

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 27919 in R.B.

Wreck Book, p. 54/47

Vessel's Name

*Lady Anstruther*

Date of writing this report *1st October*

1947

Built at *Dublin*

When *1922* *2*

of *Glasgow*

Tons Gross *527*  
Net *203*

Owner's Name

*I.B.I. (Explosives), Ltd*

Casualty notice sent to Owner *22.9.47*

Owner's reply

Address *Noble House, Stevenston, Ayrshire*

Case previously before  
Classing Committee.

Date

Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.

*T100A1* *+LMC1146*  
*7.47* *BS 7.47*  
*SS 1146(Dr.)* *TS 6.47 CL*

of Casualty

*16th August, 1947*

of particulars of Casualty

Sunk by collision with the steamer "KEILA"  
during thick fog 13 miles S.E. of Bridlington on  
the 16th August, 1947.

No reply has been received to the casualty  
notice addressed to the Owners on the 22nd ultimo.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

**LADY ANSTRUTHER.**—Humber Radio, Aug. 16. Following received from British steamer KEILA (Newcastle, N.B., for Hull), at 7.50 a.m., G.M.T.: S.O.S. at 7.45 a.m., G.M.T., steamer KEILA, position lat. 53 55 N., long. 0 20 E., in collision with British steamer Lady Anstruther (London for Sunderland, in ballast). Lady Anstruther sinking, searching for survivors, require assistance.

Following received from British steamer Colwyn at 8.13 a.m., G.M.T.: We are approximately 47 miles from position of steamer KEILA, will take 41 hours to reach her. Is anybody proceeding to assistance, we proceeding in her direction? She is 45 miles ahead.

Following received from British steamer Dashwood at 8.41 a.m., G.M.T.: Dashwood proceeding to steamer KEILA, position two hours away.

Following received from British steamer KEILA at 8.44 a.m., G.M.T.: Steamer Lady Anstruther: Full crew of 15 saved and on board steamer KEILA. Now QUM (distress traffic is ended).

Aug. 16. Following received from coastguard, Mablethorpe, timed 2.59 p.m.: Following received from steamer KEILA: Last seen only bow and foremast of steamer Lady Anstruther above water. KEILA anchored in lat. 53 41 N., long. 0 22 E., dense fog, please send lifeboat to land survivors, all suffering from shock due to time in water.

Humber lifeboat has proceeded to take survivors off KEILA in position ENE. 11 miles from Spurn Head.

Humber Radio, Aug. 16. Following received from British steamer KEILA at 9.57 p.m., G.M.T.: Anchored in vicinity of Humber Light-vessel awaiting fog clearance. Crew of Lady Anstruther transferred to Humber lifeboat for landing. Damage to KEILA: Stem bent, port and starboard bow plates above waterline indented and forepeak frames buckled. All soundings forepeak dry.

London, Aug. 16. The collision between the steamers Lady Anstruther and KEILA took place in thick fog 13 miles SE. of Bridlington. The KEILA has a cargo of pitprops.

London, Aug. 16. Steamer KEILA reports: When last observed steamer Lady Anstruther had poop, after well deck and navigation bridge totally submerged, bow and foremast submerged at angle of about 45 deg. Collision occurred in lat. 53 56 N., long. 0 16 23 E., near No. 62 F. Buoy (lat. 53 55 36 N., long. 0 19 54 E.) which KEILA sighted after rescuing survivors. Do not consider Lady Anstruther a likely menace to navigation.

**LADY ANSTRUTHER.**—London, Aug. 21. In reply to inquiry, Lloyd's Agents at Hull write under date of Aug. 20: The master of the steamer KEILA states that he did not see steamer Lady Anstruther sink owing to the prevailing dense fog. He last saw the vessel when a portion of the bow was above water. According to statements by the crew of the Lady Anstruther, the vessel was badly holed and appeared to be breaking in two when abandoned. (See issue of Aug. 21.)

Suggested Record

*Sunk by Collision 8.47*

Date of Committee

*FRI. 3 OCT 1947*

Committee's Minute

*Sunk by Collision 8.47*

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Character Assigned

*SB.47*

*R.S. 7.47*

