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# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report

25th October, 19 61.

Ship's Name s.s. "ARCTIC VIKING"

of Hull

Tons Gross 533  
Net 203

Owner's reply ---

Built at Selby

When

1937

MONTH. 3

Casualty notice sent to Owner ---

Owners

Boyd Line Ltd.

Managers

T.W. Boyd

Address

St. Andrew's Dock, Hull.

## Classification details

+100A1	+LMC 10,60
trawler	BS M 6,61
11,60	sp 1,57
ss (Dr) 11,60	ts N7,58 CL

Date of Casualty 18th October, 1961.

Details of Casualty

This ship capsized and sank about 15 miles off Flamborough Head in severe gales.

The Owners concur.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION

ARCTIC VIKING. Cullercoats Radio, Oct. 18. — Following received from Polish salvage tug Koral:

At 10 51 a.m., G.M.T., Mayday (distress signal), trawler Arctic Viking overturned in position approximately lat. 54 15 N., long. 0 10 E. Fourteen members of crew in dinghy with Polish lugger, five persons missing.

At 11 a.m., G.M.T.: Fourteen persons, including skipper of Arctic Viking, in dinghy with Polish lugger Derkacz. Overturned trawler still floating in position lat. 54 15 N., long. 0 15 E. Koral proceeding as soon as possible.

Koral advises British trawler sank at 11 3 a.m., G.M.T.

Following received from Koral: At 12 14 p.m., G.M.T.: Fourteen persons on board Derkacz, five lost in water. Derkacz is near position, nothing seen. Skipper of Arctic Viking said two in engine-room and three of deck crew missing. Koral will search.

At 12 36 p.m., G.M.T.: Skipper of Derkacz reports he has seen mast with flag and one of the dead persons; he is face up.

London, Oct. 18. — Trawler Arctic Viking overturned and sank about 15 miles off Flamborough Head to-day. A force-9 gale was blowing in the area at the time, with winds of between 47 and 54 miles per hour. A Royal Air Force helicopter took off from Lee-on-Solent to go to the scene of the casualty.

Cullercoats Radio, Oct. 18. — Trawler Arctic Viking: Following received from Russian ship Novaya Zemlya at 2 45 p.m., G.M.T.: Position lat. 54 17 N., long. 0 11 E., proceeding to position of incident.

London, Oct. 18. — Skipper of trawler Arctic Viking is skipper of Hull. A statement from the skipper of the trawler said that 14 persons were saved and five were missing. The trawler sailed from Hull on Oct. 17 but one man was put ashore at Honningsvaag, in Norway, for medical attention. The helicopter was sent because of bad weather. A spokesman of the Hull Steam Trawlers Mutual Insurance & Protecting Co., Ltd., said that the skipper of the Polish lugger had stated that he would find survivors in the lumber to-morrow, at either Hull or Grimsby.

London, Oct. 18. — The Polish lugger, with the survivors of trawler Arctic Viking on board, is storm-bound in the North Sea. Her skipper said by radio he was riding out a force 8 to 9 gale and could not turn the vessel to bring the survivors to port. A tug is standing by at Hull waiting for the weather to improve before attempting a transfer operation.

Cullercoats Radio, Oct. 18. — Trawler Arctic Viking: Following received from British trawler Barnsley at 5 13 p.m., G.M.T.: Discontinuing search, no sign of survivors.

ARCTIC VIKING. — London, Oct. 20. — The 14 survivors from Hull trawler Arctic Viking, which capsized and sank off Flamborough Head on Wednesday (Oct. 18), reached Hull to-day in Polish fishing lugger Derkacz. — Exchange Telegraph Company. (See issue of Oct. 19.)

ARCTIC VIKING. — Hull, Oct. 20. — Mr. Philip Gardner, skipper of trawler Arctic Viking, described to-day how his vessel had capsized. He said: "It was all over in less than a couple of minutes. Suddenly we were hit by a very big sea and the ship heeled over. Immediately we were hit by another sea and the ship was laid right over. We had no chance to save those who were below deck." — "The Times" Correspondent. (See issues of Oct. 19 and 21.)

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Suggested Record

Date of Committee

Committee's Minute

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