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Casualty Newsletter 100

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FEATURE CASUALTY

Kerem S

General cargo vessel, IMO 8223127, Built 1983, 1,572 dwt

Date of Casualty 20 February 2015

Voyage Iraklion, Greece to Aliaga, Turkey

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Grounding and sinking

Type of Claim Total loss claim and possible wreck removal

On 20 February 2015 the St. Vincent & Grenadines registered general cargo vessel *Kerem S*, which was on a ballast voyage to the Turkish port of Aliaga, suffered a mechanical failure during bad weather whilst she was between the Greek Islands of Kos and Paros and subsequently ran aground on the north-east coast of part of Levitha Island at 5.45pm local time. The breakdown occurred when the 1983 built vessel was approximately five miles west of Patmos and the crew were unable to prevent the

vessel drifting towards the rocky coast of Levitha under the influence of the prevailing winds which were between Beaufort force 7 to 8.

The vessel sustained serious structural damage and water ingress as a result of the grounding and the crew were forced to evacuate the stricken ship. Despite difficult and testing weather conditions the Greek Air Force dispatched a Super-Puma helicopter and successfully airlifted the vessel's six crew members and they were taken to the hospital on Kos. The lifeboat *Os El Akt* and a tug from Piraeus were dispatched and the owners of the *Kerem S* also contracted Megatugs Salvage and Towage Company to refloat the vessel but their efforts were hampered by the continuing bad weather. With the winds and seas continuing to act on the grounded vessel, the water ingress increased and she sank on 23 February 2015. No pollution has been reported to date but it is likely an operation will be required to remove the vessel and protect the local area from any potential threat from the bunkers.



NEW CASUALTIES



Norwind ▣

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9171371, Built 2000, 9,861 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 February 2015 – Late notification

Voyage Fos-sur-Mer France to Gemlik, Turkey

Cargo Steel

Type of Casualty Mechanical failure 2.5 nm west of the Alkionides islands. Tugs proceeded and assisted the vessel to reach the port of Corinth.

Type of Claim Possible General Average declaration and/or salvage type claim



Kristina - SH 14 ▣

Fishing vessel, Built 1980, 19.02 gt

Date of Casualty 18 February 2015

Type of Casualty Sinking 60 miles northwest of Heligoland following water ingress. All the crew were rescued. Video of the rescue and sinking can be viewed [here](#).

Type of Claim Total loss claim

Fort Azov

General cargo vessel, IMO 8230053, Built 1970, 2,457 gt

Date of Casualty 18 February 2015

Voyage Varna, Bulgaria to Fatsa, Turkey

Cargo 3,000 m³ of wood

Type of Casualty Cargo shift in poor weather whilst in the Black Sea causing the vessel to take on an initial 17° port list increasing to 30°. The crew were evacuated by Turkish rescue forces before the ship sank.

Type of Claim Total loss claim

Christine/Femøsund ▣

Christine - Ferry, IMO 9257632, Built 2002, 80 dwt

Femøsund - Ferry, IMO 9129782, Built 1996, 107 dwt

Date of Casualty 18 February 2015

Type of Casualty Collision in the port of Kragenæs. The *Christine* proceeded for repairs to Assens Skipsværft AS repair yard in Marstal.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I Gard for both vessels

Yara Gas III

Liquid petroleum gas carrier, IMO 7431698, Built 1975, 2,645 dwt

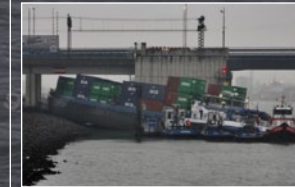
Date of Casualty 19 February 2015

Voyage Porsgrunn, Norway to Tees, UK

Cargo LNG

Type of Casualty Water ingress into her engine room some 50 nm east of Ekofisk. The vessel was dewatered and towed to Skagen.

Type of Claim Possible General Average declaration and/or salvage type claim



Alsvin ▣

Self-propelled barge, Built 2004, No other details

Date of Casualty 20 February 2015

Voyage to Rotterdam, Netherlands

Cargo 111 containers

Type of Casualty Allision with the Vlakte Bridge in Hansweert. The vessel became stuck and developed a starboard list. A crew member was hospitalised. The vessel was refloated by Multiraship tugs.

Type of Claim Allision damage and crew claims

Grande Africa/Leonardo

Grande Africa - Vehicle carrier, IMO 9130949, Built 1998, 27,965 dwt

Leonardo - Tank barge, Built 1997, No other details

Date of Casualty 20 February 2015

Voyage Antwerp, Belgium to Lome, Togo

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Collision on the Westerscheldt. The tank barge suffered significant damage. Video of the collision can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Type of Claim Collision damage claim
P&I North of England / n/a



Viktoria Lady ▣

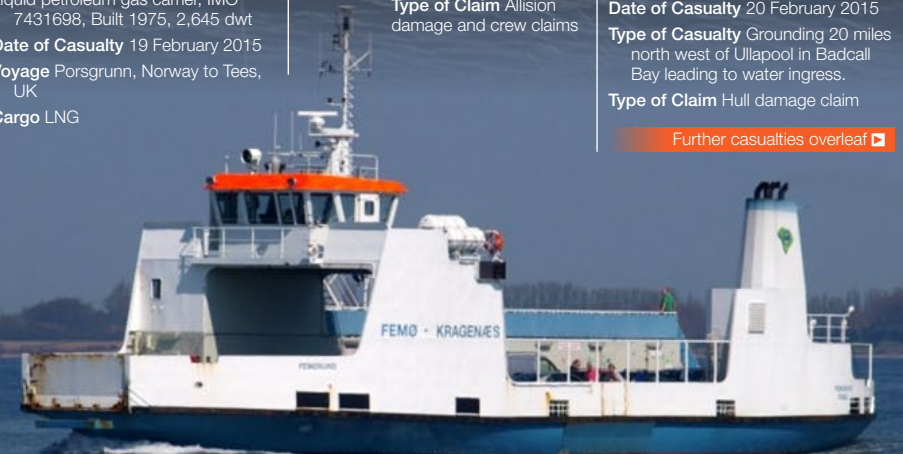
Fish carrier, IMO 9369849, Built 2006, 700 dwt

Date of Casualty 20 February 2015

Type of Casualty Grounding 20 miles north west of Ullapool in Badcall Bay leading to water ingress.

Type of Claim Hull damage claim

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Pacific Highway ▣

Vehicle carrier, IMO 9206023, Built 2000, 15,127 dwt

Date of Casualty 20 February 2015

Voyage Aqaba, Jordan to Piraeus, Greece

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Collision

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

Tiger ▣

Tug, No other details

Date of Casualty 21 February 2015

Type of Casualty Sinking whilst moored at Sølvesborg leading to a loss of oil.

Type of Claim Salvage and/or total loss claims and pollution aspects



Glorious Future

Bulk carrier, IMO 9370977, Built 2006, 24,781 dwt

Date of Casualty 21 February 2015

Voyage Moji to Fukuyama, Japan

Cargo 20,009 m/t of bulk cargo

Type of Casualty The bulker touched the bottom in the Simonoseki Strait and suffered a breach of one of her bottom tanks.

Type of Claim Hull damage claim

Scombrus Junior

Fishing vessel, No other details

Date of Casualty 22 February 2015

Type of Casualty Fire whilst in the port of Haugesund.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

King Edward ▣

Combined chemical and oil tanker, IMO 9290490, Built 2004, 37,384 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 February 2015

Voyage Istanbul, Turkey to Kavkaz, Russia



Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Rudder failure on departure from Istanbul. Coastal Safety tugs attended.

Type of Claim Possible salvage fine and claim

St.Louis Express/ Hammersmith Bridge

St.Louis Express - Fully cellular containership, IMO 9243186, Built 2002, 40,478 dwt

Hammersmith Bridge - Fully cellular containership, IMO 9395147, Built 2009, 98,849 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 February 2015

Voyage Antwerp, Belgium to Hamburg, Germany and the USA / Felixstowe, UK to Antwerp, Belgium

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Collision near Flushing roads. The *St.Louis Express* sustained a hole above the waterline.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim


P&I Gard / Japan Shipowners

M.L. Mosta ▣

Ferry, No other details

Date of Casualty 22 February 2015



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Type of Casualty Capsized and subsequent sinking on the Padma river in Bangladesh following a collision with a cargo vessel. 140 passengers were on board and at least 70 people died in the incident. The ferry was brought to the surface and towed ashore on 23 February.

Type of Claim Total loss and loss of life/passenger claims

Dyna

Self propelled barge, No other details

Date of Casualty 23 February 2015

Voyage Deggendorf to Regensburg, Germany

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Allision with a bridge pylon. The vessel became stuck and needed assistance to be freed.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

Melina II

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 8841577, Built 1980, 649 gt

Date of Casualty 24 February 2015

Type of Casualty Fire whilst moored for repairs at Perama Shipyards. The fire was extinguished by the local fire brigade.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

Yusuf Cepnioglu – editions 51, 52, 53, 56, 64, 67, 80 & 82 – the aft of the vessel remains on board a barge at Mesta but the forward section has recently been beached at a breakers yard at Ampelakia.

Chalk Determination – editions 92, 93 & 95 – after much delay the salvage operation the salvage operation to raise the sunken tug began on 19 February 2015.

Gofer B – edition 97 – has been pulled free from her grounding site at Çandarlı. Diving inspections by Izmir Port dive team have determined the vessel's condition to be better than expected with no leakage and only minor damages to her bottom away from any bunker tanks.

Goodfaith ▣ – edition 98 & 99 – the vessel remains aground but salvors began draining off her fuel on 21 February 2015.



Lysblink Seaways ▣ ▣ – edition 99 – the vessel refloated without assistance on 19 February and was reported to have begun to drift towards the shore by Mingary Castle. The tug *Forth Joustier* was able to secure a line to the vessel to prevent her regrounding and she was towed to a nearby anchorage where salvors carried out inspections of the vessel to assess the extent of damage. An absorbent boom was put in place to contain oil leaking from the starboard side of vessel. Damage to the bottom is reported to be considerable and fuel has been pumped into upper tanks away from the affected area. Subject to good weather today 153 tons of fuel will be transferred to the tug *Kingdom of Fife*. Once completed the vessel will be towed for repairs by a tug currently underway from Stavanger.

