

WRECK SECTION

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REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

Wreck Report No. 14480

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Ship's Name s.s. "ANDREA DORIA" (RMC) of Genoa Tons (Gross 29083 Net 15788)

Built at Genoa When 1953 1 Casualty notice sent to Owner --- Owner's reply ---

Owners "Italia" Soc. per Azioni de Nav.

Managers ---

Address Piazza de Ferrari 1, Genoa, Italy.

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Classification details

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Date of Casualty 26th July, 1956.

Details of Casualty

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Sunk by collision in dense fog 60 miles off Nantucket in lat. 40 30N., long. 69 53W.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

ANDREA DORIA.—Boston, July 26.—A 11 22 p.m. on July 25 steamer Andrea Doria and motor vessel STOCKHOLM were in bow to bow collision in P.L. 40 30 N., long. 69 53 W. Water presently at main deck of Andrea Doria. STOCKHOLM is returning to New York. All passengers removed from Andrea Doria. Andrea Doria is listing 15 deg. Master and 11 of crew on board.

All 1134 passengers of the Italian steamer Andrea Doria, of the Italia Line, scrambled into rescue boats today after their ship was in collision with the Swedish motor vessel STOCKHOLM in thick fog at 11 30 p.m. E.D.T., on July 25, 60 miles off Nantucket. The STOCKHOLM was badly damaged and three people on board were seriously injured, but she turned back for New York under her own power. The Andrea Doria was bound for New York from Genoa, and the STOCKHOLM left New York yesterday for Copenhagen (and Stockholm). Lifeboats from the steamer Cape Ann were the first to take passengers to safety from the sloping deck of the Italian liner. Thick fog hampered rescue operations and made it impossible to see aircraft. The STOCKHOLM asked for a helicopter to pick up three serious casualties as soon as the weather permitted. News of the wreck and rescue came from the liner He de France, which said: "All passengers rescued, proceeding New York full speed. No help required." The Coast Guard said the Andrea Doria was listing 15 degrees after the collision. The boats were not to be moved. The Coast Guard watched three destroyers, Stimpson, Robell and Yankin, from New York and waters. The destroyers were returning from Newfoundland and the tug Tam from Boston. The first SOS came from the Andrea Doria and some minutes later motor vessel STOCKHOLM, of the Swedish America Line, sent a distress signal. The Coast Guard said the bow of the STOCKHOLM was stove in and No. 1 hold flooded. At 1 30 a.m. E.D.T. today, the Coast Guard received a message from the steamer Andrea Doria, saying: "Danger immediate. Need lifeboats as many as possible." The French steamer He de France joined other vessels in proceeding to the scene. The Andrea Doria is reported to have asked the French liner for enough lifeboats to accommodate 1000 passengers and 500 crew members. The Weather Bureau said that at the time of the collision visibility in the collision area was probably less than a mile. The steamer Cape Ann radioed to the Andrea Doria: "Have launched lifeboats. They are coming to you. You play lights on." Some minutes later, the Coast Guard in New York monitored this message from the Cape Ann to the Andrea Doria: "When are you going to send our boats back with passengers?" At 1 40 a.m. E.D.T., the Coast Guard said that the situation was critical. Visibility was nil. Two United States Navy destroyers were being made ready for the quickest departure possible from the Boston Navy Yard. The He de France was nine miles from the scene. A later message from the Andrea Doria said: "Don't know how to answer we can use radio. Listing very bad." At 2 30 a.m. E.D.T., the Coast Guard said that two boatloads of passengers had been taken off the Andrea Doria in the lifeboats of the steamer Cape Ann. The Coast Guard said the steamer Andrea Doria had requested medical assistance and medical facilities and doctors were on board vessels dispatched to the scene. —Reuter.

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Boston, July 26. — The exact position of the collision between the steamer Andrea Doria and motor vessel STOCKHOLM is given as lat. 40 30 N., long. 69 53 W., 100 miles from Long Island. A fog bank in the area was estimated to be at least 1000 ft. thick. The Coast Guard reported at 8 25 a.m., B.S.T., that three lifeboats loaded with Andrea Doria passengers had returned to their ships, two putting people on board the steamer Cape Ann and one taking survivors to an unidentified rescue ship. The United States Navy announced at the same time that it is sending from Quonset Point, Rhode Island, the aircraft carrier Tarawa, one submarine, one destroyer escort and two tugs to aid the rescue efforts. At 9 a.m., B.S.T., the STOCKHOLM radioed Coast Guard headquarters: "Our foreship is damaged and No. 1 hold is flooded, otherwise the ship is tight. Will try to proceed to New York at slow speed. As a precaution we want a ship to keep us company to New York." The message was signed by the master, Captain Gunnar Nordenson. — British United Press.

Nantucket, July 26. — Motor vessel STOCKHOLM and transport Pvt. William H. Thomas reported at 10 47 a.m., G.M.T., that they had lost radio contact with the steamer Andrea Doria. It is believed the radio on board the vessel is now out of action. — Exchange Telegraph Company.

Boston, July 26. — According to the Coast Guard 175 survivors of steamer Andrea Doria were rescued by the steamer Cape Ann, 500 were picked up by the transport Pvt. William H. Thomas, 34 by the steamer Ile de France and 425 by the motor vessel STOCKHOLM. Turbo-electric tanker Robert E. Hopkins reported that she had rescued one passenger. — Reuter.

Stockholm, July 26. — The Swedish America Line in Stockholm said to-day that the motor vessel STOCKHOLM was carrying about 460 passengers. — Reuter.

New York, July 26. — The Italia Line in New York has issued the following statement: All passengers on steamer Andrea Doria have been rescued and are proceeding to New York on steamer Ile de France, motor vessel STOCKHOLM, steamer Cape Ann and transport Pvt. William H. Thomas. Italia Line officials state that according to the last report received here the Andrea Doria is listing to the point where the main deck is awash. — Reuter.

New York, July 26. — An officer of the French steamer Ile de France stated by radio telephone to-day that they had 758 survivors from the steamer Andrea Doria. When the Ile de France left the scene, he said the sea was very smooth but there seemed little chance of towing the Italian liner. While they were leaving they met a tug going to the damaged liner. — Reuter.

Boston, July 26. — Coast Guards state that steamer Andrea Doria is listing 45 deg. to starboard and that the list is increasing. Apart from the master and 11 others, all the crew of 500 have left the ship and been picked up by rescue craft. (Later) The master of the Andrea Doria and 11 members of the crew finally abandoned the vessel in mid-morning. — Reuter.

New York, July 26. — Steamer Andrea Doria is settling in the water rapidly. Master and skeleton crew removed.

New York, July 26. — Steamer Andrea Doria sank at 10 9 a.m. to-day in 225 ft. of water.

Nantucket, July 26. — The Coast Guard reported at 12 54 p.m., G.M.T., that Air Force and Coast Guard helicopters had completed the pick-up of five injured persons from the motor vessel STOCKHOLM and were flying them to Nantucket. The Coast Guard also reported to-day that a radio message had been received from the rescue ship Evergreen advising there were three dead persons on board the steamer Andrea Doria. — Exchange Telegraph Company.

Boston, July 26. — Coast Guards later announced that there was a fourth death. — Reuter.

ANDREA DORIA. — Boston, July 26. — Steamer Ile de France docked at New York to-day with about 760 passengers and crew from the steamer Andrea Doria, more than 30 of them injured. — Reuter. (See issue of July 27.)

New York, July 26. — Motor vessel STOCKHOLM, escorted by cutter Owasco, is proceeding New York.

Stockholm, July 26. — Two men of the motor vessel STOCKHOLM were killed by the collision and three others are missing, the Swedish America Line stated to-night. — Reuter.

New York, July 27. — Six dead and hundreds injured was to-day's tally of the casualties in the collision between motor vessel STOCKHOLM and steamer Andrea Doria. The figures show that 1703 of the 1709 persons on board the Italian liner were saved. — Reuter.

New York, July 27. — Motor vessel STOCKHOLM arrived here to-day.

New York, July 27. — Swedish motor vessel STOCKHOLM docked here to-day. She carried 530 passengers and crew of steamer Andrea Doria. — Reuter.

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ANDREA DORIA. — New York, July 27. — The known death toll in the collision between steamer Andrea Doria and motor vessel STOCKHOLM has risen to 11. United States Coast Guard stated here to-day that 46 persons were still not accounted for in the sinking of the Andrea Doria. — Reuter. (See issue of July 28.)

New York, July 28. — There is a growing fear here that 45 people may have lost their lives in the collision between steamer Andrea Doria and motor vessel STOCKHOLM. The Coast Guard state that 1066 of the 1706 on board the vessels are known to have survived. Twelve are dead or presumed dead, seven of them from the Andrea Doria, and 33 are still missing. — Exchange Telegraph Company.

New York, July 29. — Reports yesterday gave the probable death roll in the collision between the steamer Andrea Doria and the motor vessel STOCKHOLM as 25, 20 of them passengers in the Andrea Doria. Five of the crew of the STOCKHOLM are known to have lost their lives, but of the Andrea Doria casualties only two are definitely established as dead and 18 are "missing, presumed dead." Officials of the Italian Line stated that "about 74" are also unaccounted for, but that they may have been landed without being counted. — Reuter.

New York, July 29. — Motor vessel STOCKHOLM proceeded to a shipyard on July 28.

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