

FEATURED CASUALTY

Grandeur of the Seas

Cruise liner, Built 1996, 74,000 gt
Date of Casualty 27 May 2013
Voyage Baltimore to Caribbean
Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Fire
Type of Claim Fire damage and possible passenger claims

The Grandeur of the Seas, a cruise ship operated by Royal Caribbean, had to be escorted into Freeport, Bahamas on 27 May 2013 after suffering a serious fire in her aft section. The liner, which had some 2,224 passengers and 796 crew on board, was heading for CocoCay, Royal Caribbean's private island, when the fire broke out at 2.50am. Reports suggest it began in the mooring section of the third deck, near the mooring lines, and quickly spread to the crew's lounge on the fourth deck and other areas aft.

After the alarm was raised the passengers were ordered to their muster stations and

preparations were made to lower the life-rafts. Two Coast Guard cutters were sent to provide assistance and another cruise ship was put on standby to assist should a full evacuation be required but the vessel's crew were able to fight the fire, which was extinguished some two hours later. The vessel, which had left Baltimore, Maryland on 24 May and had already had a stop over at Port Canaveral, Florida, was due to call at CocoCay Island and on to Nassau, Bahamas.

An investigation into the fire and the emergency response is being undertaken by the US Coast Guard and the National Transportation Safety Board. Having regard to the significant damage to the vessel and the ongoing investigation, Royal Caribbean has cancelled the cruise and arranged to fly all the passengers back to Baltimore. The company have advised that all passengers will receive a full refund and reportedly a voucher for another cruise.

The incident will no doubt raise fresh concerns over the safety of passengers and crew on these very large cruise liners.



CASUALTY FOLLOW UP

Hansa Marburg – 4 of the vessel's crew have been released after 31 days in captivity

AAL Shanghai – salvage services are continuing under the direction of Nippon Salvage

Conmar Avenue – remains moored at Bremerhaven

NEW CASUALTIES

Lipica

Breakbulk carrier, Built 1998, 42,556 dwt

Date of Casualty 18 May 2013

Voyage China to Cameroon

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Grounding off Douala, Cameroon. Initial attempts locally failed and salvage assistance was subsequently provided by T&T Salvage under a Wreck-hire agreement. The vessel refloated on 27 May 2013.

Type of Claim Possible GA declaration

Navios Magellan

Bulk carrier, Built 2000, 74,333 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 May 2013

Voyage Zoushan, China to Indonesia

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Engine breakdown/immobilisation. Salvage assistance provided under Lloyd's Open Form (LOF) by Tsavlis Salvage.

Type of Claim Salvage claim

MSC Renee

Containership, Built 2012, 140,958 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 May 2013

Voyage Antwerp for Dunkirk and ports in Asia

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Allision. The vessel, which has a container capacity of 13,092, allided with Berendrechtshuis lock whilst departing the port of Antwerp. The allision left a 10-15m breach in the vessel's hull, above the waterline.

Type of Claim Hull damage claim, possible GA declaration

Da Qing 739

Product tanker, Built 2006, 9,878 dwt

Date of Casualty 23 May 2013

Voyage Longkou to Shidao, China

Cargo 6,200 m³ of gasoline

Type of Casualty Engine breakdown. Taken in tow by salvage vessel *Bei Hai Jiu 101* to Shidao Anchorage.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim and General Average declaration

Seafarer

General cargo vessel with container capacity, Built 1985, 3,674 dwt

Date of Casualty 23 May 2013

Voyage Jebel Ali, UAE to Doha, Qatar

Cargo General cargo

Type of Casualty Loss of deck containers overboard following a loss of stability during loading operations

Type of Claim Cargo loss



Lady Helen

Tourist boat

Date of Casualty 25 May 2013

Voyage To Skomer Island

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Grounding

leading to water ingress. 48 passengers were evacuated and the vessel was refloated. Pumps controlled the water ingress and the boat was towed to Martins Haven.

Type of Claim Hull damage claim and possible salvage claim

Scillonian III

Ferry, Built 1977, 1,346 gt

Date of Casualty 25 May 2013

Voyage Penzance, UK to St Mary's Harbour, Scilly Isles

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Collision with fishing vessels and grounding during berthing operations.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage claim and collision claims

Jascon-4

Tug, Built 2004, 471 gt

Date of Casualty 26 May 2013

Voyage n/a

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Capsize and sinking in the Delta state, Nigeria. The tug was engaged assisting a tanker to moor at SBM3 platform during a heavy swell. Problems were reportedly encountered with the tow line and the tug capsized. All 12 people on board are missing.

Type of Claim Hull loss and loss of life

Hong Tai

General cargo vessel, Built 1986, 1,583 dwt

Date of Casualty 26 May 2013

Voyage Kobe, Japan to China

Cargo 820 metric tonnes of used batteries

Type of Casualty Fire leading to the abandonment of the vessel. The Korean Coast Guard provided fire-fighting assistance and rescued the vessel's crew. The vessel is seriously fire damaged.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim, GA declaration, hull and cargo loss

Sparta

General cargo vessel, Built 2006, 10,315 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 May 2013

Voyage Mariupol, Ukraine to Diliskelesi, Turkey

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Allision during berthing operations. The vessel sustained a tear in her shell plating above the water line reportedly some 7m in length and 2m wide. The pier also sustained some damage

Type of Claim Hull damage and allision claim



Pernfung 2

Ferry, no other data available

Date of Casualty 28 May 2013

Voyage Pi-Pi Island to Phuket Island, Thailand

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Intentional grounding following water ingress. The ferry had 115 people on board. All were safely evacuated.

Type of Claim Hull damage claim