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## Ship-Iceberg Collision Incident Report



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### Vessel Characteristics

<b>Name:</b> Pontecorvo	<b>Prime Mover:</b> Sail
<b>Flag:</b> Norway	<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> Dahl	<b>Stern Form:</b>
<b>Registered Country:</b> Norway	<b>Steel Grade:</b> Unknown
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b> 1852	<b><u>Miscellaneous Vessel Notes:</u></b>
<b>Bow Shape:</b> Unknown	Barque.
<b>Stem Angle:</b>	
<b><u>Dimensions (m):</u></b>	<b><u>Mass (tonnes):</u></b>
<b>Length:</b> 38.6	<b>Gross:</b> 496
<b>Beam:</b> 9.5	<b>Net:</b> 496
<b>Depth:</b> 5.9	<b>Dead:</b>

### Collision Details

<b>Date:</b> 21-May-1874	<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> Fog	<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> Direct Impact	<b>Steel Failure Type:</b> Unknown
<b>Severity:</b> Minor Deck Damage	<b>Size - Length (m):</b>
<b>Location:</b> Bow	<b>Size - Height (m):</b>
<b>Code:</b> Plate	<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:

Hit a berg in fog 150 miles E of Cape Race.

### Damage Description:

<http://www.norwayheritage.com/ships/pontecor.htm> "  
The collision sent the mast crashing down upon the deck, tearing a big hole in the planking and tons of ice cascading back over the deck of the ship. There was a lot of wailing and confusion among the passengers following the collision with the iceberg."  
Also damage to the bowsprit and damage to the hull above the waterline. Abandoned on May 23 and the 170

## 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:** Grand Banks

**Origin:** Christiana, Norway

**Collision Latitude:** 46 ° 20 ' " N

**Destination:** Quebec

**Collision Longitude:** 051 ° 05 ' " W

**Distance:**

**Locale Accuracy:** Known

**Cargo at Event:** In ballast, with passengers.

**Voyage:**

**Displacement:**

**Draft FWD (m):**

**Captain's Experience:** Unknown

**Radar Equipped?:** Unknown

**Radar Details:**

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