



SS Empire Norseman (+1943)

Details

general

nationality: [british](#)
 purpose: transport
 type: [tanker](#)
 propulsion: [steamer](#)
 date built: 1942
 is nickname: no

details

weight (tons): 9811 grt
 dimensions: 153,6 x 20,8 x 11 m
 material: steel
 engine: Triple expansion engines
 power: 674 n.h.p.
 speed:

about the loss

cause lost: [torpedo](#)
 date lost: [23/02/1943](#) [dd/mm/yyyy]
 casualties: 0

about people

builder: [Furness Shipbuilding Co. Ltd., Middlesbrough](#)
 next owners: [1] [Eagle Oil & Shipping Co. Ltd., London](#)
[SS Empire Norseman](#)
 period: --- ~ 1943
 [2] Ministry of War
 last owner:
 captain: William Sharp Smith
 complement: 11
 no. of crew: 41

about the wreck

depth:
 orientation:
 protected:
 war grave:

references

reference(s): [1] [www.uboot.net](#)
 [2] [Lloyd's of London, Lloyd's Register of Shipping](#)

updates

entered by: [Claes Johnny](#)
 entered: 23/02/2008
 last update: [Vleggeert Nico](#)
 last update: 23/01/2010

Position

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latitude: 31°18'0X" N
 longitude: 027°20'0X" W
 system: WGS84
 division: 1'=60"

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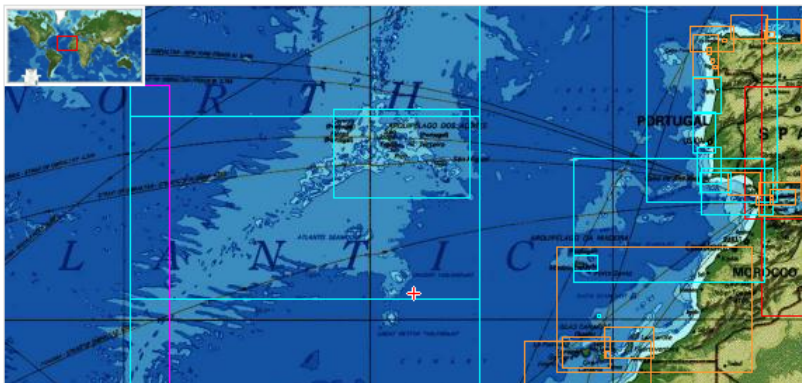
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The Wreck today



LAT: 26°06,7XXN LON: 14°29,9XXW



Pictures



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[Lloyd's Shipping Register](#)

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The name 'Lloyd' derives from Edward



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History

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At 22.14 hours on 23 Feb, 1943, U-382 (Juli) fired one FAT torpedo and one minute later a spread of two G7e torpedoes at the convoy UC-1 south of the Azores (grid DG 5393). Juli thought that he sank two ships, but only one of these torpedoes struck the Empire Norseman on the starboard side and the tanker stopped. Between 22.17 and 22.20 hours on 23 February, U-202 (Poser) fired four torpedoes at the convoy UC-1 in grid DG 5624 and reported hits on three ships.

The first and second hit the Murena and British Fortitude, which both continued, the third torpedo failed and the last hit the already damaged Empire Norseman on her port side. At 23.45 hours on 23 February, the drifting wreck of the Empire Norseman was sunk by a coup de grâce from U-558. The master, 41 crew members and eleven gunners from the Empire Norseman (Master William Sharp Smith) were picked up by the HMS Totland (Y 88) (LtCdr L.E. Woodhouse), transferred to the Dutch merchant Maaskerk and landed at Trinidad

ref. used: [www.uboot.net](#)

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Documents

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About Owner(s)



[Eagle Oil & Shipping Co. Ltd., London](#)
 Eagle Oil and Shipping Co. was merged into Shell International Petroleum Company in 1959.