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Wreck Report No.

10798

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

No. 70227 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 45/58 Date of writing this report 3rd July, 1958.

Ship's Name s.s. "MARCELLA" of Panama Tons { Gross 3483  
Net 2112

Built at Wilmington When 1920 Casualty notice sent to Owner Owner's reply

Owners Cia. Panamena Marittima, San Gerassimo S.A.

Managers

Address Suite 1010, 52, Broadway, New York 4, U.S.A.

## Classification details

100A1	IMC 5,56
3,58	BS M5,57
ss(Dr)11,47	sp 5,56
Jck 5,56	
	ts 4,56 CL

Date of Casualty

Details of Casualty

Stranded on reef near entrance to  
Nuevitas, Cuba; refloated and towed to  
Jacksonville, Florida, where she was bought  
and broken up by the National Salvage Co.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION

MARCELLA. — Havana, Mar. 24. — Steamer Marcella, stranded on reef outside channel. Notwithstanding heavy seas and no anchors set out, master jettisoned part cargo and fuel, refloating unassisted, but stranded again due

to engine failure at critical moment. Nos. 4 and 5 holds and shaft tunnel flooding, cargo moving up and down in No. 4 hold. On Mar. 21 recommended agent's engage Merritt's on "no cure no pay" basis, but no action taken by owners. Master is continuing own salvage efforts. Notwithstanding time already lost, recommend engage Merritt's urgently, so advising agents. — Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (See issue of Mar. 24.)

MARCELLA. — Havana, Mar. 25. — Steamer Marcella: Recommendation to engage Merritt's so far not acted upon. — Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (See issue of Mar. 26.)

MARCELLA. — Miami, Mar. 26. — Tug Cable leaving Key West to assistance of steamer Marcella, 2112 tons net, aground one mile east of entrance to Nuevitas. (See issue of Mar. 27.)

MARCELLA. — Havana, Mar. 27. — Steamer Marcella: Cabled vessel's agents at Nuevitas on Mar. 26, with copy to Havana agents, as follows: "Underwriters approve owners engaging either tug Cable or tug Friesland, whichever arrives first. Understand Friesland now alongside vessel and willing to sign Lloyd's Form." No reply received but Merritt's radioed me late on Mar. 26 that Cable left Key West for Marcella at 1 45 p.m. Vessel's position unchanged but expect Merritt's will examine and advise if willing to undertake job. Have no information whatever regarding Friesland, but if both tugs refuse work would suggest inviting offer from Palmers, Havana, whose overhead expenses much lower. — Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (See issue of Mar. 28.)

MARCELLA. — Havana, Mar. 28. — Steamer Marcella: Tug Cable arrived on Mar. 27 and found all compartments flooded, including engine- and boiler-rooms, and boiler mountings apparently disturbed. Holding pump test to-day. — Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (See issue of Mar. 29.)

MARCELLA. — Havana, Apr. 3. — Steamer Marcella: Leaks controlled but first refloating effort on Apr. 2 unsuccessful. Discharging cargo to-day, expecting new attempt at next high water. — Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (See issue of Apr. 2.)

Havana, Apr. 6. — Steamer Marcella refloated at 10 p.m., Apr. 5; after diver's examination to-day expected to drydock in port.

MARCELLA. — Havana, Apr. 6. — Steamer Marcella refloated at 10 p.m. on Apr. 5 and anchored near place of stranding for diver's examination to-day. Understand Merritt's intend to tow vessel to nearest drydock port, presumably Jacksonville. — Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association. (See issue of Apr. 7.)

A. — New York, Apr. 9. — Chapman & Scott's salvage cable commenced towing steamer Marcella at 8 30 p.m., Apr. 8, proceeding Jacksonville. (See issue of Apr. 9.)

Havana, Apr. 10. — Steamer Marcella proceeded on Apr. 9 for Jacksonville in tow of salvage vessel. — Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

MARCELLA. — New York, Apr. 11. — Steamer Marcella, in tow of Merritt-Chapman & Scott's salvage vessel Cable, arrived at Jacksonville p.m., Apr. 11. (See issue of Apr. 12.)

MARCELLA. — New York, Apr. 23. — Steamer Marcella: Owners not repairing. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issue of Apr. 19.)

MARCELLA. — New York, May 15. — Steamer Marcella undocked, after making under-water plating tight, on Apr. 18. Vessel now afloat at safe berth alongside pier at Gibbs Corporation's yard, Jacksonville, with three crewmen on board. — Salvage Association's Surveyors. (See issues of Apr. 19 and 25.)

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Suggested Record

"DAMAGED BY STRANDING 3,58 - BROKEN UP"

Date of Committee

FRIDAY - 4 JUL 1958

Committee's Minute

Damaged by stranding 3.58  
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