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Ship-Iceberg Collision Incident Report



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Vessel Characteristics

Name: Svend Foyn	Prime Mover: Steam
Flag: Norway	Transmission: Unknown
ASPPR Ice Class: Unknown	Power (kW): 4474
Lloyd's Class: Unknown	# Propellers: 2
Baltic Class: Unknown	Prop. Type: Unknown
Vessel Type: Tanker	Service Speed: 11
Owner: St. Helier Shipowners Ltd.	Stern Form:
Registered Country: UK	Steel Grade: Unknown
Year of Manufacture: 1931	Miscellaneous Vessel Notes:
Bow Shape: Unknown	Whaling factory ship converted to tanker.
Stem Angle:	
Dimensions (m):	
Length: 163.98	Mass (tonnes):
Beam: 22.55	Gross: 14795
Depth: 10.06	Net: 7951
	Dead:

Collision Details

Date: 19-Mar-1943	Air Temperature:
Visibility (nautical miles):	Water Temperature:
Visibility: Poor	Wind Speed:
Visibility - Fog: Clear	Wave Height:
Visibility - Snow: Snow	Sea State: Unknown
Visibility - Light: Night	
Collision Speed:	
Kerwin Place	Place Kerwin
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Damage Details

Damage Sustained: Yes	Damage Report No. :
Scenario: Glancing Blow	Steel Failure Type: Unknown
Severity: Sinking	Size - Length (m):
Location: Hulls	Size - Height (m):
Code: Hole	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: 43	
No. Injuries:	Cause of Deaths/Injuries: Unknown
Cargo Loss: Unknown	
Pollution: Unknown	Pollution Potential: Unknown

Cause of Damage:

As part of Convoy HX 229A from New York to UK and routed near Greenland, vessel struck a berg at night in a snow storm while trying to round it approx. 100 miles S of Cape Farewell in early morning of 19 March

Damage Description:

Vessel was badly holed in the quarter and had to shut down engines but remained afloat. HMS Hastings was detailed to stand by and two rescue tugs were ordered in with orders for life saving only and not to tow. The two U.S rescue ships arrived at dusk the following day and drew alongside the tanker but cast off again as it got darker. No crew was lifted as the captain appeared insistent that the vessel be towed. A gale sprang up that night and the Svend Fovn suddenly began to sink and the vessels were called back. Some crew got off

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: Unknown

Longitude: 0 ° ' " W

Length:

Date of Observation:

Width:

Iceberg Tonnage:

Route Details

Geographic Area: South Greenland Water

Origin: New York

Collision Latitude: 58 ° 05 ' " N

Destination: Liverpool

Collision Longitude: 043 ° 50 ' " W

Distance:

Locale Accuracy: Known

Cargo at Event: 20,000 tons of high flash-point fuel.

Voyage:

Displacement:

Draft FWD (m):

Captain's Experience: Unknown

Radar Equipped?: Unknown

Radar Details:

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