

FEATURE CASUALTY

Groundings in the Bay of Saint-Jean-de-Luz

Cintharth – Fishing vessel, IMO 9222596, Built 2000, 125 dwt

Date of Casualty 4 March 2015

Type of Casualty Grounding

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

The fishing vessel *Cintharth* was departing the port of Saint-Jean-de-Luz early this morning when she suffered rudder damage in the entrance to the channel. The damage left the vessel unable to manoeuvre and she drifted on to the beach at Ciboure. The vessel immediately began listing and was being struck by the surf, prompting the crew to raise the alarm. Due to the vessel's proximity

to the beach and rocks they had to be airlifted from the trawler by police helicopter.

The local lifeboat *SNS 94 Pierre Loti II* managed to attach a line to the grounded vessel but was not able to pull her free. With the tide rising, and having regard for the fact that the *Cintharth* was carrying an estimated 15,000 litres of diesel, work was undertaken to stabilise the vessel using both the lifeboat and another attending tug *Baléa*. During the afternoon of 4 March, naval personnel and the Master of a tug *Malabar* together with the local pilot were hoisted on board to assess the state of the vessel and the salvage possibilities.

The tug *Malabar* (assisted by the port tug *Baléa* from Bayonne) was also involved

in another rescue this week, see the *MTS Vector* entry in today's summaries. We mention this merely because, in addition to the stranded *Cintharth*, a crane barge was also reported to have ran aground a few hundred metres from the fishing vessel. The barge apparently broke free from her moorings. Looking at photos of the grounded barge, it appears that this may have actually been the barge which was originally under tow of the *MTS Vector* and was left drifting after the towing equipment failed. She had been brought to safety at Saint-Jean-de-Luz but perhaps not so safe. The area has been suffering from poor weather and the port of Bayonne was closed for several days as a result.



Cintharth



Crane barge



Crane barge, Cintharth in background

NEW CASUALTIES



NBP Voyager ▽

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 9505596, Built 2011, 9,319 dwt

Date of Casualty 23/24 February 2014 – Late notification

Voyage Riga, Latvia to Djen Djen, Algeria

Cargo 7,000 tons of packed sawn timber

Type of Casualty Cargo shift 280 miles east of Bordeaux in the Bay of Biscay between Ushant and Cape Finistere. Part of the load was lost overboard after the vessel developed a portside list. She had to divert to Cee, Corcubion as a port of refuge to re-stow cargo.

Type of Claim Cargo loss and possible General Average declaration

Happy Eagle

Tankship, IMO9040170, Built 1993, 3,733 dwt

Date of Casualty 25 February 2015

Voyage Moerdijk to Rotterdam, Netherlands

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Allision with the old and the new Botlek Bridge at the Maasvlakte in Rotterdam

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

Viscaria

Asphalt tanker, IMO 7330052, Built 1973, 2,437 dwt

Date of Casualty 26 February 2015

Voyage Nyborg, Denmark to Dunkirk, France

Cargo Bitumen

Type of Casualty Allided and damaged a dolphin in Königsförde on the Kiel Canal.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim



Naja Arctica ▽

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 9100229, Built 1994, 9,566 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 February 2015

Voyage Nuuk, Greenland to Aalborg, Denmark and Reykjavik, Iceland

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Fire whilst moored in the port of Aalborg.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

MTS Vector ▽

Tug, IMO 8738330, Built 2008, 84 gt

Date of Casualty 27 February 2015

Voyage Bayonne, France to unknown destination

Cargo Towing a barge

Type of Casualty Tow rigging parted

during rough weather, French Naval tug *Malabar* took the barge in tow to the French port of Saint-Jean-de-Luz with the *MTS Vector* following.

Type of Claim Possible salvage type claim

Solar Africa

Bulk carrier, IMO9426128, Built 2011, 58,064 dwt

Date of Casualty 28 February 2015

Voyage Yokohama Kawasaki, Japan

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Engine breakdown east of Iro Saki miles off Tateyama, Japan. The vessel was taken in tow to Kawasaki.

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

Maersk Garonne ▽

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9235579, Built 2003, 61,636 dwt

Date of Casualty 28 February 2015

Voyage Freemantle, Australia to Singapore

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Grounding whilst entering Freemantle's inner harbour. The vessel, which was resting on sand, was refloated with the assistance of tugs. The AMSA are investigating the incident.

Type of Claim Possible salvage type claim



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Ocean Queen ▣

Ro-ro, IMO 9030644, Built 1991, 2,577 dwt

Date of Casualty 28 February 2015

Voyage Busan, South Korea to Vladivostok, Russia

Cargo Vehicles and general cargo

Type of Casualty Fire in the aft cargo deck area. The fire was extinguished and the vessel proceeded.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim



Lomax ▣

Tug, No other details

Date of Casualty 1 March 2015

Type of Casualty Grounding at Lerøyosen in the Kors Fjord with subsequent water ingress. Attempts to pull the vessel free failed and she capsized. Video of the vessel aground can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Type of Claim Total loss and wreck removal costs

Queenscliff

Ferry, IMO 8104058, Built 1983, 200 dwt

Date of Casualty 1 March 2015

Type of Casualty Collision with a yacht off the coast of Sydney. Although the ferry tried to alter course to avoid the yacht, its movement was restricted by the Sow and Pigs reef which was on its portside. The yacht struck the ferry on the starboard side and appeared to be capsizing but the crew were able to right

her. Dramatic video of the incident can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Type of Claim Collision damage claim



Karola ▣

Self-propelled barge, No other details

Date of Casualty 2 March 2015

Voyage No details

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Allision with bridge after breaking lose from her moorings in the port of Engter in Bramsche on the Middle Land Canal. There was no crew on board at the time.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

Batouwe

Self-propelled barge, No other details

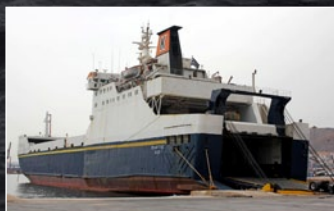
Date of Casualty 2 March 2015

Voyage No details

Cargo Stones

Type of Casualty Sinking whilst loading cargo in the port of Amsterdam following water ingress to the engine room. This vessel has previously featured in edition 47 of our Newsletter following a collision.

Type of Claim Salvage type claim



Pelagitis/Louis Aura ▣

Pelagitis – Ro-ro, IMO 7528611, Built 1978, 8,661 dwt

Louis Aura – Passenger cruise vessel – IMO 6821080, Built 1968, 2,516 dwt

Date of Casualty 2 March 2015

Type of Casualty Collision at Drapetzona port. The *Pelagitis* struck the *Louis Aura* which was berthed causing damage to her hull.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I RaetsMarine Insurance B.V / West of England



Chelsea-1 ▣

General cargo vessel, IMO 9495612, Built 2008, 6,135 dwt

Date of Casualty 2 March 2015

Voyage Rostov, Russia to Hopa, Turkey

Cargo 5,720 tons of coal

Type of Casualty Grounding on the River Don. Tug *Kapitan Kharchikov* was able to pull the vessel free.

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

ST Confidence

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 8912869, Built 1993, 4,705 dwt

Date of Casualty 2 March 2015

Voyage Sovetskaya Gavan, Russia for Nanao, Japan

Cargo Timber

Type of Casualty The vessel was departing the port of Sovetskaya Gavan when she listed 30-35° to starboard and lost part of her deck cargo.

Type of Claim Damage claim and cargo loss, possible General Average declaration

Flinterduin/Kapitan Chadaev ▣

Flinterduin – General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9213882, Built 2000, 6,358 dwt

Kapitan Chadaev – Icebreaker, IMO 8434257, Built 1978, 262 dwt

Date of Casualty 3 March 2015

Voyage In Archangel, Russia

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Collision whilst being assisted through ice.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I No details

Aleksey Afanasyev

General cargo vessel, IMO 8033132, Built 1981, 3,243 dwt

Date of Casualty 3 March 2015

Voyage Rostov, Russia to Venice, Turkey

Cargo 2,888 m/t of oil cakes

Type of Casualty Grounding on the river Don near Azov port. Two icebreaker tugs assisted with the refloating and the vessel anchored for inspection.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage

LOF NEWS

Titan Maritime LLC have been contracted to save the bulk carrier *Kiran* under an LOF contract. The *Kiran* (IMO 9000649, Built 1994, 165,289 dwt) was proceeding from Ukraine to China loaded with iron ore fines when she grounded in the Suez Canal on 16 January – details have only just been reported.

The Spanopoulos Group have refloated the sunken caisson barge *Piraeus V* which was aground at the port of Limassol, Cyprus under an LOF Salvage contract with SCOPIC incorporated. ▣



Fishing Vessels

San Jorge I

No other details

Date of Casualty 25 February 2015

Type of Casualty Sinking off Villa Gesell, south of Rio De La Plata, 41 miles off the coast of Villa Gesell. Three of the crew were rescued but five fishermen are missing.

Type of Claim Total loss and loss of life claims

Angélus du Mer

Built 1972, 24.45 gt

Date of Casualty 24 February 2015

Type of Casualty Explosion and fire in the engine room 17 nm north of Port-en-Bessin. The crew were rescued by a passing vessel. The French naval vessel *Pluvier* initially fought the fire and later the salvage tug *Abeille Liberté* arrived with firefighters on board. The fire was brought under control and the vessel towed to Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

Belomorsk

IMO 8705008, Built 1989, 1,563 dwt

Date of Casualty 26 February 2015

Type of Casualty Loss of power whilst in the Barents Sea following a broken generator shaft. A salvage tug proceeded from Murmansk to assist.

Type of Claim Salvage type claim

Antje WL 25

No other details

Date of Casualty 26 February 2014

Type of Casualty Grounding off Lauwersoog in the Wierumer Wadden Sea Close to the fairway. The vessel refloated the following evening under her own means.

Type of Claim Possible damage claim

Ar Raok II

Fishing vessel, Built 1988, 64.48 gt

Date of Casualty 28 February 2015

Type of Casualty Fire whilst 15 km off the south eastern tip of Skeul. The crew abandoned ship and the fire was eventually extinguished. Owners tried in vain to tow the gutted wreck to the port of Palais but the vessel sank.

Type of Claim Total loss claim

Narval

MO 8706818, Built 1987, 370 dwt

Date of Casualty 1 March 2015

Type of Casualty Grounding in Avacha Bay, Kamchatka Peninsula. The vessel suffered flooding of the engine room.

Type of Claim Hull damage and possible salvage type claim

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

Montevideo Express – edition 99 – the vessel remains in Tampa.

Lysblink Seaways – editions 99 & 100 – the damaged vessel will be redelivered by salvors, Svitzer, at Inchgreen, Greenock on the Firth of Clyde. A voyage passage plan is being finalised and the tow will go ahead today subject to the weather and salvors receiving permission from the UK SOSREP Hugh Shaw.

Pacific Highway ▣ – edition 100 – The vessel has proceeded to Syros Port for repairs and class inspection.



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