

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, BREAKING UP, ETC.

Ship's Name **SS/MS**
Casualty notice
sent to Owners

"DELWIND"

Owners'
Reply

Gross tons 6364

Date of
Build 1-1947

Details of classification

+100A1	+LMC CS5,64
with freeboard	BS A 5,64
5,64	sp 5,64
ss 5,64	ts 3,63 CL

Details of casualty

This ship stranded on Bombay Reef, lat. 16 3N., long. 112 36E. and has been declared a constructive total loss.

The owners concur.

Date of casualty 19th March, 1965.

DELWIND. — Singapore, Mar. 20. — Following received from Singapore Radio: Following received via Hong Kong Radio:

At 4 44 p.m., G.M.T., Mar. 19: Following received from Liberian motor vessel Delwind on 500 kcs. at 4 p.m., G.M.T.: Stranded on Bombay Reef in lat. 16 3 N., long. 112 36 E.

At 5 18 p.m., G.M.T., Mar. 19: Following received from Delwind: Steamer Benclench and motor vessel Straat Fremantle proceeding for Delwind assistance, estimated time of arrival 9 p.m., G.M.T., Mar. 19.

Hong Kong, Mar. 20. — Motor vessel Delwind: SOS received at 4 p.m., G.M.T. (Mar. 19), advising stranded on Bombay Reef in lat. 16 3 N., long. 112 36 E. Further message received at 9 20 p.m., G.M.T. (Mar. 19), ending SOS, advises steamer Benclench standing by Delwind and crew abandoned ship. Owners have arranged, with our approval as far as concerned, tug Golden Cape to proceed to wreck by noon to-day at HK\$4,500, with option revert Lloyd's Open Form. — Lloyd's Agents.

Hong Kong, Mar. 20. — All the crew of the stranded motor vessel Delwind will arrive here to-morrow on motor vessel Straat Fremantle and steamer Benclench, a Marine Department spokesman said to-day. The two vessels picked them up after they abandoned the Delwind, which struck a reef about 380 miles south of Hong Kong while on her way from here to Thailand. British tug Golden Cape is going to the assistance of the Delwind from Hong Kong.—Reuter.

London, Mar. 20. — British steamer Benclench has picked up some of the crew of motor vessel Delwind, according to a message received to-day from the master by Ben Line in London. A Ben Line spokesman said: "I understand another 27 have been taken on board motor vessel Straat Fremantle, and that all are now accounted for." The master of the Benclench estimated she would reach Hong Kong, her destination, by noon, B.S.T., on Sunday (Mar. 21).

DELWIND. — Hong Kong, Mar. 22. — Motor vessel Delwind: Following received from master of tug Golden Cape: "Casualty aground hard coral and broadside from forward to after end No. 4 hatch, with minimum sounding amidships and resting heavily on this raised hump. Vessel heading south, with no movement and slight port list, but strong vibrations, particularly forward, from swell effects. All holds dry except No. 4, now showing two feet over tank tops and tunnel, with two inches over plating. Vicinity No. 3 hold plating under heavy stress. Ground tackle can be laid with Delwind auxiliaries operating. To evaluate salvage prospects require draught, course steered, time, date, oil and water on board on stranding and tip light condition. Weather now fair but with deterioration she may break up amidships. Initial survey will be completed by 1 p.m. to-day." Master of Delwind interviewed and making protest to-day; advises on striking reef went astern for approximately one and a half hours, without movement, as vessel light and went aground high tide; considers refloating possible difficult. (See issue of Mar. 22.)

DELWIND. — Hong Kong, Mar. 23. — Motor vessel Delwind: Steamer Benclench and motor vessel Straat Fremantle arrived here on Mar. 21. (See issues of Mar. 22 and 23.)

Hong Kong, Mar. 23. — Motor vessel Delwind: Further message received from tug (Golden Cape): If grounding time correct, contact made at approximately top of high water springs and draught to-day high water 7 ft. forward, 11 ft. aft. Major portion of ballast aft, with stern unsupported, liability break off first bad weather. Consider salvage not good risk and arriving daylight, Mar. 24, for discussions. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

DELWIND. — Hong Kong, Apr. 1. — Motor vessel Delwind: Following received from tug Tai Koo: Organised stripping has taken place; junks departed on our arrival. Impossible to raise steam. Holds dry except No. 4 starboard. Peaks half, "AB" full, draughts 7 ft. forward, 12 ft. aft. High water 2 p.m., G.M.T., Mar. 31, with increase of 18 in. Will attempt tow bow seaward to-night, failing which will endeavour de-ballast aft for to-morrow night's tide. Vessel upright. Weather good. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Mar. 24.)

DELWIND. — Hong Kong, Apr. 2. — Motor vessel Delwind: Reference message of Apr. 1 master of tug, presume means: "Peaks half full, aft ballast full." Following cable dispatched from tug at 12 20 a.m., G.M.T., yesterday: "Unable tow last night owing snags. Attempting to-night tow bow out when water forward nearly nine feet and calculated fore draught less six feet with forepeak No. 1 double bottom out, which pumping now."—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Apr. 2.)

Hong Kong, Apr. 2. — Motor vessel Delwind: Further cable received from tug Tai Koo, dated Apr. 1: Forepeak empty, pumping No. 1 double bottom, which appears sound, and 2 ft. from tank top No. 3 hold also starboard side No. 4 and boilers. Some leakage in engine-room through looted pipelines now plugged. Intend attempt to move bow to-night. If unsuccessful, intend pumping No. 2 double bottom, which appears sound, and engine-room to-morrow. Using 4-in. pumps only. Draughts then 4 ft. forward, 19 ft. aft approximately. Depths amidships high water 13½ ft., aft 16 ft. All subject to weather. Last suitable tide 3 p.m., G.M.T., Apr. 2. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

DELWIND. — Hong Kong, Apr. 5. — Motor vessel Delwind: Messages from tug Tai Koo continue to advise progress towards refloating. Latest message, received to-day: Casualty moved 20 ft. yesterday. Appears sitting in own cradle soft coral. Have pumped out No. 6 double bottom port, now endeavouring to obtain starboard No. 6 and No. 5 double bottoms before to-day's attempt at 3 a.m., G.M.T. Forepeak half-filled in vessel, giving approximate draughts 7 ft. and 11½ ft. Bottom damage appears small. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Apr. 3.)

DELWIND. — Hong Kong, Apr. 6. — Motor vessel Delwind: Latest messages from tug (Tai Koo): Casualty swung bow 30 deg. and astern 6 ft. Have charted reef in vicinity and will tow dead astern at high water at 4 a.m., G.M.T., Apr. 6. Vessel definitely floating in own cradle and must come astern in line edge of reef. Higher tides Apr. 6 and 7. Four-inch diesels connected ship's lines engine-room. Moved bow 75 ft. and swinging. Forepeak 60 tons, No. 4 double bottom 50 tons, No. 7 double bottom 80 tons, otherwise empty and sound. Held by humped soft coral each side at engine-room. Hope tow astern to-day as vessel is afloat but cannot come abeam. (See issue of Apr. 6.)

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DELWIND. — Hong Kong, Apr. 8. — Motor vessel Delwind: Following received from tug (Tai Koo) at 3 a.m., G.M.T., Apr. 7: "Regret casualty floated but tug unable to control her in 6-ft. to 8-ft. ground swell. Casualty now high on crown of reef, three feet out of draught. Now standing off. Estimate chance of recovering five 4-in. pumps to-morrow if swell moderates." From which it appears salvage attempt abandoned. (See issue of Apr. 7.)

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DELWIND. — Hong Kong, Apr. 9. — Motor vessel Delwind: Owners now offering vessel for sale; tenders closing on Apr. 21. We satisfied no further prospects of salvage.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Apr. 9.)

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