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## Ship-Iceberg Collision Incident Report



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### Vessel Characteristics

<b>Name:</b> Sheerness	<b>Prime Mover:</b> Steam
<b>Flag:</b>	<b>Transmission:</b> Unknown
<b>ASPPR Ice Class:</b> Unknown	<b>Power (kW):</b> 151.4
<b>Lloyd's Class:</b> 1A	<b># Propellers:</b>
<b>Baltic Class:</b> Unknown	<b>Prop. Type:</b> Unknown
<b>Vessel Type:</b> Steamship	<b>Service Speed:</b>
<b>Owner:</b> Hullsteam Fishing & Ice Company	<b>Stern Form:</b>
<b>Registered Country:</b> USA	<b>Steel Grade:</b> Unknown
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b> 1889	<b><u>Miscellaneous Vessel Notes:</u></b>
<b>Bow Shape:</b> Unknown	Iron screw.
<b>Stem Angle:</b>	
<b><u>Dimensions (m):</u></b>	<b><u>Mass (tonnes):</u></b>
<b>Length:</b> 84.4	<b>Gross:</b> 2183
<b>Beam:</b> 11.4	<b>Net:</b> 1414
<b>Depth:</b> 5.6	<b>Dead:</b> 1646

### Collision Details

<b>Date:</b> 01-May-1897	<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> Direct Impact	<b>Steel Failure Type:</b> Unknown
<b>Severity:</b> Crushed	<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 150 miles off the Newfoundland coast.

### Damage Description:

Bows stove and several plates smashed. Forecastle wrecked and forepart flooded. Boats were got ready but pumps handled the flow and collision sheets were placed over the bow. Arrived St. John's May 4.

## 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:** Cadiz

**Collision Latitude:** 46 ° 39 ' " N

**Destination:** Montreal

**Collision Longitude:** 049 ° 25 ' " W

**Distance:**

**Locale Accuracy:** Known

**Cargo at Event:** Salt.

**Voyage:**

**Displacement:**

**Draft FWD (m):**

**Captain's Experience:** Unknown

**Radar Equipped?:** Unknown

**Radar Details:**

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