

WRECK BOX No. 74 BOTT

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. *22650* in R. B. Wreck Book, p. *36/32* Date of writing this report *29th June* 193*2*
63484
 Vessel's Name *Shed S.S. Haliartus* of *Liverpool* Tons (Net *3150*)
 (Gross *5381*)
 Built at *South Shields* When *1919* 5th Casualty notice sent to Owner *23-6-32* Owner's reply
 Owner's Name *British South American S.S. Co. (Hull) Ltd (London) Wagon*
 Address *4 St. Mary Axe, London E.C.3*

RETAIN

Previously before
Sinking Committee.

Date
Last Minute

Particulars of Classification.	
<i>H100A1</i>	<i>S.S. 2.27</i>
<i>10-30</i>	<i>+LMC332</i>

of Casualty *4th May 1932*

of particulars of Casualty

This steamer stranded on Bull Point, 22 miles W. of Mossel Bay on 4th May; submerged aft, and subsequently reported to be breaking up; decks awash.

On 28th May it was stated that the Salvors had abandoned contract and returned to Cape Town;

On 29th June it was reported that a contract had been made to salvage cargo below water.

The owners concur

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

HALIARTUS. — Cape Town, May 4. — British steamer Haliartus, went ashore at 8 a.m. today on Bull Point, 22 miles westward of Mossel Bay. Admiralty instructed H.M.S. Verbena to stand by and are preparing tug St. Dogmael.

London, May 4. — The following cable has been received by the owners of the steamer Haliartus, dated Cape Town, May 4. Master reports crew safe; fears vessel total loss.

Cape Town, May 4. — British steamer Haliartus; Master has telegraphed owners' agent here, he fears total wreck. Crew safe. Owners' agent from Mossel Bay now proceeding overland.

London, May 4. — A cable received by the owners of the steamer Haliartus, from their agents, dated Cape Town, May 4, states: Master radios Haliartus total wreck, weather permitting part cargo salvageable. Ship upright, 20 ft. water in all holds, thick fog. Expecting Mossel Bay tug any minute; do not require tug from Cape Town.

Cape Town, May 4. — British steamer Haliartus: At noon today wireless message from master reports vessel is a total wreck; 20 ft. of water in all holds. Vessel lies in an upright position in thick fog. Small tug from Mossel Bay not yet reached steamer. Tug St. Dogmael not proceeding.

Cape Town, May 4. — Steamer Haliartus submerged aft. All of the crew excepting master and one officer taken off. Master asking for instructions.

HALIARTUS. — London, May 5. — The following cable has been received by the owners of the steamer Haliartus from their Agents, dated Cape Town, May 5: Master abandoned Haliartus 9 a.m. today (Thursday, May 5).

Cape Town, May 5. — Steamer Haliartus: In foggy weather struck hard on rocky bottom about 50 yards off shore. Fear bottom badly holed. All lower holds and engine-room full of water. Vessel has settled down by the stern, now bearing evenly along bottom. Lies in an exposed position 45 degrees to beach and swell, swell goes over after well deck. Exceptionally fine weather at present, change in the weather imminent. It is feared that will break up if bad weather sets in. We are co-operating with owners' agents arrange tenders salvage as soon as possible. Representative owners' Agents with prospective salvors proceeded from here last night. Steam trawler sent by owners' agents from Mossel Bay took off master and steward 9 a.m. today. Fear salvage of hull hopeless. — Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

HALIARTUS. — London, May 6. — The following cable has been received from the Cape Town agents of the owners of the steamer Haliartus, dated May 6: — Haliartus: Latest report ship is breaking up, decks awash, weather moderate. Officers and crew, with the exception of the master and steward, landed at Mossel Bay on Thursday morning (May 5); expect them to arrive Cape Town by train May 6. Steward left Haliartus at 4 p.m. today (May 5), arrived Mossel Bay to-night. Master refuses to leave; now alone on wreck. We are sending trawler for him. Haliartus wireless now useless. Advertising for tender salvage steamer and cargo, closing noon Saturday (May 7).

Suggested Record,
Date of Committee

Wrecked 5.32
FRI. 1 JUL 1932

Committee's Minute

Wrecked 5.32
19/7/32



Compl. No 3

HALIARTUS.—London, May 7.—After refusing rescue for two days, Captain Malpas was taken ashore exhausted yesterday at Bull Point, near Mossel Bay, Cape of Good Hope, from the wrecked steamer Haliartus.—“Daily Mail.”

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HALIARTUS.—Cape Town, May 10.—Steamer Haliartus. Present state of the weather continues favourable, position of the vessel unchanged. Surveyor to Lloyd's Register and our representative will be at vessel to-morrow.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

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HALIARTUS.—Cape Town, May 11.—Steamer Haliartus: Contract for salvage signed; contractor left here last night aboard coaster Swazi. Also negotiating to charter small coaster Luna.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

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—Cape Town, May 11.—Steamer Haliartus: Coasters Luna and Agnar chartered and leave for wreck to-morrow.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

HALIARTUS.—Cape Town, May 14.—Steamer Haliartus: Heavy swell yesterday prevented salvage operations. Salvors report forward hatches washed off, fear remainder cargo damaged by sea-water. Weather to-day improved. Two coasters at vessel, expect salvage operations recommenced. With reference to salvage of hull Lloyd's Register Surveyor reports no damage shell plating now visible above water but slight arching deck plates abaft forward hatchway. Quite impossible to express an opinion damage to bottom until holds discharged possibly two months hence. On this and weather in interval will depend salvage of hull. We are co-operating with owners' agent surveying salvaged cargo through Lloyd's Agent Mossel Bay. Contract provides landing of cargo Mossel Bay where will be very limited market unidentifiable cargo or cargo badly damaged. Contract provides full powers removal suitable market. Think it advisable wait for several days learn salvors' expectation extent salvage operations before sending Surveyor as with much swell on do not expect vessel last long.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

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HALIARTUS.—Cape Town, May 20.—Steamer Haliartus: Further 50 tons of cargo damaged by sea water landed at Mossel Bay yesterday, includes four motor cars, two reels of electric cable and one machine gun.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

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HALIARTUS.—Cape Town, May 25.—Steamer Haliartus: Owing to heavy swell salvage operations suspended. Nothing salvaged since May 20.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

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HALIARTUS.—London, May 26.—The following cable has been received by the owners of the steamer Haliartus from Houston Line (London), Ltd., Cape Town, dated May 26, timed 2 p.m.:—Steamer Haliartus: Court finds accident due abnormal and unexpected inset and deceptive fog. Master and officer exonerated.

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HALIARTUS.—Cape Town, May 27.—Steamer Haliartus: Salvors report hull disappeared below water, poop occasionally visible.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

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HALIARTUS.—Cape Town, May 28.—Steamer Haliartus: Salvor has abandoned contract and returned to Cape Town. He reports portion of poop broken off and washed inshore, rest of hull opened out and now below water, masts and funnel gone. Heavy surf still prevails, fear any cargo washed out will be badly damaged against rocky foreshore. Regarding small quantity of cargo collected at the scene of the wreck, principally drums of oil and loose tyres, owners' agents obtaining quotations to transport to Mossel Bay; fear the cost will be high; probably the best course will be to sell on the spot.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

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HALIARTUS.—Cape Town, June 21.—Steamer Haliartus: Contract for resumption of salvage of cargo below water concluded with Van Delden, 75 per cent. Salvor leaves to-day with ex Admiralty tug Chub and divers.—Lloyd's Agent per Salvage Association.

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Residual No 3