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Ship-Iceberg Collision Incident Report



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Vessel Characteristics

Name: Vaillant	Prime Mover: Sail
Flag: France	Transmission: Unknown
ASPPR Ice Class: Unknown	Power (kW):
Lloyd's Class: Unknown	# Propellers:
Baltic Class: Unknown	Prop. Type: Unknown
Vessel Type: Sailing Vessel	Service Speed:
Owner:	Stern Form:
Registered Country:	Steel Grade: Unknown
Year of Manufacture:	<u>Miscellaneous Vessel Notes:</u>
Bow Shape: Unknown	French Brigantine fishing vessel..
Stem Angle:	
<u>Dimensions (m):</u>	
<u>Mass (tonnes):</u>	
Length:	Gross:
Beam:	Net:
Depth:	Dead:

Collision Details

Date: 16-Apr-1897	Air Temperature:
Visibility (nautical miles):	Water Temperature:
Visibility: Unknown	Wind Speed:
Visibility - Fog: Unknown	Wave Height:
Visibility - Snow: Unknown	Sea State: Unknown
Visibility - Light: Unknown	
Collision Speed:	
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Damage Details

Damage Sustained: Yes	Damage Report No. :
Scenario: Unknown	Steel Failure Type: Unknown
Severity: Sinking	Size - Length (m):
Location: Unknown	Size - Height (m):
Code: Unknown	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: 78	
No. Injuries:	Cause of Deaths/Injuries: Fall to Deck
Cargo Loss: Unknown	
Pollution: Unknown	Pollution Potential: Unknown

Cause of Damage:

Collided with a berg off the entrance to St. Mary's Bay, Newfoundland [another report says on the Grand Banks]. Perhaps accident occurred on Grand Banks and survivors picked up off St. Mary's Bay.

Damage Description:

Almost immediately sank and all 78 fishermen took to boats. One one boat apparently survived. Her complement was 7 men and 3 of them perished from exposure and hunger. Two of these were thrown overboard but the third was eaten. Survivors picked up by "Victor Eugene", April 26, (see 28 April 1897) seven days later and landed at St. Pierre April 27. Survivors were in shocking condition and so badly frostbitten their arms must be amputated. Reports differ. "Victor Euene" could be two separate vessels.

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: Grand Banks

Origin: St. Malo, France

Collision Latitude: 46 ° 30 ' " N

Destination: St. Pierre

Collision Longitude: 050 ° 00 ' " W

Distance:

Locale Accuracy: Estimated

Cargo at Event:

Voyage:

Displacement:

Draft FWD (m):

Captain's Experience: Unknown

Radar Equipped?: Unknown

Radar Details:

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