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## Ship-Iceberg Collision Incident Report



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### Vessel Characteristics

<b>Name:</b> Anne Forbes	<b>Prime Mover:</b> Sail
<b>Flag:</b> UK	<b>Transmission:</b> Unknown
<b>ASPPR Ice Class:</b> Unknown	<b>Power (kW):</b>
<b>Lloyd's Class:</b> Unknown	<b># Propellers:</b>
<b>Baltic Class:</b> Unknown	<b>Prop. Type:</b> Unknown
<b>Vessel Type:</b> Fishing	<b>Service Speed:</b>
<b>Owner:</b>	<b>Stern Form:</b>
<b>Registered Country:</b> UK	<b>Steel Grade:</b> Unknown
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>	<b><u>Miscellaneous Vessel Notes:</u></b>
<b>Bow Shape:</b> Unknown	Whaling vessel
<b>Stem Angle:</b>	
<b><u>Dimensions (m):</u></b>	<b><u>Mass (tonnes):</u></b>
<b>Length:</b>	<b>Gross:</b>
<b>Beam:</b>	<b>Net:</b>
<b>Depth:</b>	<b>Dead:</b>

### Collision Details

<b>Date:</b> 01-Aug-1857	<b>Air Temperature:</b>
<b>Visibility (nautical miles):</b>	<b>Water Temperature:</b>
<b>Visibility:</b> Unknown	<b>Wind Speed:</b>
<b>Visibility - Fog:</b> Unknown	<b>Wave Height:</b>
<b>Visibility - Snow:</b> Unknown	<b>Sea State:</b> Unknown
<b>Visibility - Light:</b> Unknown	
<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> Iceberg drifts upon vessel	<b>Steel Failure Type:</b> Unknown
<b>Severity:</b> Sinking	<b>Size - Length (m):</b>
<b>Location:</b> Hulls	<b>Size - Height (m):</b>
<b>Code:</b> Hole	<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>	
<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:

Caught in currents and fields of ice, likely off Spitzbergen, and crushed by iceberg. The Seven Sisters are mentioned which are a group of glaciers on the east coast.

### Damage Description:

Sole survivor, Allan Gordon, tossed from mast onto ice floes. Ship rose up bouyed by air pockets onto a ledge of ice and survived the polar ice for seven years before being picked up by the ship Briel of Amsterdam. Fact or fiction? Perhaps we will never know. The seven year survival sounds grandiose but there is no mistaking the very detailed and accurate descriptions of ice and icebergs.

## 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:** Greenland Sea

**Origin:** Hull

**Collision Latitude:** 79 ° 30 ' " N

**Destination:** Greenland whale fishery

**Collision Longitude:** 010 ° 00 ' " E

**Distance:**

**Locale Accuracy:** Estimated

**Cargo at Event:**

**Voyage:**

**Displacement:**

**Draft FWD (m):**

**Captain's Experience:** Unknown

**Radar Equipped?:** Unknown

**Radar Details:**

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