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Ship-Iceberg Collision Incident Report



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Vessel Characteristics

Name: Aigle d'Océan	Prime Mover: Oil Engine
Flag: Canada	Transmission: Unknown
ASPPR Ice Class: Unknown	Power (kW):
Lloyd's Class: Unknown	# Propellers:
Baltic Class: Unknown	Prop. Type: Unknown
Vessel Type: Cargo - General	Service Speed:
Owner: Les Chargeurs Unis Inc. (United Cargo Inc.)	Stern Form:
Registered Country:	Steel Grade: Unknown
Year of Manufacture: 1922	

Bow Shape: Unknown
Stem Angle:

<u>Dimensions (m):</u>		<u>Mass (tonnes):</u>	
Length:	42.98	Gross:	432
Beam:	8.87	Net:	235
Depth:	4.534	Dead:	

Miscellaneous Vessel Notes:

Perhaps built 1919. Originally an ocean going tug, then converted by Coast Guard to a search and rescue cutter, then sold and fitted for cargo.
ex. Oceaneagle ('60)
ex. St. Arvans ('??)

Collision Details

Date: 20-Aug-1975	
Visibility (nautical miles): 0.5	Air Temperature:
Visibility: Poor	Water Temperature:
Visibility - Fog: Mist	Wind Speed: 25
Visibility - Snow: Rain	Wave Height:
Visibility - Light: Unknown	Sea State: Unknown
Collision Speed: 10	

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Damage Details

Damage Sustained: Yes	Damage Report No. :
Scenario: Unknown	Steel Failure Type: Unknown
Severity: Sinking	Size - Length (m):
Location: Unknown	Size - Height (m):
Code: Unknown	Damage Below WL (m):
Length of Downtime:	Damage Above WL - Height (m):
Cost of Downtime:	Damage Above WL - Length (m):
Cost to Repair:	
No. Lives Lost: 6	
No. Injuries:	Cause of Deaths/Injuries: Drowned
Cargo Loss: Yes	
Pollution: No	Pollution Potential: No

Cause of Damage:

Vessel developed a leak and list to starboard in stormy conditions off Port Burwell, Quebec [Nunavut].

Damage Description:

Attempted to make Port Burwell but list increased. 4 feet (~1 m) of water in the cargo hold and the barge observed to have slid to starboard. As the list increased, in 30 - 40 knots and sleet and drizzle, 7 of the 9 crew jumped into lifeboat but it capsized and 2 were lost. Survivors made it back to vessel where one was washed away. A helicopter from the nearby "Norman McLeod Rogers" crashed after its second flight attempting to drop liferafts, killing its 2 crew. A further crewman was lost attempting to board a liferaft as the

Ice Details

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: Bergy bit

Longitude: 0 ° ' " W

Length:

Date of Observation:

Width:

Iceberg Tonnage:

Route Details

Geographic Area: Labrador Sea and Davi

Origin: Koartac (Quaqtaq), Ungava Bay, Quebec

Collision Latitude: 60 ° 27 ' " N

Destination: Pointe-au-Pic, River St. Lawrence

Collision Longitude: 064 ° 59 ' " W

Distance:

Locale Accuracy: Known

Cargo at Event: In ballast, with 15 tons of offloading equipment in hold including a barge, tug, timber jack and fork lift trucks, well secured.

Voyage:

Displacement:

Draft FWD (m): 2.5

Captain's Experience: Unknown

Radar Equipped?: Unknown

Radar Details:

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