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Ship-Iceberg Collision Incident Report



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Vessel Characteristics

Name: Princess Matoika	Prime Mover: Steam	
Flag: USA	Transmission: Unknown	
ASPPR Ice Class: Unknown	Power (kW):	
Lloyd's Class: Unknown	# Propellers: 2	
Baltic Class: Unknown	Prop. Type: Unknown	
Vessel Type: Passenger	Service Speed: 15	
Owner: US Mail Steamship Co.	Stern Form:	
Registered Country: Germany	Steel Grade: Unknown	
Year of Manufacture: 1900	Miscellaneous Vessel Notes:	
Bow Shape: Unknown	Built as "Kiautschou". 1903 renamed "Princess Alice". 1917 bought by US Government and renamed "Princess Matioka" and chartered to US Mail SS Co. in 1921. 1922 renamed "President Arthur". 1926 renamed "City of Honolulu". 1933 broken up.	
Stem Angle:		
Dimensions (m):		
Length: 164.6		Mass (tonnes):
Beam: 18.3		Gross: 10421
Depth:	Net:	
	Dead:	

Collision Details

Date: 24-Feb-1921	Air Temperature:
Visibility (nautical miles):	Water Temperature:
Visibility: Limited	Wind Speed:
Visibility - Fog: Unknown	Wave Height:
Visibility - Snow: Unknown	Sea State: Unknown
Visibility - Light: Night	
Collision Speed:	
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Damage Details

Damage Sustained: Yes	Damage Report No. :
Scenario: Striking projection	Steel Failure Type: Unknown
Severity: Unknown	Size - Length (m):
Location: Steering gear	Size - Height (m):
Code: Rudder	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 berg off Cape Race. Iceberg observed by steerage passenger. Iceberg long way away (230 nm) from any other recorded iceberg sighting in February or March.

Damage Description:

Slight damage to steering gear. Drifted for seven hours before control regained. Ordered into Boston. <http://www.maritimematters.com/cityofhonolulu2.html>
"On February 24, 1921, while on a voyage from Naples to New York, PRINCESS MATOIKA struck an iceberg. Steerage passengers reponding to the incident were told that the ship had stopped to greet another vessel and that there was no alarm. however. boats were beina readied lfor 1st class passenaers].

Ice Details

Ice Briefing Received: Unknown

Iceberg Population: 1

IIP Iceberg Number:

Sea Ice Concentration: 0

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

Geographic Area: Grand Banks

Origin: Naples

Collision Latitude: 41 ° 41 ' " N

Destination: New York

Collision Longitude: 051 ° 35 ' " W

Distance:

Locale Accuracy: Known

Cargo at Event:

Voyage:

Displacement:

Draft FWD (m): 9

Captain's Experience: Unknown

Radar Equipped?: Unknown

Radar Details:

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