**Schooner John Clark**

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| **Vessel Name** | **Official Number** | | **Signal letters** | **Rig /Type** | **Where built** | | **Builder** | | **Year built** | | | **Year end** | | **reg tons** | |
| **JOHN CLARK** | 63965 | | QCHP | Schooner | | Bideford | | Johnson | | 1871 | | | 1910 | | 93 |
| **OWNERS/ MANAGERS/REGISTRATION DETAILS** | | **Notes** | | | | | | | | | **MASTERS** | | | | | |
| registered in Fowey 15th March 1871. 1875 Chas Isaac, Liskeard 1880 John Clark Isaac, Liskeard 1890 Charles Isaac, Liskeard (MO) | | LOA 86.8 x 20.5 10.6ft.On15th March 1910 when entering Cardiff Roads , carrying a cargo of 165 tons of burnt ore, she was struck amidships by the Lucania, an outward-going steamer of considerably larger dimensions. The damage done to the schooner was so great that she immediately filled with water and sunk in less than five minutes. Immediately realising the gravity of the situation, the captain (Mr. Salt, of Fowey) directed that the other three members of his crew, viz., C. Clueson (mate), A.Butters (able seaman, also of Fowey), and J. Stephen (able seaman, of Ferrydem, Scotland) should forsake the sinking schooner, and by climbing up the rigging they all managed to get aboard the Lucania in safety, and were subsequently conveyed to Cardiff by that vessel. They found safety at the Cardiff Sailors' Home. Seen at midnight, the captain said the weather was fine at the time, and no fog prevailed. He spoke with gratitude of the kindness shown by the master and crew of the Lucania. The schooner sank in a few minutes after being struck. | | | | | | | | | H.Davey 1870 R.Salt 1889-1910 | | | | | |

Swift and Sudden Disaster. Disaster swift and sudden overtook the schooner John Clark, of Fowey, off Layeroock Buoy, in Cardiff Roads on Wednesday night. Inward bound to Cardiff from Topsham, in the river Exe, with burnt ore, the schooner made a fine passage from Sunday morning until Wednesday night when she came nicely up Channel in clear weather with a following wind from the W.S.W. As Captain Richard Salt. and his little crew were at 10.15 preparing to take in sail. the steam trawler Lucania, out- ward bound from Cardiff to Drogheda, crashed into her amidships, the stem of the steamer cutting right through to the coamings. The fate of the schooner was at once apparent to the startled sailors, and Captain Salt gave the Word to swarm L. up the rigging and board the steamer. Within two minutes the four men comprising the schooner's crew were aboard the Lucania, and that vessel having gone astern the John Clark went to the bottom with her cargo of 165 tons of ore and all the effects of the crew. The Lucania; which is one of Messrs Neale and West's fleet of steam trawlers, was under command of Captain William Williams, but at the time of the accident the mate was in charge on the bridge. She was put back to Cardiff, and in little more than an hour from the time of sailing she had landed her un- happy passengers and was moored in the Roath Basin, with no apparent damage. The captain and men of the John Clark, cons of C. Clawson, mate A. Budders, A.B., both of Fowey. and J. Stephen, A.B., of Ferryden, Scotland, were accommodated in the Sailors' Home. Their vessel, which was a stout ship. was owned by Mr C. Isaac, Liskeard, Cornwall- It was a clear night.