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Rpt. 8

Port GLASGOW

No. 519784

Date of writing Report 21.10.60.

When handed in at Local Office

26.10.60

Received London

Survey held at Glasgow

No. of Visits one

First Date and 19

Last Date 20.10.1960.

WRECK  
SECTION  
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Wreck Report No. 15031

## REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &amp;c.

No. 52204 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 161/60

Date of writing this report 17th November 1960.

Ship's Name m.s. "ARGO DELOS"

of Piraeus

Tons Gross 10392  
Net 6150

Built at Flensburg

When 1958

MONTH 10

Casualty notice sent to Owner 9.11.60.

Owner's reply 4.11.60.

Owners Shipping Developments Corp.

Managers A. Lusi Ltd.

Address 26-28, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.3.

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## Classification details

+100A1	+LMC 10,58
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Date of Casualty 22nd October, 1960.

Details of Casualty

Stranded on Torr Rock, Inishtrahull;  
subsequently broke in two and sank.  
The owners concur.

Suggested Record

"WRECKED 10,60"

Date of Committee

FRIDAY 18 NOV 1960

Committee's Minute

Wrecked 10.60

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## SOURCE OF INFORMATION

ARGO DELOS.—Malin Head Radio, Oct. 22.—Following received from Greek motor vessel Argo Delos, SVNC, (Glasgow for Cuba) at 2 10 a.m. G.M.T.: Ship grounded in position lat. 55 26 N., long. 7 14 W., require assistance.

Londonderry, Oct. 22.—Greek motor vessel Argo Delos reported ashore Torr Rock, Inishtrahull.

Ballycastle, Oct. 22.—Portrush lifeboat launched at 3 10 a.m. to assistance of Greek motor vessel Argo Delos, ashore Torr Beg, near Inishtrahull Lighthouse. H.M. frigate Leopard also proceeding from Londonderry.

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**ARGO DELOS.**—Londonderry, Oct. 23.—Motor vessel Argo Delos, ashore Tore Beg Reel, approximately one mile northwards of Inishtrahull Lighthouse: Owing to heavy weather, unable to board vessel to-day. All crew except master taken off, and will endeavour contact chief engineer when he comes ashore.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Oct. 24.)

Londonderry, Oct. 24.—Motor vessel Argo Delos: Have had opportunity to speak to owners' assistant superintendent, who says master reports: "No. 1 hold flooded, No. 2 hold flooded with big rock projecting through tank top, No. 3 hold dry, engine-room flooded to half its depth, tunnel flooded, No. 4 hold dry, No. 5 hold leaking. Condition of peak and double bottom tanks not known, propeller and rudder damaged. Vessel pounding aft in way of No. 5 hold and port side abaft No. 4 hold, striking against rocks with action of swell." Vessel heading north-west and in very exposed position. Will report prospects of salvage when able to board vessel.—Salvage Association's Special Officer.

London, Oct. 24.—H.M.S. Leopard, the frigate which went to the rescue when the Greek motor vessel Argo Delos went on the rocks off the Donegal coast on Saturday (Oct. 22), sailed to-day to resume exercises, leaving alone on board the vessel her master, John Halamantas. Last night, he kept a lonely vigil on the ship, in darkness except for oil lamps. He still thinks there is prospect of salvage. Salvage tugs are standing by. Commander R. G. Gaunt, of Leopard, said: "We could not order the master of a vessel to abandon his own ship. Anyway, we put him back in case there was any misunderstanding of the position by him. None of the other seven members of the crew wanted to go back." To-day, representatives of the owners and salvage experts are planning to board the vessel.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

Belfast, Oct. 24.—Motor vessel Argo Delos: Seas to-day prevented salvage representatives boarding the Argo Delos. Salvage tug Metinda III is standing by.—LLOYD'S LIST Correspondent.

**ARGO DELOS.**—Londonderry, Oct. 24.—Motor vessel Argo Delos: Proceeded in motor boat to scene of wreck to-day but owing to weather conditions could not approach closer than 250 yards from port side of wreck. No sign of corrugation or of hogging or sagging. Vessel, which is lifting in swell on port quarter, only about 1 ft. from rocks which rise 20 ft. from sea, and further rocks in way of No. 2 hold. Impossible to board or approach on starboard side to-day but will make further attempts immediately the weather moderates.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Oct. 25.)

London, Oct. 25.—The master of Greek motor vessel Argo Delos was taken off the vessel this afternoon by a Royal Navy helicopter. A letter was lowered to the master, instructing him to leave the ship. After he had read the letter, the master agreed to be pulled up into the aircraft.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

Belfast, Oct. 25.—Captain John Halamantas, master of motor vessel Argo Delos, was brought ashore by naval helicopter to-day. Salvage attempt will be made to-morrow by the steamer Dispenser.—LLOYD'S LIST Correspondent

**ARGO DELOS.**—Londonderry, Oct. 25.—Motor vessel Argo Delos: Proceeded to wreck at low water to-day by motor boat. Unable to board due to broken water and tide rips on port and starboard sides preventing close approach. Sighted starboard shell plating and no visible buckling or corrugation. Water level on draught marks 9 ft. forward, 27 ft. approximately aft. Weather moderate north wind, moderate sea and swell. Making further attempts to board to-morrow.—Salvage Association's Special Officer. (See issue of Oct. 25.)

**ARGO DELOS.**—London, Nov. 1.—The London agents of the owners of motor vessel Argo Delos have received the following information from the lighthouse keeper at Inishtrahull, timed 4 40 p.m. to-day: Bow broken off in way of foremast, stern also damaged. Vessel clear of rocks and appears to be afloat, bow not visible. Wind ESE., force 9 (strong gale). (See issue of Oct. 27.)

**ARGO DELOS.**—London, Nov. 1.—Greek motor vessel Argo Delos, which ran aground off the Donegal coast on Oct. 22, has broken her back in stormy weather. To-day, when the fog and drizzle lifted after a night of gales, the forepart of the ship was seen to have broken off from the bridge and disappeared. Only the mast was showing. The afterpart of the ship was adrift near the rocks. Two tugs and salvage steamer Dispenser are due in the area to-day to attempt to salvage the vessel.—Exchange Telegraph Company. (See issue of Nov. 2.)

London, Nov. 2.—The Salvage Association have received the following message from The Liverpool and Glasgow Salvage Association, dated Liverpool, Nov. 1: Motor vessel Argo Delos: Our officer reports in gale conditions this afternoon vessel has broken in way of Nos. 1 and 2 bulkhead and afterpart of vessel now afloat. Salvage steamer Dispenser in attendance and our two hired tugs due to-night.

London, Nov. 2.—The following message has been received from the London agents of the owners of motor vessel Argo Delos: Argo Delos in tow since 8 25 a.m., due to arrive Culladuff Bay at noon.

Liverpool, Nov. 2.—Motor vessel Argo Delos: The Liverpool and Glasgow Salvage Association advise vessel came adrift from stranding place and was taken in tow by salvage steamer Dispenser and two tugs and has been towed seven miles towards place of beaching but vessel is sinking.

Malin Head Radio, Nov. 2.—Following received from British salvage steamer Dispenser at 10 9 a.m., G.M.T.: Motor vessel Argo Delos sank in position lat. 55 23 36 N., long. 7 3 24 W., at 9 45 a.m., G.M.T.

London, Nov. 2.—The Salvage Association have received the following message from The Liverpool and Glasgow Salvage Association, dated Liverpool, Nov. 2: Afterpart of motor vessel Argo Delos broke adrift in gale last night, taken in tow by salvage steamer Dispenser and two tugs, but after towing for seven miles vessel sank in 22 fathoms in position lat. 55 23 36 N., long. 7 3 24 W.

Ballycastle, Nov. 2.—Motor vessel Argo Delos: Forward portion of vessel sank in position of stranding yesterday, after portion sank at 9 45 a.m. to-day, Wednesday, Nov. 2, in position 53 deg. true 5.2 miles from Glengad Head, County Donegal.

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