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## Ship-Iceberg Collision Incident Report



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### Vessel Characteristics

<b>Name:</b> Lady Hobart	<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> Sailing Vessel	<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> 1799	<b>Miscellaneous Vessel Notes:</b>
<b>Bow Shape:</b> Unknown	Falmouth Post Office Packet ship. Captain William D. Fellowes.
<b>Stem Angle:</b>	
<b>Dimensions (m):</b>	<b>Mass (tonnes):</b>
<b>Length:</b>	<b>Gross:</b> 179
<b>Beam:</b>	<b>Net:</b>
<b>Depth:</b>	<b>Dead:</b>

### Collision Details

<b>Date:</b> 28-Jun-1803	<b>Air Temperature:</b>
<b>Visibility (nautical miles):</b>	<b>Water Temperature:</b>
<b>Visibility:</b> Poor	<b>Wind Speed:</b>
<b>Visibility - Fog:</b> Thick fog	<b>Wave Height:</b>
<b>Visibility - Snow:</b> Unknown	<b>Sea State:</b> Unknown
<b>Visibility - Light:</b> Night	
<b>Collision Speed:</b> 6	
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## Damage Details

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<b>Damage Sustained:</b> Yes	<b>Damage Report No. :</b>
<b>Scenario:</b> Direct Impact	<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> 1	
<b>No. Injuries:</b> 26	<b>Cause of Deaths/Injuries:</b> Hypothermia/frostbite
<b>Cargo Loss:</b> Unknown	
<b>Pollution:</b> Unknown	<b>Pollution Potential:</b> Unknown

### Cause of Damage:

Struck an island of ice,  $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile (400 - 800 m) long and twice as high as the masthead, at 1 a.m. at 7 mph in intervals of thick fog about 350 miles (560 km) from St. John's, then struck again bringing helm round.

Northern Shipwreck Database places incident further west; 51W.

### Damage Description:

Holed, then struck again against the chest-tree and swinging round the stern post being stove in and the rudder carried away. 27 persons including crew, passengers, captured French Captain and some of his men, escaped in two boats while ship sank almost immediately. Made Conception Bay July 4 (7 days) before being picked up minus the French captain who had previously thrown himself overboard in a delirious state (or was he eaten?). Crew frostbitten.

## 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:** Large

**Longitude:** 0 ° ' " W

**Length:** 600

**Date of Observation:**

**Width:**

**Iceberg Tonnage:**

## Route Details

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**Geographic Area:** Grand Banks

**Origin:** Halifax

**Collision Latitude:** 46 ° 33 ' " N

**Destination:** Falmouth or Liverpool

**Collision Longitude:** 044 ° 25 ' " 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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