

(No. 7207.)

“COLAC” (S.S.)

AND

“PAREORA” (S.S.).

The Court of Marine Inquiry, at Sydney.

In the matter of a formal inquiry held at Sydney before His Honour Judge BACKHOUSE, assisted by JOHN BOLTON CARPENTER and CHARLES TAYLOR, Assessors, into the circumstances attending the collision between the British ships “COLAC” and “PAREORA.”

The Court, having carefully inquired into the circumstances attending the above-mentioned shipping casualty, comes to the decision following :—

1. The British ships “Colac” (Official No. 89469) and “Pareora” (Official No. 104735) were in collision inside Sydney Heads, off South Reef, in the State of New South Wales, on the early morning of the twenty-ninth day of August, 1908.
2. The “Colac” was bound from Newcastle to Sydney; and the “Pareora” was proceeding from Sydney to Wollongong.
3. The weather was fine, with a slight haze on the water; the wind, light from the west; the tide, ebb; and the sea, calm.
4. Both vessels were well found, and provided with all necessary life-saving appliances.
5. Such collision was caused by the wrongful act of Frank Wilfred Jolliffe, the master of the “Colac,” in

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steering a course after passing North Head which improperly brought his vessel, when close to the entrance of the western channel up which he proposed to go, towards the eastern side of it; and by the wrongful act of Duncan Downie, the master of the “Pareora,” in starboarding when the two vessels were approaching nearly end-on and there was danger of a collision.

6. By the collision both vessels were seriously damaged.

The Court orders that the certificates of competency of the said Frank Wilfred Jolliffe as master of a foreign-going ship, issued by the Department of Navigation, New South Wales, dated the tenth day of October, 1902, and numbered 534, and of the said Duncan Downie as a master of a foreign-going ship, issued by the Marine Department, New Zealand, dated the twenty-sixth day of October, 1883, and numbered 352, be suspended for a period of six months from the twenty-ninth day of August, 1908.

Dated this eighteenth day of September, 1908.

ALF. P. BACKHOUSE,
Judge.

I, John Macvicar Anderson Bonthorne, Registrar of the Court of Marine Inquiry at Sydney, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the decision of the Court in the matter of the inquiry into the circumstances attending the collision between the British ships “Colac” and “Pareora.”

Dated at Sydney this twenty-third day of September, 1908.

J. M. A. BONTHORNE,
Registrar of the Court.

(Issued in London by the Board of Trade on the 13th day of November, 1908.)