

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Ship's Name s.s. "STELLATUS" of Helsingborg Tons { Gross 1827
Net 930

Built at Fredrikstad When 1936 12 Casualty notice sent to Owner 18.3.59. Owner's reply 31 3.59.
16.4.59. 22 4.59.

Owners Rederi A/B Brubor

Managers R. Brunkman

Jarnvagsgatan 1, Helsingborg, Sweden.

Classification details

✠ 100A1	✠ LMC 1,58
with freeboard	BS M8,58
7,58	sp 1,58
ssAbg 1,58	
	ts 6,57 CL

Casualty 3rd March, 1959.

Casualty

Went ashore on rocks 2½ miles S. of Duncansby Head in dense fog and declared a total loss.

The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

STELLATUS.—Wick Radio, Mar. 3.—Following received from Swedish steamer Stellatus SJWN, (Turku (Abo) for Ellesmere Port) at 5.44 a.m., G.M.T.: We are ashore in vicinity of Freswick Bay, require assistance and tug.

Wick, Mar. 3.—Wick lifeboat launched at 6.5 a.m. to assistance of Swedish steamer Stellatus, ashore 2½ miles south of Duncansby Head.

London, Mar. 3.—There was thick fog at the time of the grounding of steamer Stellatus. The local

Life-saving Apparatus has been sent to the position.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

Wick Radio, Mar. 3.—Following received from Wick lifeboat at 7.16 a.m., G.M.T.: We are alongside Stellatus. The crew are staying on board, we are standing by. Tug Metinda III leaving Scapa pier at 8 a.m. for Stellatus.

Gairlochhead, Mar. 3.—Tug Metinda III has proceeded to assistance of Swedish steamer Stellatus.—Metal Industries (Salvage), Ltd.

Wick Radio, Mar. 3.—Following received from British tug Metinda III at 1 p.m., G.M.T.: Wick lifeboat is returning to Wick with 14 men from steamer Stellatus. She will land them at Wick, then return to stand by. Twelve men left on board Stellatus.

Wick, Mar. 3.—Wick lifeboat landed 14 men from steamer Stellatus at Wick at 2.22 p.m. Twelve men are still on board the Stellatus. The lifeboat is returning to stand by the vessel.

London, Mar. 3.—Members of the crew of the steamer Stellatus were landed at Wick this afternoon by Wick lifeboat. The tug Metinda III is to attempt to tow the vessel off at high tide. The Stellatus appears to be badly damaged and there is about three feet of water in the engine-room. The vessel has a cargo of woodpulp.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

London, Mar. 3.—Steamer Stellatus is ashore on rocks 1½ miles south of Skirsa Head, Freswick, Caithness. High tide will be at 5 p.m. and it is expected that an attempt will be made to tow her off then.—Exchange Telegraph Company.

STELLATUS.—Wick, Mar. 3.—Steamer Stellatus totally abandoned. Wick lifeboat returned to Wick harbour at 7.47 p.m. with remaining 12 members of crew. (See issue of Mar. 4.)

London, Mar. 3.—Swedish steamer Stellatus was abandoned to-night. Wick lifeboat landed the master, Captain Gunnar Klint Berg, and the crew. The master said he thought the Stellatus was badly holed and it was intended to see if anything could be done to-morrow to save her.

STELLATUS.—Edinburgh, Mar. 5.—Swedish steamer Stellatus was inspected yesterday by Captain M. Anderson, salvage officer of Metal Industries (Salvage), Ltd., who arrived at Wick from Glasgow with one of the firm's divers, Mr. J. Thomson, Gairloch. Accompanied by the master of the Stellatus, Captain Gunnar Klintberg, and seven of the crew, Captain Anderson and Mr. Thomson were taken out from Wick to the stranded vessel in the fishing vessel Sans Peur. The salvage tug Metinda III, from Scapa, which stood by the Stellatus all day on Tuesday (Mar. 3), returning to her base in the evening after the ship was abandoned, was again standing by her yesterday.—"The Scotsman." (See issue of Mar. 5.)

Glasgow, Mar. 6.—Because of a strong wind and heavy seas no attempt was made yesterday to save Swedish steamer Stellatus. Captain

M. Anderson, salvage officer of Metal Industries (Salvage), Ltd., said it was impossible to get out to the ship and from the shore he could not see if there was any change in her condition. The salvage tug Salvada arrived from the Clyde yesterday and is standing by the stranded ship. The tug Metinda III, which had stood by the Stellatus on the two previous days, has left the scene. Captain Gunnar Klintberg and the crew of 25 of the Stellatus are still at Wick.—"The Glasgow Herald."

Wick, Mar. 6.—Steamer Stellatus: Position unchanged; prospects of salvage doubtful. Metal Industries (Salvage), Ltd., in attendance, making pumping test when weather permits the transfer of equipment.

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"WRECKED 3,59"

Committee

FRIDAY - 1 MAY 1959

Committee's Minute

Wrecked 3.59

STELLATUS.—Glasgow, Mar. 9. — Preparations continued yesterday for an attempt to save the Swedish steamer Stellatus. Captain M. Anderson, salvage officer of Metal Industries (Salvage), Ltd., is in charge of the work. On Saturday (Mar. 7) a pump was put on board. If the vessel is refloated she may be beached in Sinclair Bay for repairs. Her master, Captain Gunnar Klintberg, and seven of the ship's officers are still at Wick, but the other 18 members of the crew may leave for home to-day.—"The Glasgow Herald." (See issue of Mar. 7.)

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STELLATUS.—Glasgow, Mar. 11. — The Swedish steamer Stellatus, which ran aground near Freswick, Caithness, eight days ago, yesterday broke in two astern of the bridge. The aft section was submerged last night. — "The Glasgow Herald." (See issue of Mar. 10.)

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STELLATUS.—Wick, Mar. 10.—Steamer Stellatus, which ran on to rocks in the morning of Mar. 3, had a cargo of wood-pulp. The vessel broke in two to-day after the weather had worsened. One section has disappeared; the other section can still be seen, but is being pounded by heavy seas and it is probable that it will break up to-day. The position of the wreck is lat. 58 34 N., long. 3 4 W. (See issue of Mar. 12.)

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Wick, Mar. 12.—Steamer Stellatus has broken in two and appears to be a total loss.

Wick, Mar. 12.—Steamer Stellatus broke in two on Mar. 10 in heavy seas. After portion submerged; forward portion, including bridge, appears sound and being driven towards shore. Some cargo and wreckage floated ashore. Receiver of Wreck has watchman on guard. Sea still too rough for boarding. Metal Industries (Salvage), Ltd., no longer in attendance.



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