

***SS Copenhagen***  
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The story of *Copenhagen* begins on February 22, 1898 when the single screw steamer was launched at Sunderland England. The steel hulled ship was rated at 3,279 tons, 325 feet in length, 47 feet in beam, and 25.6 feet depth of hold. Two years after her launching *Copenhagen* struck the limestone of the Pompano ledge and remains there today. The incident that ended the vessels run was recorded as follows: The ship's captain, Captain William S. Jones, awoke after a peaceful night's slumber to find *Copenhagen* too close to shore. The vessel was steaming full speed ahead at about 8 knots and Captain Jones ordered her stopped and then reversed, but by this time it was too late. The crew attempted to free the vessel by deploying a large kedge anchor from the port side, but the ship would not budge. It was after this that the captain went ashore to report the wreck and the crew was ordered to begin offloading the cargo of coal.