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Ship-Iceberg Collision Incident Report



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Vessel Characteristics

Name: Buzzard
Flag: UK
ASPPR Ice Class: Unknown
Lloyd's Class: Unknown
Baltic Class: Unknown
Vessel Type: Steamship
Owner: Royal Navy
Registered Country: UK
Year of Manufacture: 1887

Prime Mover: Steam
Transmission: Unknown
Power (kW):
Propellers:
Prop. Type: Unknown
Service Speed:
Stern Form:
Steel Grade: Unknown

Bow Shape: Unknown
Stem Angle:

Miscellaneous Vessel Notes:

British gunboat sloop believed to be the HMS Sloop of Nymphé class. 1911 renamed "President". Now museun ship, London.

<u>Dimensions (m):</u>	<u>Mass (tonnes):</u>
Length:	Gross:
Beam:	Net:
Depth:	Dead:

Collision Details

Date: 23-Jun-1899
Visibility (nautical miles):
Visibility: Poor
Visibility - Fog: Fog
Visibility - Snow: Unknown
Visibility - Light: Night

Air Temperature:
WaterTemperature:
Wind Speed:
WaveHeight:
Sea State: Unknown

Collision Speed: 10	
Kerwin Place	Place Kerwin
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Damage Details

Damage Sustained: Yes	Damage Report No. :
Scenario: Direct Impact	Steel Failure Type: Unknown
Severity: Crushed	Size - Length (m):
Location: Bow	Size - Height (m):
Code: Plate	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:	
No. Injuries:	Cause of Deaths/Injuries: Unknown
Cargo Loss: Unknown	
Pollution: Unknown	Pollution Potential: Unknown

Cause of Damage:

Struck a growler or low lying iceberg at about 10 knots, 5 or 10 miles from Belle Isle, in fog at night while on fisheries protection trying to reach the French treaty shore.

Damage Description:

Stem stove, forcing it back and leaving a gaping hole in the bow. Required to be docked for repair and arrived St. John's June 25 or 26. Collision mats used to cover bows and guns and heavy gear moved top stern to raise bow.

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: Growler

Longitude: 0 ° ' " W

Length:

Date of Observation:

Width:

Iceberg Tonnage:

Route Details

Geographic Area: Strait of Belle Isle and

Origin:

Collision Latitude: 50 ° 06 ' " N

Destination:

Collision Longitude: 055 ° 33 ' " W

Distance:

Locale Accuracy: Known

Cargo at Event:

Voyage:

Displacement:

Draft FWD (m):

Captain's Experience: Unknown

Radar Equipped?: Unknown

Radar Details:

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