

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

Ship's Name SS/MS "AYRSHIRE" RMC Gross tons 9424 Date of Build 5-1957
Casualty notice sent to Owners 5.5.65. Owners' Reply 7.5.65. Owners Scottish Shire Line Ltd.

Details of classification

Table with classification details: +100A1, 10,64, ss 3,61, +Lloyd's RMC, +LMC CS8,61, BS M 2,63, d12,64, sp 7,63, ts 2,63 CL

Details of casualty

This ship stranded at Abd-al-Kuri and has been abandoned as a total loss.

The owners concur.

Date of casualty 23rd March, 1965.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

AYRSHIRE.—Aden, Mar. 23.—Following S O S received from master of steamer Ayrshire (Liverpool for Brisbane): 1 42 p.m., local time, Mar. 23: In 12 8 N., long. 52 17 E., struck submerged rock south of Abd-al-Kuri, please stand by. At 1 54 p.m., local time: Ship making water and may require assistance.

AYRSHIRE.—London, Mar. 25.—Following received from the master of steamer Ayrshire, timed 5 20 p.m., Mar. 24: Passengers and crew all well. Conditions do permit transfer of passengers by motor boat. Generators are fully operative. Starboard diesel tank damaged, 64 tons of diesel fuel in port tank. Rate of ingress of water in Nos. 2, 3 and 4 holds was greater than pumps could deal with while keeping engine-room dry, therefore decided to beach. Had trouble with choked strums; this now rectified and nesting bilge lines duct keel full. Starboard fresh-water tanks damaged. Fresh water on board boiler 70 tons, domestic 100 tons, all on port side ship. Beached on sandy bottom, lying comfortably, in no immediate danger. Fresh-water ballast in reserve in peaks 150 tons. (See issue of Mar. 25.)

Aden, Mar. 30.—Steamer Ayrshire: Master reports on Tuesday morning (Mar. 30) leakage in forward bulkhead of engine-room increased but still amply controllable by ship's pumps. Some further damage to starboard boiler seating connection due to slight movement of vessel. Pumping test of No. 2 lower hold indicates leakage controlled by one pump. Ship's crew jettisoning bags of salt after bleeding. Am proceeding to casualty on tug Poolzee at noon on Mar. 31 with owners and Smit's representative, expecting to arrive at casualty on Friday morning.—Salvage Association's Salvage Officer.

AYRSHIRE.—London, Mar. 24.—The following advice was received to-day from steamer Ayrshire: Beached Abd-al-Kuri on sandy bottom; position safe at present. Holed in Nos. 2, 3 and 4 double bottoms and starboard bilge, 23 ft. water No. 2, 21 ft. Nos. 3 and 4 double, holed engine-room double bottom, engine-room dry. Require salvage assistance. The following advice was received to-day from the owners' agents in Aden: Ayrshire reports: Holed Nos. 2, 3 and 4 holds and double bottoms and engine-room double bottom. Water in Nos. 2, 3 and 4 holds. Engine-room dry. (See issue of Mar. 24.)

AYRSHIRE.—Aden, Mar. 24.—Steamer Ayrshire: Understand from Port Officer H.M. tank landing ship Anzio sailing on Mar. 25 for Mombasa and calling casualty en route for assistance. Understand from owners' agents steamer Clan Mactaggart standing by and motor vessel Clan Malcolm on way.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Mar. 26.)

AYRSHIRE.—London, Mar. 31.—The owners of steamer Ayrshire have received the following message from the master, dated Mar. 31: No change in condition. Pumping out continued overnight, progress in Nos. 2, 3 and 4 satisfactory. Jettisoned 96 tons of salt yesterday, jettisoning chemicals ex No. 1 to-day. Attempt to refloat this morning stopped by breaking of towrope; will try again to-night at high water. (See issue of Mar. 31.)

London, Mar. 24.—Steamer Ayrshire, cargo general: Owners advise contracting with L. Smit & Company on Lloyd's Open Form. Salvage operations expected to commence in four to five days.

AYRSHIRE.—London, Mar. 30.—The following messages have been received by the owners of steamer Ayrshire from the master:

London, Mar. 31.—The owners of steamer Ayrshire have received the following message from the master of the Ocean, dated Mar. 31: Water level substantially lowered Nos. 2, 3 and 4 holds. Ship bumping slightly. Made effort to refloat this morning but unsuccessful, will try again this evening and hopeful. View bumping, Ayrshire has emptied both boilers. If refloated, Ayrshire will remain in close vicinity ready for re-beaching if necessary. Tug Noordzee will call at Ayrshire on Friday (Apr. 2) and supply more portable pumps. Tug Poolzee sails this evening with additional pumps on board, estimated time of arrival at Ayrshire noon on Friday.

London, Mar. 24.—Steamer Ayrshire: The London agents L. Smit & Co. have received the following message, dated Rotterdam, Mar. 24: L. Smit & Co. have contracted on Lloyd's Open Form the salvage of the Ayrshire, aground at Abd-al-Kuri. Their tug Ocean is expected to arrive at the vessel in approximately four and a half days' time. Tug Poolzee is due at Aden in approximately six days' time, where she will take on necessary salvage equipment. Smit's salvage inspector, Mr. Colthoff, is flying to Aden to-morrow, together with the owners' representative. They will proceed from there to the vessel.

Timed 12 20 p.m., Mar. 28: Engine-room after bulkhead leak negligible, tank top intact, forward bulkhead split in two places, 18 in. long, in way of duct. Keel leak considerable but contained by ship's pumps; will require stud patches. Ingress of water to No. 2 hold much less than Nos. 3 and 4 holds. Bottom damage confined to starboard side. Naval diver's inspection vessel evenly supported along entire length. No. 1 tank pierced by rock when beaching. No damage to shell plating above bilge keel. Eight holes in bottom plating in way of Nos. 2 and 3 double bottom tanks. Riveted seam in way of Nos. 4 and 5 double bottom tanks open for 30 ft., approximate 4-in. gap. Inspection limited to turn of bilge only. Reason to suspect more damage towards centreline. Commenced opening hatches. Received fresh water from H.M. tank landing ship Anzio.

Aden, Mar. 31.—Steamer Ayrshire: Latest reports via master of tug Ocean indicate water levels Nos. 2 and 3 lower holds substantially lowered by pumping and that No. 4 lower hold is also pumpable. It now appears that refloating on to-night's tide is possible and if vessel refloated she will remain close to present condition until arrival of tug Poolzee at site about noon, Apr. 2, when further decisions will be taken. Both boilers of Ayrshire are now emptied but full auxiliary power is available for pumps, winches, &c. Leaving Aden on Poolzee at 7 p.m. to-day.—Salvage Association's Salvage Officer.

Dated Mar. 29: Tug Ocean alongside at 10 45 a.m., G.M.T., preparing to pump.

Dated Mar. 30: Condition of engine-room deteriorating due to slight movement of vessel. Leak in forward bulkhead increasing and bolted connection of starboard boiler outboard longitudinal seating breaking loose due to distortion of tank top. Plenty of reserve in engine-room pumps, but would suggest you expedite arrival of tug Poolzee and commencement of actual salvage operation. Water in No. 2 hold under complete control with one pump. Fifty tons of diesel on board, no supplies required. Jettisoning salt to-day.

Owners advise Poolzee and coaster and salvage team expect to arrive alongside at daylight on Friday morning (Apr. 2). (See issue of Mar. 27.)

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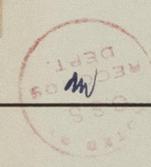
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Dated Apr. 19: Position unchanged. Vacuum tower discharged and is now under tow to Aden by tug Poolzee. Towing arrangements satisfactory and vacuum tower apparently of good stability and floating at about 34-ft. draught. Chocks and slings sent Aden per tug Oceana, which will return with five 6-in. pumps flown from Rotterdam. Tug Mississippi, now in attendance, has one 6-in. pump, one 4-in. pump and four 3-in. pumps. Continued jettisoning naphthalene No. 1 lower hold 1,500 bags, marked "R.C.I." over "E Sydney," have also decanted 2 1/2 tons bulk Dutrea 55, mark "Shell Chemical Company Australia" and 29 tons bulk naphthenic acid, same consignees, into sea, both carried in portable deck tanks. Salvage crew overhauling and placing pumps. Vessel lying quietly. Wind south-easterly, force 3 (gentle breeze), slight sea and long low swell. (See issue of Apr. 19.)

Aden, Apr. 19. — Steamer Ayrshire: Approximately 700 tons of cargo arrived per steamer Ais Nicolas noon, Apr. 19.

London, Apr. 20.—The owners of steamer Ayrshire have received the following message from the master, dated Apr. 20: Condition of engine-room unchanged. Motor vessel Clan Matheson taken mail and supplied stores; proceeded on voyage at 7 a.m., G.M.T. Continue discharge No. 1. Seventy tons remain. Some water on tank top, not serious; no appreciable change in soundings. Cargo distribution this morning in tons No. 1 70, No. 2 495, No. 3 663, No. 4 548, No. 5 300, No. 6 243, deck 10 only. Coaster expected Thursday (Apr. 22); will discharge from Nos. 5 and 6. All well.

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AYRSHIRE. — London, Apr. 21. — The owners of steamer Ayrshire have received the following message from the master, timed 8 20 a.m., Apr. 21: Condition of engine-room unchanged. Water in No. 1 lower hold about 2 ft., little change. Fresh SSE. wind; swell has increased but still slight. (See issue of Apr. 21.)

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AYRSHIRE.—London, Apr. 22. — The owners of steamer Ayrshire have received the following message from the master, timed 8 a.m., Apr. 22: Condition of engine-room unchanged. Fresh SE. wind; swell increased, now about 3 ft., southerly. (See issue of Apr. 22.)

Aden, Apr. 22.—Steamer Ayrshire: Tug Ocean arrived here on Apr. 21.

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AYRSHIRE. — London, Apr. 23. — The Salvage Association have received the following radio message from their salvage officer on board steamer Ayrshire, dated Apr. 22: No change in condition of vessel, which moving slightly. Fresh south-south-easterly wind, moderate sea swell. Time of utmost importance. Pumps reported due Aden to-night. Coaster not arrived. (See issue of Apr. 23.)

London, Apr. 23.—Steamer Ayrshire: The Salvage Association have received the following telephonic advices from Messrs. L. Smit & Company's salvage officer at Rotterdam: "Ayrshire: Six six-inch pumps arrived Aden and were placed on tug Ocean, which left Aden for casualty at 2 30 a.m., Apr. 23. Present intention is to keep casualty on ground until Saturday morning (Apr. 24), when Ocean due with pumps, then, with the additional pumping capacity, to float vessel and move her half a ship's length for examination as to ability to cope with ingress of water. If satisfactory, vessel to be moved into a lee position at Cape Guardafui. Divers are in attendance; have done some tightening in engine-room and No. 2. No. 4 hold is unworkable and presently inaccessible for tightening. A 400-ton coaster is due alongside this morning to take further cargo off vessel; 700 tons approximately now remain on board. Tug Poolzee delivered cracking tower to Aden and is now en route to casualty. Pumps available by Saturday 11 six-inch, three four-inch and 17 three-inch, plus one eight-inch and one three-inch which salvors hired from Aden." The Association have stressed urgency for effective action on this vessel as SW. monsoons imminent.

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London, Apr. 26. — The Salvage Association have received the following radio messages from their salvage officer on board steamer Ayrshire, dated Apr. 25:

(1) Condition unchanged. Continued discharge from Nos. 5 and 6 holds into motor vessel Shibam. Weather fine, calm sea. Tug Ocean with pumps due to-night, install to-morrow. Hopeful refloating attempt Apr. 26.

(2) Carried out refloating attempt to-day without success. Rearranging pumps for to-morrow's attempt. Pumping effort satisfactory, but pumps choked with much debris in lower part of holds and vessel rolling and bumping during pumping. Weather fine, sea smooth. Shibam sailed for Aden at 8 15 p.m., Apr. 24, with approximately 290 tons.

London, Apr. 26. — The owners of steamer Ayrshire advise receiving the following messages from the master:

Timed 4 p.m., Apr. 25: To-day's effort unsuccessful but indicated aground just aft of amidships. Salvors now rearranging pumps in endeavour to lower water in No. 4. Pumping commenced at 10 a.m., G.M.T., and from about noon there was appreciable rolling and some pitching. Maximum ullages achieved from 'tween deck plating No. 2 16 ft. 8 in., No. 3 12 ft. 5 in. During latter stage, pumping greatly impaired by frequent chokeage of suction strainers by decomposed paper and packing from cargo. Anticipate another endeavour to-morrow. To-day's effort caused no concern regarding stability.

Timed 8 15 a.m., Apr. 26: Condition of engine-room unchanged. Pumping recommenced at 6 30 a.m., G.M.T. Ship shifted six feet inshore during night. Weather continues fine. All well on board.

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AYRSHIRE. — London, Apr. 27. — The owners of steamer Ayrshire have received the following message from the master, timed 5 p.m., Apr. 26: Vessel refloated at 1 20 p.m., G.M.T.; 21 ft. 6 in. forward, 22 ft. 9 in. aft, ample stability. Vessel towed approximately one ship's length astern into deeper water when, with starboard anchor down, one tug fast aft, one tug at anchor and one tug stationary alongside, vessel swung ashore. Now fast and bumping heavily, with ship's head east, parallel to shore. Position now greatly deteriorated. Engine-room remaining intact; provision made to transfer diesel oil into oil fuel settling tanks. All well and cheerful. Weather still excellent. (See issue of Apr. 27.)

London, Apr. 27. — The Salvage Association have received the following radio messages from their salvage officer on board steamer Ayrshire:

Dated Apr. 26: After successful refloating at 1 20 p.m., G.M.T., to-day, vessel drifted ashore on west side Bandar Saleh, Abd-al-Kuri, and is now in grave danger of becoming unsalvageable as position much more exposed and vessel's after body bumping heavily. Tugs Mississippi and Ocean fast aft but so far have failed to improve conditions and, as most water has now been pumped out, there is not much that can be done to lighten aftership.

Dated Apr. 27: Tugs' efforts last 12 hours unavailing and position of utmost seriousness as two-knot current pinning ship on reef and vessel bumping and labouring, with some evidence of deterioration. No. 6 tank now leaking, No. 1 hold actively leaking and engine-room leakage increased slightly. Understand salvors now considering abandonment and, if so, crew will be removed. Weather continues fine, light breeze, smooth sea, slight swell.

Dated Apr. 27: Salvors making no further active effort to refloat apart from continuation of towing with two tugs from starboard quarter. As they now disconnecting pumps preparatory to removal and as vessel is heavily grounded, with most of available lifting capacity already utilised, consider no possibility of salvage in time remaining before onset of monsoon.

Rotterdam, Apr. 27. — Steamer Ayrshire: Our salvage inspectors reported this morning that situation deteriorated to such an extent that they were forced to abandon further salvage operation of the Ayrshire.—L. Smit & Co.

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AYRSHIRE. — London, Apr. 28. — The Salvage Association have received the following radio message from their salvage officer on board steamer Ayrshire, dated Apr. 28: Tugs Poolzee and Mississippi left for Aden with part salvors and Ayrshire personnel. Am informed tug Ocean will finally leave with remaining personnel at noon, G.M.T. (See issue of Apr. 28.)

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AYRSHIRE.—Aden, Apr. 28. — Steamer Ayrshire: Understand from local agents that Ayrshire abandoned. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of Apr. 29.)

Rotterdam, Apr. 29.—The Dutch salvage firm of L. Smit & Co. said in Rotterdam to-day that steamer Ayrshire cannot be saved. The salvage company said its men worked for more than a month to get the ship afloat. On Apr. 26, she floated for eight minutes but was caught by a strong current and grounded again. Smit's reported that the ship's cargo was recovered. The company used three tugs and 34 salvage pumps in the attempt.—British United Press.

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AYRSHIRE. — London, Apr. 30. — Steamer Ayrshire: It was stated erroneously that L. Smit & Co. had reported that the ship's cargo was recovered. L. Smit & Co. said that 1,400 tons of cargo was safely brought into Aden and that a valuable cracking tower, badly needed by a refinery in Australia, was saved and later taken on board another ship for Brisbane.—British United Press. (See issue of Apr. 30.)

London, Apr. 30.— Steamer Ayrshire: The Salvage Association is inquiring whether any other salvors are interested in undertaking salvage operations. Salvage vessel Svitzer, presently en route to Aden, will undertake a survey of the Ayrshire providing she is not diverted to another casualty in the meantime. Replies from other contractors are awaited.

