Chepstow Castle: Our officer reports ground moorings laid and air-compressing plant installed on board. Everything in readiness for refloating when tides increase.—Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

CHEPSTOW CASTLE.—Liverpool, Apr. 18.—
Steamer Chepstow Castle: Our officer reported yesterday weather fine, position unchanged. Salvage steamer Ranger located vessel's cables yesterday, but was unable get in bight of chain and gear carried away. Trying again to-day.—Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

CHEPSTOW CASTLE.—Liverpool, Apr. 18.—
Steamer Chepstow Castle: Our officer has advised us by telephone that the tides are cut by easterly and north-easterly winds, but he is blasting rock on the seaward side of the vessel with a view of taking the greatest advantage of the increasing tides. It is, however, improbable, with the present winds, that an attempt can be made before Wednesday (Apr. 20).—Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

—Liverpool, Apr. 19.—
Steamer Chepstow Castle: Our officer telegraphs this morning: Wind W., light. Ready for refloating and standing by each tide from to-morrow noon. Salvage steamer Ranger at Chepstow Castle moorings.—Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

CHEPSTOW CASTLE.—Glasgow, Apr. 20.
—Steamer Chepstow Castle reloaded 12 30 p.m. to-day and now waiting tugs take her to Glasgow.

—Liverpool, Apr. 20.—
Steamer Chepstow Castle reloaded and towed into deep water 1 p.m.—Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association per Salvage Association.

—London, Apr. 20.—
The owners of the steamer Chepstow Castle have received the following message from their Glasgow office: Refloated at one o'clock to-day. The vessel is now in deep water with salvage steamer alongside ready to tow her to Tail of Bank, Greenock. She will drydock on to-night's tide, probably about midnight.

—Glasgow, Apr. 20.—
Steamer Chepstow Castle arrived at Glasgow to-day from Toward Point.

CHEPSTOW CASTLE.—Glasgow, Apr. 21.—
Steamer Chepstow Castle: Preliminary survey held late this afternoon in Meadowside Dock. Bottom holed, approximately 91 plates to deal with in addition to internal damage. Owners taking tenders. Vessel not fit leave Clyde without considerable temporary repairs. Full survey to-morrow.—Salvage Association's Surveyors.



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