

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &C.

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Date of writing this report 23rd December 1925

Vessel's Name Steel S.S. "Whinstone" of Preston

Tons { Net 73
Gross 187

Built at Glasgow When 1894 4
Builder's Name Thornley Binders, Ltd.

Casualty notice sent to Owner pl. 23.12.25 Owner's reply

Address 37-41, Gracechurch Street, E.C.3

Date		Particulars of Classification.	
Previously before	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+100A1	s.s. 2 nd No. 5-10, 19
Passing Committee.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7.24	s.s. No. 1-23 +EMC 8, 23 B.S. 1, 25 +NB 7, 11
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Date of Casualty 25th November 1925

of particulars of Casualty

Vessel went ashore at Donna Nook on 25th Nov. 1925. She was refloated the same day leaking badly, and the crew were landed at Grimsby. They returned to the vessel on the 26th Nov., but she sank the same day at Rose Hole, Saltfleet "mast and funnel" showing, decks submerged low water.

A contract "no cure, no pay" has been arranged, and salvage operations were commenced on 5th Dec. but have since been interrupted by weather conditions.

In reply to a special Notice, the owners write on 24th Dec.:-

"the latest report we have regarding our steamer "Whinstone" is that a contract had been made of "No Cure No Pay" for salvaging her. I do not think that salvage operations have yet been started, and yesterday I wrote for information as to the present position. When I receive this I will write you further on the matter"

1st February, 1926.

In reply to enquiry by telephone the Owners state they were informed by the Underwriters on 28th January, that the Salvors are awaiting better weather to resume operations.

6th April 1926

In reply to enquiry by telephone the Owners state that salvage operations are still in progress.

TUES. 17 AUG 1926

TUES. 13 JUL 1926

TUES. 8 JUN 1926

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

WHINSTONE.—Mablethorpe, Nov. 25.—Small British steamer, red funnel, black top, separated by white band, name unknown, anchored off Donna Nook Coastguard Station, flying signals of distress. Lincolnshire Towage Company sending tug.

Spurn Head, Nov. 25.—Humber lifeboat launched to steamer flying signal of distress half-a-mile E. by S. of Donna Nook Coastguard Station.

Grimsby, Nov. 25.—British steamer Whinstone, cargo cake, been ashore Donna Nook; refloated, propeller fouled, now at anchor, tug in attendance. Crew landed here.

Mablethorpe, Nov. 25.—Steamer reported to-day in distress off Donna Nook Coastguard Station is steamer Whinstone, of Stromness. Crew landed by lifeboat at Grimsby. Vessel anchored and leaking badly. Heavy sea; tug unable to render assistance.

London, Nov. 25.—The crew of six, of the steamer Whinstone, of Stromness, were landed at Grimsby this evening by the Spurn lifeboat. The Whinstone left Hull on Tuesday night (Nov. 24) with a cargo of oil cake for Berwick. After running aground on Haile Sands she got off, but running before the gale ropes fell overboard and fouled the propeller, rendering the vessel unmanageable. The anchor was dropped off Saltfleet, and the Spurn and Donna Nook lifeboats responded to the signal of distress. The Spurn lifeboat took the crew off by means of a breeches buoy and brought them to Grimsby. The Whinstone is now aground.

WHINSTONE.—Mablethorpe, Nov. 26.—Steamer Whinstone is riding at anchor.

Grimsby, Nov. 26.—Steamer Whinstone; crew returning to vessel. Spurn lifeboat and tug standing by. Weather moderated; heavy swell. Expecting vessel night tide Grimsby.

North Somercotes, Nov. 26.—Steamer Whinstone, cargo oil cake, previously reported, sank at Rose Hole, Saltfleet, this morning.

Skegness, Nov. 26.—Steamer Whinstone has now sunk; mast and funnel showing.

Spurn Head, Nov. 26.—Following information received from Humber lifeboat: Steamer Whinstone, of Preston, sunk two miles E. by S. from Donna Nook beacon.

Grimsby, Nov. 26.—Steamer Whinstone:—Just returned from Saltfleet. Vessel sunk this morning 10 a.m. Rose Hole about 500 yards from low water mark, decks submerged low water. Trying obtain price "no cure no pay" delivered Grimsby. — Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

WHINSTONE.—North Somercotes, Nov. 27.—Steamer Whinstone lies submerged off Saltfleet, about 500 yards from low water mark, in upright (position) with top of bridge awash; masts and funnel standing. Charlton's representative here but weather too stormy to make close examination. Hope inspect again tomorrow.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

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Minutes of Committee

Committee's Minute

TUES. 29 DEC 1925

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Vessel's Name *Steel S.S. "Whinstone" (Cont'd)* of _____ Tons { Net _____ Gross _____

Built at _____ When _____ Casualty notice sent to Owner _____ Owner's reply _____

Owner's Name _____

Address _____

Case previously before Classing Committee.	Date	Particulars of Classification.
	Last Minute	

Casualty _____

Particulars of Casualty _____

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

WHINSTONE. — North Somercotes, Nov. 28.—Steamer Whinstone: Weather too stormy to inspect and owing snowstorm mast invisible from beach.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

WHINSTONE. — North Somercotes, Nov. 30.—British steamer Whinstone: Position unchanged, but funnel has been washed away. Have arranged if conditions permit to get out to vessel to-morrow.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

WHINSTONE. — London, Dec. 5. — Steamer Whinstone: After examination by a diver a "no cure no pay" contract has been arranged and salvage operations will commence forthwith.—Salvage Association.

WHINSTONE. — North Somercotes, Dec. 7. — Steamer Whinstone: Salvage operations commenced Saturday (Dec. 5). Yesterday dense fog. Contractors could not locate position. To-day conditions improved. Operations resumed.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

WHINSTONE. — North Somercotes, Dec. 9. — Steamer Whinstone: Yesterday weather prevented diver operating but will lay salvage moorings to-day. Wind more off land, sea smooth. Operations resumed.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

WHINSTONE. — North Somercotes, Dec. 10. — Steamer Whinstone: Yesterday first lifting wire passed under steamer. To-day weather favourable and operation energetically continued.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

WHINSTONE. — North Somercotes, Dec. 12. — Steamer Whinstone: Yesterday and to-day fresh northerly wind stopped operations. Present position have two forward lifting wires passed and lighter moorings laid. — Salvage Association's Special Officer.

WHINSTONE. — North Somercotes, Dec. 15. — Steamer Whinstone: Masts standing; position apparently unchanged.—Salvage Association.

WHINSTONE. — Grimsby, Dec. 18. — Steamer Whinstone: Continued interruption of operations by weather conditions.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

WHINSTONE. — North Somercotes, Dec. 19. — Steamer Whinstone: Salvage tugs now proceeding to the spot.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

WHINSTONE. — North Somercotes, Dec. 21. — Steamer Whinstone: Saturday (Dec. 19) diver succeeded in passing sweep wire aft, reports vessel's condition apparently unchanged. Yesterday stormy weather, work interrupted; to-day conditions improved; two salvage tugs are proceeding to the spot.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

WHINSTONE. — North Somercotes, Dec. 22. — Steamer Whinstone: N.E. wind and heavy swell has stopped salvage operations.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

WHINSTONE. — North Somercotes, Dec. 23. — Steamer Whinstone: During night strong north-east gale heavy sea. This morning at high water and from distance two miles cannot discern vessel's masts. Will observe and report low water this evening.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

WHINSTONE. — Saltfleet, Dec. 23. — Steamer Whinstone: Accompanied contractor to low water-mark. Masts still in position. Weather moderating. Hopeful resume work to-morrow.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

WHINSTONE. — North Somercotes, Dec. 24. — Steamer Whinstone: Fresh northerly wind. Sea too high to resume operations to-day, possibly to-morrow.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

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Committee's Minute _____

TUES. 5 MAY 1925

WHINSTONE. — North Somercotes, Dec. 28. — Steamer Whinstone: Operations proceeding. Found vessel has moved slightly, fouling salvage gear during recent gale. Gear now straightened. Hope ready for lifting lighters to-morrow. Diver notes no change condition.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

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WHINSTONE. — North Somercotes, Dec. 29. — Steamer Whinstone: Strong southerly wind; too much swell for pinning. All in readiness standing by in Grimsby Harbour for first smooth.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

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WHINSTONE. — North Somercotes, Dec. 30. — Steamer Whinstone: Early morning tugs and lighters left Grimsby. Large tug grounded and remains fast in river; expect float this evening. Sea has increased, work could not have proceeded.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

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WHINSTONE. — Grimsby, Jan. 2. — Steamer Whinstone: Owing heavy ground swell salvors unable place lifting lighters alongside.—Salvage Association.

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WHINSTONE. — Grimsby, Jan. 18. — Steamer Whinstone: Contractors have been unable to proceed any further up to the present with this salvage, owing to unfavourable weather conditions, there being heavy fog along the coast for the last four days.—Salvage Association.

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