

BOOK REVIEWS

1. COLLISION CASES - JUDGMENTS AND DIAGRAMS 2ND EDITION By Captain F.J. Buzek and Captain H.M.C. Holdert Published by Lloyd's of London Press Ltd.

The Second Edition of F.J. Buzek and H.M.C. Holdert's book entitled "Collision Cases Judgments and Diagrams" is, as the authors point out in the preface to the First Edition, "an aid to the quick visualisation of a collision case".

The book consists of a collection of over 130 collision cases drawn mainly from *Lloyd's Law Reports* and *Lloyd's List Law Reports* but with the useful inclusion of a series of cases published in *American Maritime Cases*.

The book is divided into two main parts. Part One deals with collisions occurring in clear weather and is arranged into 15 chapters, each chapter dealing with a particular type of collision situation. Part Two deals with collisions in restricted visibility and is divided into eight chapters.

In the main, the book reproduces the headnotes from the relevant law reports and the authors combine their experience and knowledge from handling collisions to select important cases and to illustrate each particular case with the aid of a diagram. The diagrams are well presented and clearly explained. The book is of great assistance to those involved in handling collision cases in readily identifying previous cases similar to their own and showing what weight/importance the Courts have attached to particular errors of navigation and how the Courts have apportioned blame in such cases.

The First Edition of this book did not contain an index, which slightly detracted from its use as a reference book, but the Second Edition has corrected this omission.

To sum up, this is a very practical and helpful book for those involved in maritime collision cases and would, therefore, be a useful addition to any library.

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