

VESSELS SUNK IN BAHAMAS REGION BY TONNAGE, TYPE, FLAG, CARGO, CREW

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NAME/S	TONS (DWT)	TYPE OF SHIP	FLAG	CARGO	CREW	KIA	SURV
ESSO AUGUSTA	11,237	tanker	US	119,000 barrels of diesel oil	57	0	57
O.A. KNUDSEN	11,007	tanker	Norway	Pool engine spirit and Pool vaporising oil (Petrol and fuel oil)	34	2	32
W.D. ANDERSON	10,227	tanker	US	133.360 barrels of crude oil	36	35	1
CHERRY VALLEY	10,172	freighter	US	6000 tons of water ballast and 165 tons of Army cargo	79	0	79
KOLL	10,044	tanker	Norway	96,067 barrels of high grade diesel oil	36	3	33
CHARLES RACINE	9,957	tanker	Norway	ballast	41	0	41
MOBILOIL	9,925	tanker	US	water ballast	52	0	52
KOLLSKEGG	9,858	tanker	Norway	8,000 tons of crude oil, 6,300 tons of fuel oil	42	4	38
J.A. MOFFETT, JR.	9,788	freighter	US	water ballast	43	1	42
ECLIPSE	9,767	tanker	UK	ballast	47	2	45
PEDER BOGEN	9,741	tanker	UK	petroleum	43	0	43
HARWICKE GRANGE	9,005	steam freighter	UK	700 tons of refrigerated cargo	78	3	75
ATHELQUEEN	8,780	tanker	UK	petroleum	49	3	46
JAVA ARROW	8,327	tanker	US	Water ballast and 1300 drums of lube oil	45	2	43
MAMURA	8,245	tanker	Dutch	gasoline fully loaded	49	49	0

HANSEAT	8,241	tanker	Panama	ballast	40	0	40
PAN MASSACHUSETTS	8,202	tanker	US	104.000 barrels of refined petroleum, gasoline, kerosene and diesel oil	38	20	18
UMTATA	8,141	freighter	US	2,000 tons of mineral ore	92	0	92
CITIES SERVICE EMPIRE	8,103	tanker	US	9,400 barrels of crude oil	67	25	42
DERRYHEEN	7,217	steam freighter	UK	11036 tons of general cargo, including nitrates and motor trucks	51	0	51
JAMES SPRUNT	7,177	Liberty general cargo ship	US	4,000 tons of explosives	69	0	69
JOHN SEVIER	7,176	Liberty general cargo ship	US	9,060 tons of bauxite ore	57	0	57
OCEAN VENUS	7,174	steam freighter	UK	9,450 tons general cargo, incl. 4000 t lead, 4000 t lumber, 1000 t canned herrings and 80 t acetone	42	5	37
LUBRAFOL	7,138	tanker	Panama	67.000 barrels of heating oil	44	13	31
HALSEY	7,088	tanker	US	40.000 barrels of naphtha and 40.000 barrels of heating oil	32	0	32
OREGON	7,017	tanker	US	78000 barrels of Navy fuel oil	36	6	30

MELPOMENE	7,011	tanker	UK	petroleum	49	0	49
TEXAN	7,000	freighter	US		47	9	38
EMPIRE	7,000	freighter	UK		55	6	49
CORPORAL							
GULFSTATE	6,882	tanker	US	68.417 barrels of crude oil	61	43	18
EDWARD L. SHEA	6,746	tanker	US	casing head oil (?) product			
ASTERION	6,610	Q-Ship (disguised merchant)	US	Pulpwood as floating cargo	141	0	141
LA PAZ	6,548	motor freighter	UK	general cargo, including whiskey	57	0	57
SANTA CATALINA	6,507	C-2 class steam merchant	US	6,700 tons incl. tanks, steel, tires, gasoline, small arms and a deck cargo	95	0	95
DAYTONIAN	6,434	steam ship	UK		59	1	58
HAGAN	6,401	tanker	US	22.676 bbls of Blackstrap molasses	44	6	38
FAIRPORT	6,266	freighter	US	8,000 tons of war material and a deck cargo of tanks	123	0	123
STANDELLA	6,197	tanker	UK	oil and spirits	58	6	52

VIRGINIA SINCLAIR	6,151	steam freighter	US	66,211 barrels of aviation gasoline	44	7	37
POTLATCH	6,085	freighter	US	7,500 tons of Army supplies, trucks and tanks deck, including spare rubber tires collected by U-153 as trophies for France)	55	9	46
OHIOAN	6,078	freighter	US	6000 tons of manganese ore, 300 tons of wool and 1300 tons of licorice root	37	15	22
SAN JACINTO	6,069	steam passenge r ship	US	3,200 tons general cargo and 104 passengers (32 women, children)	183	14	169
FAJA DE ORO	6,067	tanker	Mexico	ballast	37	10	27
RAPHAEL SEMMES	6,027	freighter	US	7500 tons of manganese ore, tobacco, licorice, wool and rugs	37	19	18
ANDREW JACKSON	5,990	tanker (Presiden t Line)	US	ballast	49	3	46
STANGARTH	5,966	steam freighter	UK	Government stores and general cargo	46	0	46
STANBANK	5,966	steam freighter	UK	6,488 military stores	48	9	39
LAERTES	5,825	freighter	Dutch	5230 tons of war material, including 3 aircraft, 17 medium tanks and 20 trucks	66	18	48
MONTEVIDEO	5,785	steam ship			49	14	35

HARPAGON	5,710	steam freighter	UK	8,017 tons gnl cgo incl. aircraft, explosives, tanks	49	41	8
ANGLO SAXON LIFEBOAT	5,594	tramp freighter	UK	Welsh coal	41	39	2
VINELAND	5,587	steam freighter	Canada	ballast	35	1	34
COLABEE	5,518	freighter	US	38.600 bags of sugar	37	23	14
THOMAS MCKEAN	7,191	Liberty Ship / freighter	US	9000T of Lend-Lease war supplies, incl. tanks, foodstuffs & 11 aircraft deck Cargo	60	5	55
SEA THRUSH	5,447	freighter	US	6,800t gnl cgo, war material incl. amunition, aircraft	66	0	66
ILLINOIS	5,447	steam freighter	US	8,000 tons manganese ore	38	32	6
CITY OF ALMA	5,446	steam freighter	US	7400 tons of manganese ore	39	29	10
TYSA	5,327	motor ship	Dutch	general cargo	43	0	43
REPUBLIC	5,287	tanker	US	water ballast	29	5	24
MALDONADO	5,285	steam freighter	Urugua y	7000 tons of tinned meat, hides, wool and fats	49	0	49

PUTNEY HILL	5,216	motor freighter	UK	ballast	38	3	35
CLAN SKENE	5,214	steam freighter	UK	2006 tons of chrome ore	81	9	72
CARDONIA	5,104	steam freighter	US	81 tons of general cargo	38	1	37
TREPCA	5,042	steam freighter	Yugosla v	bauxite	37	4	33
COMOL RICO	5,034	tanker	US	8068 tons of bulk molasses	42	3	39
CATAHOULA	5,030	tanker	US	Molasses	45	7	38
AFOUNDRIA	5,010	freighter	US	7700 tons of general cargo: bombs, dynamite, food, lumber and road-building machinery	46	0	46
RUTH	4,833	bulker	US	5000 tons of manganese (iron) ore, with magazine for 1 4 inch and 2 .30 calibre guns	38	34	4
ATENAS	4,639	steam freighter	US	general cargo	72	0	72
BARBARA	4,637	steam freighter	US	4,015 tons of general cargo	85	26	59
TREDINNICK	4,589	steam freighter	UK	presume military stores	30	30	0
BUSHRANGER	4,536	steam freighter	Panam a	bauxite	43	17	26
YORKMOOR	4,457	freighter	UK	6700 tons of bauxite	46	0	46
ABGARA	4,422	steam freighter	Latvian	sugar	34	0	34

L.A. CHRISTIENSEN	4,362	steam freighter	Norway	ballast	31	0	31
SKANE	4,258	freight steamer	Sweden	freight and passengers	36	0	36
MANGORE	4,066	tanker	US		30	0	30
POTRERO DEL LLANO	4,000	tanker	Mexico	6132 tons of petroleum	35	14	22
EVERALDA	3,950	steam freighter	Latvian	general cargo	30	2	28
PEDRINHAS	3,666	steam freighter	Brazil		48	0	48
CYGNET	3,628	freighter	Greek	general cargo	30	0	30
DELFINO	3,480	steam freighter	US	raw sugar	31	4	27
DELISLE	3,478	steam freighter	US	2800 tons of general cargo, including a deck cargo of camouflage paint in steel drums	32	2	30
MILLINOCKET	3,274	freighter	US	4300 tons of bauxite ore	35	11	24
ATIK	3,209	Q-Ship (disguised merchant)	US	Pulpwood as floating cargo	141	142	0
ASTREA	3,190	steam freighter	Dutch	general cargo	30	30	0
DOMINO	3,170	steam freighter	US	ballast	30	0	30
TONSBERG-FJORD	3,156	motor ship	Norway		33	1	32
MARIANA	3,110	freighter	US	sugar	36	36	0
FEDERAL	2,881	tanker	US	water ballast	33	5	28
NORLANDIA	2,689	freighter	US	ballast	30	9	21

KORSHOLM	2,647	steam freighter	Sweden	4,593 tons phosphate	26	9	17
LESLIE	2,609	steam freighter	US	3225 tons of raw sugar	32	4	28
WESTERN HEAD	2,599	steam freighter	UK	3710 tons of sugar	30	24	6
OLGA	2,496	freighter	US	ballast	33	1	32
GUNNY	2,362	freighter	Norway	3,100 tons of manganese ore and mahogany	42	30	12
ONEIDA	2,309	steam freighter	US	ballast	29	6	23
ONONDAGA	2,309	freighter	US	magnesium ore	34	20	14
MICHAEL JEBSON	2,300	freighter	UK		40	1	39
NICKELINER	2,249	chemical tanker	US	3,400 tons of ammonia water	31	0	31
MANAGUA	2,220	steam freighter	Nicarag uan	Potash	25	0	25
TRITON	2,078	steam freighter	Dutch	3,100 tons bauxite, 60 tons timber	30	6	30
MAMBI	1,983	coastal freighter	Cuba	ballast	34	23	11
SANTIAGO DE CUBA	1,685	steam freighter	Cuban	general cargo	29	10	19
PILLORY	1,507	freighter	Panam a	ballast	47	25	22
NICARAO	1,445	freighter	US	500 tons of fruit, bananas, coconuts and charcoal	39	8	31

MEDEA	1,311	steam freighter	Dutch	1636 tons of general cargo, including 220 cases of dynamite	28	5	23
AMAZONE	1,294	steam freighter	Dutch	926 tons of general cargo, mainly coffee and oil	40	14	26
FAUNA	1,254	freighter	Dutch	general cargo	29	2	27
NICHOLAS CUNEO	1,051	steam freighter	Hondur as	general cargo	20	1	19
MANZANILLO	1,025	steam freighter	Cuban	general cargo	23	0	23
ALBERT F. PAUL	735	sailing ship	US	salt	8	8	0
SAMA	567	motor merchant	Hondur as	Bananas	14	0	14
WORDEN	433	freighter	Nicarag uan		20	0	20
WAWALOAM	336	tern schooner (three masted)	US	general cargo (petroleum drums on deck)	7	0	7
E. P. THERIAULT	326	sailing ship		pitch pine	10	0	10
VIVIEN P. SMITH	130	scrooner (two masted)	UK UK	260 tons of salt from Turks & Caicos	11	0	11

CARMEN	84	schooner, 2 masts	Dominican Republic	2000 sacks of maize and 476 pieces of mahogany and cedar	8	1	7
SANDE	60	sailing ship	Honduras		10	5	5
CHEERIO	35	schooner	US	mahogany	9	0	9
GERTRUDE	16	trawler	US	20 tons of onions	3	0	3
PATRICK J. HURLEY	10.865	tanker	US	75,000 barrels of high octane gasoline, 60,000 barrels of diesel	62	17	45
VERGERMERE		steam yacht in Royal Naval auxiliary military blimp	UK	general cargo			0
K-74 (USN Blimp)		(US air force)	US	USAF military observers, bombardiers	10	1	9
YP 453 (USN District Patrol Vessel)		District patrol craft (US military)	US	US Navy personnel	22	0	22
WARRINGTON (USS DD 383 Destroyer)		Naval Destroyer (US Navy)	US	escorting USS HYADES through U-boat waters	321	248	73
SC 1059 (USN Submarine Chaser)		US Navy Submarine Chaser	US	anti-U-boat activity in the Bahamas region	28	0	28
Total Tonnage Sunk: 605,000			TOTAL Served/Lost/Survived		5755	1396	4367

TOTALS:

96 VESSELS, PATROL CRAFT OR BLIMP

BY FLAG: Mexico 2

UK	13
US	40
Dominican F	1
Cuba	1
Honduras	2
Latvian	2
Panama	3
Greek	1
Norwegian	3
Sweden	1
Dutch	5

Total (not incl. naval ships, blimp) 73

KILLED, NOTES ON SURVIVORS

NOTES ON SURVIVORS AND RESCUE VESSEL/S 'IVED

36.52N, 75.51W was enroute NY to Corpus Christi when
MANGORE fired on hier 00:10 SSS 34.31N, 76.35W 12 Apr. 42

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79 (escaped a torpedo from U-66 is mislabelled CHERRY
BLOSSOM by Kelshall but not Rohwer)

Bayton TX to Clyde, Scotland (Glasgow). survivors picked up by
the CUNENE, landed Lisbon, ST CERGUE, (same rescued
JAGERSFONTEIN survivors, landed NY, and LOBITO. Landed
Delaware.

Juan, Puerto Rico where the survivors were landed on the 13th.

sunk by U-108 after valiant fight well E of Bahamas
Curacao to Halifax, crew rescued by BUSHRANGER, met up
with KOLL survivors, taken to Halifax
42 (Master's arm caught in lifeboat lines, severed, died of loss of
blood)

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24.41N, 57.44W

Newport News (8 Jun) - Trinidad - Buenos Aires. The master and
19 survivors landed at Monte Cristi, Dominican Republic after
13 days in a lifeboat

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crew of 49 included 35 Chinese

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picked up by the British motor merchant **Lobos** and landed at Havana, Cuba

all killed, explosion could be seen 40 miles away, was in convoy KG-123 Charleston-Key West-Panama-Karachi

0 (all hands recovered by USS Destroyer BENNETT (DD 473) taken to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba)

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31 (the ship drifted for nearly 3 days before sinking off Florida's east coast)

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26 survivors in the lifeboat made landfall near Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic on 4 March. The four survivors on the raft were picked up by the Gulfenn five and a half days after the attack

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49 (picked up by USS PT-498, transferred to USS FLETCHER (DD 445), landed Guantanamo Bay Cuba

18 (discovered by a US Navy blimp, which dropped two rubber life rafts. An US Coast Guard seaplane picked up three of the most seriously wounded two hours later and took them to Miami. One hour later the remaining 15 survivors (five of them wounded) were picked up by the American patrol craft USS YP-351)

hit a mine laid by U-701 Horst Degen off Chesapeake 15 Jun 42
KESHENA towed her, COYOTE assisted same time as ROBERT C. TUTTLE struck mine in convoy

said to witness COMOL RICO hit by U-154 1 day out of Norfolk on 4 April 1942 but this does not gell geographically as Rohwer has her at 20.46N, 66.46W and left Puerto Rico on 3 April for Boston (ie nowhere near ASTERION, so clearly she saw a different attack)

28.15N, 80.20W enroute Liverpool to Valpraiso via Halifax and Hampton Roads

NE of Bahamas by U-129 Witt

58 (landed in Nassau, Bahamas then Miami)

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123 (c.400 miles ENE of Abaco, rescued by USS KEARNEY (DD 432) and taken to NY.

52 (remained on board, enroute Curacao to Reykjavik)

USS SC-742 took survivors to Guantanamo Bay, enroute
Baytown Texas-Key-West, Cristobal (Panama?) in Convoy KG-
123

46 (survivors drifted for 26 days, landed Great Inagua, then Little
Inagua, then Acklins, where rescued by VERGERMERE, steam
yacht in Royal Navy Auxiliary, and taken to Nassau)

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31.10N, 70.45W near DERRYHEEN, 32 women children
rescued by USS ROWAN (DD 405) landed Norfolk 24 Ap (2
days after attack) Capt, 4 crew, 9 pax killed in shelling
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18 (survivors taken by US steam ship EXPLORER to Jersey
City, NJ, US)

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U-504 and Morosini claimed this ship

survivors landed Bermuda by RHEXENOR, freighter after 10
days. Hit by U-103, Werner Winter on 5 May 42

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34.45N, 65.50W, was enroute NY-Cape Town-Bombay. 8 survivors picked up by RIO DIAMANTE, taken to Buenos Aires

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34 (landed at Turks Island, Turks & Caicos)

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Philadelphia - New York - Trinidad - Capetown - Bandar Shapur, sunk by U-505 (Alex-Olaf Loewe) 29 June 42 at 22.00N / 60.00 W

22.38N, 60.59W same area of THOMAS MCKEAN, USS SURPRISE (PG 63) took 50 survivors to San Juan, the other 16 were spotted 8 m fm St Thomas and saved

MONTPELIER rescued 6 survivors taken to T&T 10 June

25.33N, 57.53W

24

The master, 29 crew members and five gunners were picked up after ten days by HMS Saxifrage (K 04) (LtCdr R.P. Chapman) and landed at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

72 (USS MCKEAN (APD 5) landed survivors in San Juan, Puerto Rico)

37

en route Demerera - Portland Maine, 33 picked up by "a Swedish Merchant" possibly the SKANE or KORSHOLM?

Three hours later, the survivors were sighted by a bomber, which led USS Sturtevant (DD 240) to the area

46 (USS MULBERRY (AN 27) took survivors to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba) was enroute New Orleans to San Juan, Puerto Rico

4 (survivors picked up by USS CORRY (D 463) and taken to Trinidad)

25.50N, 89.05W, fought off attack by U-106 Maus and made it from New Orleans to Cristobal damaged, hove to

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last transmission on 25 Mara. 42 at 27.15N, 49.15W

18.15N, 81.25W

46

34 (not sure where survivors landed, they were torpedoed just 15 miles SE of Great Inagua)

Karachi - Durban - Philadelphia

20 ° 50'N, 62 ° 05'W, and that all 36 crew members were rescued.

all survived, the crew fought off a U-boat 20 nm NE of Cape Canaveral, April 14, 1942

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28 (Master and Spaniard taken on U-158, drowned the following day with all U-boat hands)

23.07N, 62.06W en route Recife-NY near PUTNEY HILL

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enroute San Juan - Charleston SC, left PR 4 June 1942

30 (including 4 stowaways from Baltimore for Puerto Rico)

24

1 U-Boat crew, Fahrlich zur see Rudi Holzer was killed when ATIK counterattacked. Her survivors probably drowned in gale, ASTERION found only empty rafts.

no details of this ship having survivors, presumed drowned

estimates based on a bulk ship loading sugar Cuba-Baltimore

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28

21

same day as LESLIE

Cuba to New York

6 (taken to Guantanamo)

32

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23 (walked to Cape Maysi, Cuba)

14 (passanger, skikpper of THOMAS MCKEAN, sunk by U-505,
died - survivors rescued byi LAVENTINA of Cuba)

39 (picked up by a US patrol boat and landed at Guantanamo
Bay, Cuba)

31 (picked up by a Cuban submarine chaser which avenged
them 2 days later by sinking U-176 well to the westwards, and
northeast of Havana, Cuba)

Demerera-Port of Spain-New York, MORMACK PORT rescued
them took them to NY 26N, 59.34W

11

in convoy Spec-Con-12 hit by U-508 Staats 12 Aug 42 W of Cay
Sal at 24.20N, 81.50W

22 (parts of machinery were blown through sky lights)

31 (landed Norfolk VA by ESSO AUGUSTA)

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shelled, gunfire near JA MOFFETT, off Cuba, SW of Cay Sal Bank

in convoy Spec-Con-12 hit by U-508 Staats 12 Aug 42 W of Cay Sal at 24.20N, 81.50W en route Miami-Key West-Havana

4-mast sailing schooner built in Delaware 1917, Turks-Baltimore

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torpedoed by U-109 10 miles southeast Cape Canaveral at 0558. April 30, 1942

7 (rescued first by IRISH ROSE then transferred to HMS CAMPANULA, landed at Argentia, Newfoundland, Canada)

24.30N, 83.55W, Tampa, Cayman, Kingston Jamaica - crew of 10 estimated for size of ship, shelled and attempt to scuttle her, but got away

11 (not sure where survivors were landed)

7

estimates only

9 presumably survivors made it to nearby land

3

22.59N, 46.15W Aruba-Belfast-Avonmouth UK, survivors taken on LOCH DEE in Charleston, ETNA picked up 7 and landed in NY

46 survivors of Potlatch taken from Acklins to Nassau in speedy fashion

9 (picked up off North Elbow Cay by USS SC 657 and USS Destroyer DAHLGREN (DD-187))

n/a (crew of 22 is an average for this type of vessel, not specific crew complement, and one presumes the crew were all rescued)

73 (A prolonged search by USS HYADES, FROST, HUSE, INCH, SNOWDEN, SWASEY, WOODSON, JOHNIE HUTCHINS, ATR-9 and ATR-62, presumably deployed from both the US and Bahamas, which were closer)

n/a (crew of 28 is an average, not specific crew complement, and one presumes the crew were all rescued)

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5695

(balance these numbers - off by 8)

