

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

Ship's Name ~~SS/MX~~ "COSMO TRADER"

Gross tons 7201

Date of Build 9-1942

Casualty notice  
sent to Owners ---Owners'  
Reply ---Owners Eastland Nav. & Commerce  
Ltd.

## Details of classification

+100A1	+LMC 2,61
with freeboard	BS M7,63
7,63	sp 2,61
ss 2,61	ts 5,62 CL

## Details of casualty

which  
This ship/stranded Kau Shan  
Island, Hong Kong during typhoon,  
was subsequently refloated and  
declared a constructive total loss.  
Sold to Hong Kong shipbreakers.

Date of casualty 5th September, 1964.

## SOURCE OF INFORMATION

u/s 10/64 Steamer  
COSMO TRADER aground Kau Shan  
Island; owners appointed Taikoo on  
Lloyd's Open Form.

u/s 9/64  
Hong Kong, Sept. 8.—Steamer COSMO  
TRADER: Preliminary survey indicates  
vessel on an even keel 13 ft. 6 in. forward  
and 17 ft. aft and average three fathoms  
all round. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 holds and  
engine-room open to sea. Salvage con-  
sidered possible.—Lloyd's Agents per Sal-  
vage Association.

u/s 9/64  
COSMO TRADER.—Hong Kong, Sept. 14.  
—Steamer Cosmo Trader aground  
between Heiling Chau and Chaukung  
Islands. Ship held amidships on rocks  
visible on starboard side amidships and  
abreast No. 2 hold with 5-deg. starboard  
list. Water in holds No. 1 4 ft., No. 2  
6 ft., No. 3 7 ft. 6 in., No. 4 5 ft. 6 in.,  
No. 5 dry, machinery space flooded half-  
height. Double bottom tanks Nos. 1, 2  
and 3 pressed up; remaining tank condi-  
tions unobtainable. Ship under repair  
on Sept 5, not at buoy but anchored on  
both anchors, which dragged. Salvage  
prospect reasonable. Suspect bottom  
damage which could approach 150 tons  
steel. Diver's examination required.  
Recommend drydocking for examination  
and accurate assessment.—Salvage Asso-  
ciation's Staff Surveyor and Lloyd's  
Agents. (See issues of Sept. 9 and 12.)

u/s 9/64  
Hong Kong, Sept. 19.—Steamer  
COSMO TRADER re-examined after  
typhoon "Tilda." Position unchanged.—

u/s 10/64  
COSMO TRADER.—Hong Kong, Sept.  
30.—Steamer Cosmo Trader: Salvors  
dispatched salvage equipment to ship  
on Sept. 29 and commencing work  
to-day. Proposing seal hull externally  
by divers, allowing pumping out flooded  
spaces and tanks for refloating with  
ground tackle and tugs. Salvors esti-  
mated time required four to six weeks,  
depending upon weather conditions.  
Attending.—Salvage Association's Staff  
Surveyor and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue  
of Sept. 21.)

u/s 10/64  
COSMO TRADER.—Hong Kong, Oct. 3.  
—Steamer Cosmo Trader: Divers  
located one hole in port side bilge in  
way of Nos. 2 and 3 holds eight feet  
by five feet and two holes in port side  
in way of machinery space six feet by  
two feet and two feet by one foot,  
also at bilge level. External patches  
to be prepared and fitted. Various  
smaller leaks located and sealing.—  
Salvage Association's Staff Surveyor and  
Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.  
(See issue of Oct. 1.)

u/s 10/64  
COSMO TRADER.—Hong Kong, Oct. 10.  
—Steamer Cosmo Trader: Adverse  
weather and currents making progress  
of patching externally slow. At No. 2  
hold patch not yet fitted, but at  
machinery space one sectional patch  
partially finished. Attending.—Salvage  
Association's Staff Surveyor and Lloyd's  
Agents. (See issues of Oct. 5 and 9.)

u/s 10/64  
Hong Kong, Oct. 15.—Steamer COSMO  
TRADER re-examined after typhoon  
"Dot." Ship has swung slightly so that  
bow moved seawards and stern landwards  
about 10 ft., exposing torn forefoot plates,  
port and starboard sides, at 3-ft. draught  
mark and in forepeak tank. Damage goes  
below sea level but appears local. Salvors  
returned to ship on Oct. 14. Remaining  
conditions on board unchanged.—Salvage  
Association's Staff Surveyor and Lloyd's  
Agents.

u/s 10/64  
Hong Kong, Oct. 16.—Steamer COSMO  
TRADER: Salvors now securing engine-  
room patch which moved during typhoon  
"Dot." Patching of hole at Nos. 2 and 3  
holds restarted. Five 8-in. pumps along-  
side on barge to be placed on board at  
Nos. 2, 3 and 4 holds and machinery  
space. Test-pumping after connecting up  
pumps on spaces as sealed; attending.  
—Salvage Association's Staff Surveyor and  
Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of Oct. 16.)

u/s 10/64  
COSMO TRADER.—Hong Kong, Oct. 23.  
—Steamer Cosmo Trader: Salvors have  
two 8-in. pumps rigged and tested at  
Nos. 2 and 3 holds and two similar  
pumps ready at No. 4 hold. One 8-in.  
pump rigging at machinery space.  
Divers presently working on sectional  
hull patch at No. 2 and (23) holds,  
which half completed. All major patch-  
ing expected completed in about ten  
days but dependent upon weather.  
Attending.—Salvage Association's Staff  
Surveyor and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue  
of Oct. 17.)

u/s 11/64  
COSMO TRADER.—Hong Kong, Nov. 2.  
—Steamer Cosmo Trader: Major hull  
patching now complete. Nos. 2, 3 and  
4 holds pumped dry but reflooded by  
salvors pending refloating. Minor seal-  
ing continues at machinery space prior  
to pumping out. Ground tackle laid  
out aft and now laying forward. First  
refloating attempt Nov. 4. Attending.  
—Salvage Association's Staff Surveyor  
and Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of  
Oct. 24.)

u/s 11/64  
COSMO TRADER.—Hong Kong, Nov. 5.  
—Steamer Cosmo Trader: All sealing  
of spaces completed on Nov. 3. Pump-  
ing all spaces commenced p.m., Nov. 4,  
which resulted in holds being emptied  
but 7 ft. of water remains in machinery  
space. Vessel refloated with ground  
tackle at 8 30 p.m., Nov. 4, and hauled  
into deep water; remaining in position  
until examined by diver prior to moving  
to Hong Kong harbour limit by tugs.  
Ship will be drydocked for examination  
on Nov. 15; meanwhile salvors remain  
on board to deal with slight leakage  
into holds.—Salvage Association's Staff  
Surveyor. (See issue of Nov. 3.)

u/s 11/64  
COSMO TRADER.—Hong Kong, Nov. 10.  
—Steamer Cosmo Trader: Diver unable  
to inspect bottom due to position of  
vessel as lying. Dockyard unprepared to  
accept vessel for drydocking in view of  
leaking oily condition and listing of  
vessel. In view of delay in drydocking,  
unlikely vessel able to be docked until  
mid-December.—Lloyd's Agents per  
Salvage Association. (See issue of  
Nov. 6.)

u/s 11/64  
COSMO TRADER.—Hong Kong, Nov.  
13.—Steamer Cosmo Trader: Salvors  
have agreed to further patching and  
pumping out of oil and vessel expected  
to drydock Kowloon Docks on Nov. 16.  
—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Associa-  
tion. (See issue of Nov. 11.)

Suggested record "DAMAGED BY STRANDING 9,64 - TO BE BROKEN UP"

Date of Committee

Minute

FRIDAY 29 JAN 1965

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