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## Ship-Iceberg Collision Incident Report



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### Vessel Characteristics

<b>Name:</b> Aberdeen	<b>Prime Mover:</b> Unknown
<b>Flag:</b> UK	<b>Transmission:</b> Geared
<b>ASPPR Ice Class:</b> Unknown	<b>Power (kW):</b> 1491
<b>Lloyd's Class:</b> Unknown	<b># Propellers:</b> 2
<b>Baltic Class:</b> Unknown	<b>Prop. Type:</b> Unknown
<b>Vessel Type:</b> Unknown	<b>Service Speed:</b> 17
<b>Owner:</b> Royal Navy	<b>Stern Form:</b>
<b>Registered Country:</b> UK	<b>Steel Grade:</b> Unknown
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b> 1936	<b><u>Miscellaneous Vessel Notes:</u></b>
<b>Bow Shape:</b> Unknown	Grimbsy class sloop. Scrapped 1949.
<b>Stem Angle:</b>	
<b><u>Dimensions (m):</u></b>	<b><u>Mass (tonnes):</u></b>
<b>Length:</b> 76.2	<b>Gross:</b>
<b>Beam:</b>	<b>Net:</b>
<b>Depth:</b>	<b>Dead:</b>

### Collision Details

<b>Date:</b> 19-Mar-1943	<b>Air Temperature:</b>
<b>Visibility (nautical miles):</b>	<b>Water Temperature:</b>
<b>Visibility:</b> Limited	<b>Wind Speed:</b>
<b>Visibility - Fog:</b> Unknown	<b>Wave Height:</b>
<b>Visibility - Snow:</b> Snow	<b>Sea State:</b> Unknown
<b>Visibility - Light:</b> Night	
<b>Collision Speed:</b>	
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## Damage Details

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<b>Damage Sustained:</b> Yes	<b>Damage Report No. :</b>
<b>Scenario:</b> Grounding on	<b>Steel Failure Type:</b> Unknown
<b>Severity:</b> Denting	<b>Size - Length (m):</b>
<b>Location:</b> Bottom	<b>Size - Height (m):</b>
<b>Code:</b> Appendage	<b>Damage Below WL (m):</b>
<b>Length of Downtime:</b>	<b>Damage Above WL - Height (m):</b>
<b>Cost of Downtime:</b>	<b>Damage Above WL - Length (m):</b>
<b>Cost to Repair:</b>	
<b>No. Lives Lost:</b> 0	
<b>No. Injuries:</b>	<b>Cause of Deaths/Injuries:</b> Unknown
<b>Cargo Loss:</b> Unknown	
<b>Pollution:</b> Unknown	<b>Pollution Potential:</b> Unknown

### Cause of Damage:

While escorting Convoy HX 229A routed just to the south of Greenland went aground on a berg at or before dawn on March 19. Position assumed more or less same as "Svend Foyn" which sank as a result of a colliding with an iceberg on the same day.

### Damage Description:

Destroyed asdic dome. Lieutenant-Commander A.E. Willmot, R.N.R., captain of the "Waveney" (another escort ship which was also damaged by ice at about the same time) describes:  
"Shortly after dawn on the 19th, 'Aberdeen' was sighted to starboard 'aground' on an underwater ledge of a large, irregular shaped iceberg; she was heeling slightly to starboard, had ice on the foc's'le forward of the guns. and was down by the stern. I closed her with a view to rendering assistance and passing a towline

## Ice Details

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**Ice Briefing Received:** Unknown

**Iceberg Population:**

**IIP Iceberg Number:**

**Sea Ice Concentration:**

**Position of Nearest Known Iceberg:**

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Iceberg Shape: Unknown

Latitude: 0 ° ' " N

Iceberg Size: Unknown

Longitude: 0 ° ' " W

Length:

Date of Observation:

Width:

Iceberg Tonnage:

## Route Details

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Geographic Area: South Greenland Water

Origin: Halifax

Collision Latitude: 58 ° 00 ' " N

Destination: UK

Collision Longitude: 044 ° 00 ' " W

Distance:

Locale Accuracy: Known

Cargo at Event:

Voyage:

Displacement: 1490

Draft FWD (m):

Captain's Experience: Unknown

Radar Equipped?: Unknown

Radar Details:

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