

# REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY &c.

WRECK SECTION

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No. 83134 in R.B. No. 147/60 Date of writing this report 9th November, 19 60.

Ship's Name m.s. "TEXITA" of Monrovia Tons Gross 1153 Net 780

Built at Hamburg When 1953 11 Casualty notice sent to Owner 26.10.60. Owner's reply 31.10.60.

Owners Interamerican Maritime Company S.A.

Managers ---

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WRECK SECTION No. 770

## Classification details

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Stranded off Plumb Point, outside Kingston harbour, Jamaica, and subsequently sank.  
The Owners concur.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION

TEXITA.—Kingston, Ja., Sept. 2.—Motor vessel Texita (Port Arthur for Kingston, Ja.), aground off Plumb Point, Kingston.

LL3/9/60

TEXITA.—Kingston, Ja., Sept. 3.—A salvage vessel was to-day waiting for heavy seas to go down before attempting to refloat motor vessel Texita, which ran aground near the port entrance of Kingston yesterday. The crew of 28 were taken off yesterday evening. The Texita is on charter to the United Fruit Company and is carrying 130 tons of petroleum. She drifted too close in while awaiting a pilot and struck a sandbank about 70 yards offshore.—Reuter. (See issue of Sept. 3.)

LL5/9/60

TEXITA.—New York, Sept. 2.—Motor vessel Texita, Port Arthur for Kingston, Ja., went aground Plum Point, outside Kingston, p.m., Sept. 1; Merritt-Chapman & Scott's salvage tug Rescue on scene a.m., Sept. 2. (See issue of Sept. 5.)

LL6/9/60

TEXITA.—Kingston, Ja., Sept. 5.—Motor vessel Texita: Owners' representatives here advise vessel insured with Lloyd's. Vessel full of water from stem to engine-room bulkhead, two holes, port side, middle of No. 2 hatch to middle of No. 3. Crew removed. Owners propose signing with Merritt-Chapman & Scott Lloyd's "no cure no pay" contract. (See issue of Sept. 6.)

LL7/9/60

TEXITA.—New York, Sept. 6. — Motor vessel Texita: Merritt's advise vessel grounded off Plumb Point, Jamaica, loaded with barrels of naphtha, gasoline and lubricating oil and case lubricating oil, on Sept. 1. Texita apparently grounded on remains of wreck, with port side striking heavily against main engine of wreck in heavy weather. Merritt's tug Rescue proceeded and got hawser on vessel on Sept. 2 to prevent heavy surging against wreck. Complete common hold flooded to sea level and leakage also in way of No. 2 double bottom tank; engine-room dry. Crew abandoned vessel on Sept. 2 and Merritt's salvage master, Captain Peterson, arrived on Sept. 3. Merritt's advise they perfectly willing to sign Lloyd's Open Form "no cure no pay" but owners refusing. Meanwhile, they proceeding on voluntary salvage basis and at present time have vessel secured with two sets of beach gear and have removed about 30 tons of cargo.—Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Sept. 7.)

LL8/9/60

TEXITA. — Kingston, Ja., Sept. 5. — It has now been ascertained that motor vessel Texita ran aground off Plumb Point, outside Kingston harbour, about 8 p.m. on Sept. 1. Salvage tug Rescue went to the assistance of the vessel and the salvage officer reported: "Vessel full of water from stem to engine-room bulkhead, resting on old shipwreck, two holes in port side about 3 ft. below water level from middle of No. 2 hatch to middle of No. 3 hatch. Fuel tanks in that area holed. Recommend crew be removed. Vessel will break up in heavy south-easter. Port side to beach and swinging about 6 deg. and pounding port side against wreckage. Lubricating oil in drums and cartons gasoline in drums cargo discharge impossible to lighten. Wreckage and rock port side, heavy swell starboard." Two officials of the owners have now arrived in the island, as well as another salvage officer, and discussions are now taking place regarding methods of refloating the vessel. (See later report in issue of Sept. 8.)

LL9/9/60

— Kingston, Ja., Sept. 7. — Motor vessel Texita: Owners have signed Lloyd's Open Form with additional clause payment United States dollars, with which surveyor Watson concurs. Surveyor confirms cargo holds full of water, engine-room dry, machinery operating and salvors discharging cargo from No. 3 hatchway using ship's gear. Cargo consists of petroleum products, approximately 1003 long tons. Extent of bottom damage unknown, but considered serious as stranded on top of old wreck. Weather presently good and if similar conditions continue prospect of refloating fair, estimated time three weeks.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

New York, Sept. 7. — Motor vessel Texita: Merritt's advise Lloyd's Open Form contract signed and nine members of crew returning to vessel. Salvage work proceeding, with an additional 55 tons of cargo removed. Vessel listed 7 deg. to starboard with 30 in. of water over lower side of tween deck.—Salvage Association's Surveyors.

NOTED BY C.S.S. RECORDS SENT.

Suggested Record "STRANDED & SANK 9,60" FRIDAY 11 NOV 1960

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Committee's Minute

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**TEXITA.**—New York, Sept. 8.—Motor vessel Texita: Additional 72 tons of cargo removed from vessel to salvage tug Rescue and cargo transfer proceeding. Eight crew members now returned on board vessel.—Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Sept. 9.)

LL10/9/60

**TEXITA.**—New York, Sept. 9.—Motor vessel Texita: Additional 60 tons of cargo offloaded, making a total of 220 tons. Salvage tug Rescue proceeded Kingston, Ja., on Sept. 8 to discharge cargo. Anticipate diver's examination early next week.—Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Sept. 10.)

LL12/9/60

**TEXITA.**—New York, Sept. 13.—Motor vessel Texita: Merritt's advise further 75 tons of cargo discharged. Vessel's hull now eight feet away from wreck at her nearest point and heading changed 4 deg., with vessel pivoting amidships. Diver located open plate seam in No. 1 hold and large hole in No. 2 hold, which will be closed.—Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Sept. 12.)

15/9/60

**TEXITA.**—New York, Sept. 16.—Motor vessel Texita: Merritt's now advise three sets of beach gear rigged, continuing preparations for patching; vessel pounding in heavy swell.—Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Sept. 15.)

19/9/60

**TEXITA.**—Kingston, Ja., Sept. 17.—Motor vessel Texita: Informed hull pierced and engine-room flooded to cylinder tops early on Saturday, Sept. 17. Salvage master reports will continue endeavour to discharge cargo with portable winches.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Sept. 19.)

20/9/60

**TEXITA.**—New York, Sept. 20.—Motor vessel Texita pounding and swinging in heavy swell. Engine-room space flooded on Sept. 17, crew ashore same day. One patch in position but divers now unable to work due to weather. Merritt's continuing to work cargo. Estimated total of 568 tons salvaged to date and will review situation after removal of cargo.—Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Sept. 20.)

22/9/60

**TEXITA.**—New York, Sept. 20.—Cargo is being removed from Liberian motor vessel Texita, aground Plumb Point, Kingston, Ja. Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation's salvage tug Rescue is at the scene and salvage operations are in progress. (See issue of Sept. 22.)

23/9/60

**TEXITA.**—New York, Sept. 23.—Motor vessel Texita, aground Plumb Point, Kingston, Ja.: Salvage operations are still in progress. (See issue of Sept. 23.)

27/9/60

**TEXITA.**—New York, Sept. 26.—Motor vessel Texita: Total estimated amount of cargo removed as of Sept. 25 803 tons, leaving about 227 tons to discharge. Merritt's will review position of vessel about end of present week when anticipate all cargo discharged.—Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Sept. 27.)

LL28/9/60

**TEXITA.**—New York, Sept. 28.—Motor vessel Texita, stranded off Plumb Point, Kingston, Ja.: Merritt-Chapman & Scott's salvage tug Rescue is in port at Kingston, discharging cargo ex Texita; will resume salvage operations to-day. (See issue of Sept. 28.)

LL1/10/60

**TEXITA.**—Kingston, Ja., Oct. 2.—Motor vessel Texita: Informed salvage tug Rescue has sailed to undertake another salvage job.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Oct. 1.)

LL4/10/60

**TEXITA.**—New York, Oct. 7.—Motor vessel Texita, aground off Plumb Point, Kingston, Ja.: Merritt-Chapman & Scott's salvage tug Rescue at scene salvaging cargo; salvage operations continuing. (See issue of Oct. 4.)

LL11/10/60

**TEXITA.**—New York, Oct. 14.—Motor vessel Texita: Merritt-Chapman & Scott's salvage tug Rescue at scene; all cargo removed. Vessel now being inspected for damage to sunken hull to determine feasibility of further salvage operations. (See issue of Oct. 11.)

LL18/10/60

**TEXITA.**—New York, Oct. 20.—Liberian motor vessel Texita, stranded off Plumb Point, Kingston, Ja.: Merritt-Chapman & Scott's salvage tug Rescue at scene to survey hull. The vessel is full of water. (See issue of Oct. 18.)

LL24/10/60

**TEXITA.**—New York, Oct. 24.—Liberian motor vessel Texita, aground off Plumb Point, Kingston, Ja.: Merritt-Chapman & Scott's salvage tug Rescue standing by to make a diver's examination to determine possibilities of salvage; weather rough. (See issue of Oct. 24.)

LL28/10/60

**TEXITA.**—New York, Oct. 26.—Liberian motor vessel Texita: Due to extent of damage and deterioration of vessel's hull, salvage operations abandoned p.m., Oct. 25. (See issue of Oct. 28.)

29/10/60

**TEXITA.**—New York, Oct. 31.—Motor vessel Texita: All available cargo removed. Merritt-Chapman & Scott's divers now examined port side of hull and report damage increased appreciably, with stern settled into sand bottom and vessel listing about 18 deg. Due to present weather conditions, divers unable to examine starboard side of hull and operations now abandoned pending improvement.—Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Oct. 29.)

LL2/11/60

—Kingston, Ja., Oct. 31.—Motor vessel Texita: Informed that salvage officer of salvage tug Rescue has received instructions to abandon vessel.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.



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