

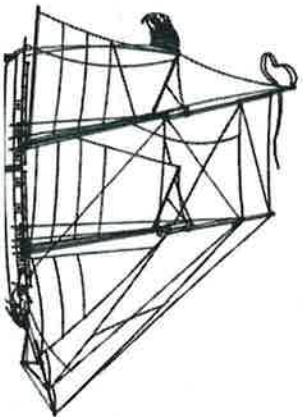
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Aground on St. Augustine Beach

By Captain Hilary Crusoe

Salvage Master's report in the case of the C. V. **Domburgh**.

Stranded positions 1.3 miles south of St. Augustine Inlet, on Conch Island, St. Augustine, Fla.

C. V. **Domburgh**, British, steel container vessel, master Captain Alfred Tennis.

Gross tons: 1,118 tons, length: 281.08 feet, net tons 464 tons, breadth: 40-03 feet, depth: 21-03 feet.

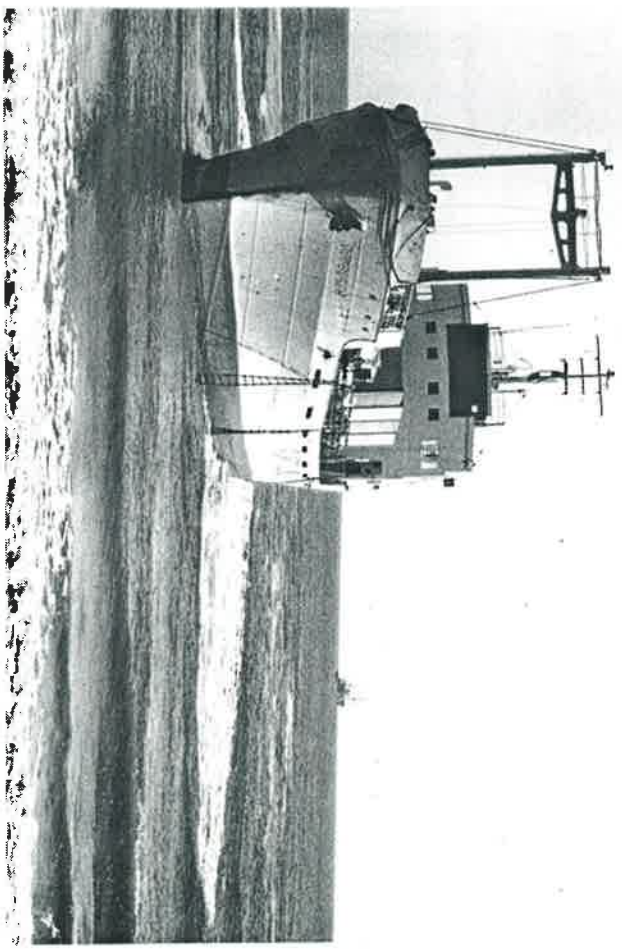
Owners: Trincargo Shipping Co. Port of Spain, Trinidad, built: 1949, Holland. Charterers: Chester Blackburn & Roder, registered: St. Vincent, W.I., 104 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, FL.

Cargo: 250 tons general cargo. 40 loaded containers, including 2 refrigerated, and 38 empty containers.

Thursday, October 18, 1973

The day begins with the M.V. **Cable** tied up at her regular station docks, in the U.S. Naval Station at Key West, Florida.

About: 0005 Received a long distance telephone call, at my home, from a Captain Perry Walters in Miami representing the charterers of the C.V. **Domburgh**. Captain Walters advised that the C.V. **Domburgh** was stranded on



The C.V. Domburgh ashore on St. Augustine Beach. Photo credit: the Author.

St. Augustine Beach, Florida and he was interested in engaging the assistance of Murphy Pacific Marine Salvage Co. to refloat the causality. I advised Captain Walters that I would contact our Operations Manager, Capt J.F. Madeo, in New York, and advise him. Captain Madeo in turn would then contact him and discuss terms of a contract.

About: 0105 Called Captain Madeo, via long distance, at his home and informed him of my telephone conversation with

Captain Walters. Captain Madeo advised that he would contact Captain Walters and offer him a contract, he would then call me later with instructions.

About: 0210 Captain Madeo called and instructed the M.V. **Cable** to be made ready for sea and proceed to the assistance of the C.V. **Domburgh**. Also instructed me to proceed, via air travel, to the stranded **Domburgh** and make a preliminary salvage survey and to take the **Cable's** foreman with me.

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