

### FEATURE CASUALTY

## City

General cargo vessel, IMO 9281140,  
Built 2004, 7,001 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 10 January 2016

**Voyage** Akita to Funakawa, Japan

**Cargo** of 2,904 m<sup>3</sup> of wood veneers

**Type of Casualty** Grounding

**Type of Claim** Hull damage, salvage or  
wreck removal

The general cargo vessel *City* ran aground on a breakwater in the outer roads of Sakata Port, Japan on 10 January 2015 and suffered major damage. The *City* was en route to Funakawa from Akita loaded with a cargo of wood veneers when she encountered heavy weather as she approached Sakata.

According to reports the *City* had originally departed from the Nakhodka, Russia on 30 December 2015 and had discharged part of her cargo in Akita. After unloading her cargo she had proceeded to Funakawa when she encountered poor weather. We

understand she may have sought shelter at Sakata where she was anchored however strong winds and currents caused the vessel to be pushed aground on the rocky breakwater.

The vessel's hull was breached and she began taking on water and developed a significant starboard list. With her stability compromised the crew of 18 were evacuated from the vessel by a Japanese rescue helicopter. The vessel partially sank and only the deck cranes and the upper superstructure are currently above water. Reports suggest the vessel is leaking oil and booms will be set up to contain the leak. Click [here](#) for video of the vessel aground.

An investigation into the cause of the grounding is being carried out by the Japanese authorities. A salvage or wreck removal operation will be required to remove the vessel which potentially poses a threat to the safe navigation of the port. The Panama-flagged cargo ship is managed by Russian company Jessy Shipping.



### NEW CASUALTIES



#### Excalibur ▲

Tank barge, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 5 January 2016 - Late Notification

**Voyage** No details

**Cargo** In ballast

**Type of Casualty** Ran aground on the Rhine near Cologne, Germany after a bow thruster failed.

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage claim

#### Angon/Poroniec

*Angon* - Product tanker, IMO 9131199,  
Built 1997, 2,490 dwt

*Poroniec* - Product tanker, IMO 7641475,  
Built 1976, 1,000 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 6 January 2016

**Voyage** Copenhagen, Denmark to Gothenburg, Sweden / Copenhagen, Denmark to Gdansk, Poland

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Collision in Copenhagen, Denmark.

**Type of Claim** Possible collision damage claim

**P&I** Swedish Club / Shipowners

#### Abigail Grace

Fishing vessel, IMO 8993394, Built 2004,  
218 gt

**Date of Casualty** 6 December 2016

**Type of Casualty** Suffered a fire in the superstructure whilst docked at the Harbour Grace Ocean Enterprises wharf on the Avalon Peninsula.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage claim



#### Hardingen ▲

Ro-ro, IMO 9036040, Built 1993, 100 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 6 January 2016

**Type of Casualty** Ran aground just off the quay at Sunnhordland, Norway. The Captain took evasive action to avoid alliding with the quay when he could not slow the vessel. The ferry was refloated with tug assistance. No passengers were injured.

**Type of Claim** Rudder damage claim

#### Zuhairi ▲

Passenger vessel, IMO 9023718, Built 1992, 17 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 6 January 2016

**Type of Casualty** Partially sank after colliding with a barge 0.25nm from Semporna port, Malaysia. 158 passengers and crew were rescued with 21 suffering slight injuries. The ferry has been towed into Semporna.

There was no passenger manifest which has caused rescuers a problem.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage and passenger claims

#### Rik Jelle - WR 212/Elizabeth Halber

*Rik Jelle* - WR 212 - Fishing vessel, IMO 8432106, Built 1985, 62 gt

*Elizabeth Halber* - EH 44 - Fishing vessel,  
No other details

**Date of Casualty** 6 January 2016

**Type of Casualty** The *Rik Jelle* ran aground at the Amsteldiep and the *Elizabeth Halber* grounded whilst trying to assist with the refloating. The local lifeboat assisted.

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage and salvage claim

#### Gallia Graeca

Bulk carrier, IMO 9221607, Built 2001,  
74,133 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 6 January 2016

**Voyage** Port Angeles, USA to Qingdao, China

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Lost propulsion off Neah Bay. The bulker was taken in tow to Victoria by the tug *Jeffrey Foss*.

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

**P&I** North of England

#### General Jackson

Tug, IMO 5058674, Built 1958, 237 gt

**Date of Casualty** 7 January 2016

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**Type of Casualty** Disabled off Harris Island, British Columbia whilst towing the loaded barge *Ocean Oregon* following a gearbox failure. Tug *Smit Norman* towed the tug and the barge to Port Hardy.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage type claim



#### Evert Prahm ▲

General cargo vessel, IMO 9138757, Built 1996, 2,398 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 8 January 2016

**Voyage** Liepāja, Latvia to Husum, Germany

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Allided with the transporter bridge in Rendsburg which was heavily damaged. Two people were injured. For video of the impact click [here](#). The cause of the accident is under investigation but it is understood the transporter had suffered technical problems in the days leading up to the allision.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage and injury claims, possible General Average declaration

**P&I** Standard Club

#### China Star 107

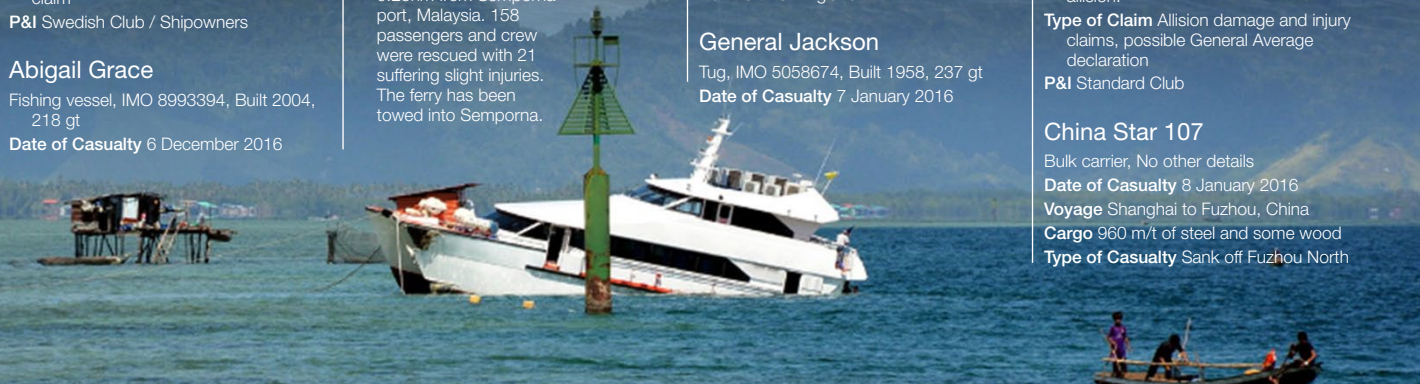
Bulk carrier, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 8 January 2016

**Voyage** Shanghai to Fuzhou, China

**Cargo** 960 m<sup>3</sup> of steel and some wood

**Type of Casualty** Sank off Fuzhou North



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## NEW CASUALTIES - Continued - edition (146)

Island in East China Sea.

**Type of Claim** Total loss and loss of life claims

### Beetle

Ferry, IMO 8922137, Built 1990, 34 dwt  
**Date of Casualty** 8 January 2016

**Type of Casualty** Collided with an unidentified underwater object thought to be a whale shortly after leaving Busan to Fukuoka. There were 191 people on board and eight were injured. The vessel was able to return to Busan under her own power.

**Type of Claim** Hull damage and passenger claims



### Sonderborg Strait

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9454242, Built 2012, 14,222 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 9 January 2016

**Voyage** Kotka, Finland to Rotterdam, Netherlands

**Cargo** General containerised cargo

**Type of Casualty** Suffered an engine breakdown near Westerrönfeld on the Kiel Canal. The Canal was closed for

several hours. Tugs assisted and towed the vessel to Brunsbüttel.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim and/or General Average declaration  
**P&I** Gard

### Pacific Yantai

LPG carrier, IMO 9739965, Under construction, 50,350 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 9 January 2016

**Type of Casualty** Suffered a fire in her No. 1 cargo tank whilst under construction at Daewoo shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Co., Okpo, Korea.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage claim



### Olga M

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 7104336, Built 1971, 2,039 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 9 January 2016

**Voyage** Milaki to Volos, Greece

**Cargo** Coal

**Type of Casualty** Allided with the Halkida Evripus bridge, Evia, Greece. Click [here](#) for video.

**Type of Claim** Possible allision damage claim

**P&I** Lodestar Marine



### Samskip Hoffell

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9196943, Built 2000, 5,537 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 10 January 2016

**Voyage** Rotterdam, Netherlands to Reykjavik, Iceland

**Cargo** General containerised cargo

**Type of Casualty** Suffered engine trouble in the North Atlantic some 160 miles south west of the Faroe Islands. The Icelandic Coastguard dispatched their cutter *Thor* to tow the disabled ship to Reykjavik.

**Type of Claim** Salvage claim

**P&I** Skuld

### Vikingen

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 9036038, Built 1992, 100 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 10 January 2016

**Type of Casualty** Ran aground onto the breakwater at Årsnes following an engine failure.

**Type of Claim** Hull damage claim

### Nora


Chemical tanker, IMO 9148881, Built 1997, 3,746 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 10 January 2016

**Voyage** Erith to Goole, UK

## LOF NEWS

**Sirius** - edition 145 - the 2001 built bulk carrier was towed to Piraeus by the tug *Ionion Pelagos* under the terms of a LOF Salvage Contract. The salvors were Megatugs Salvage & Towage SA.

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**Cargo** 2,500 m<sup>3</sup> of rapeseed oil

**Type of Casualty** Ran aground on the River Ouse. The vessel refloated at high tide.

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage claim

**P&I** Gard



### Novo Jundina

Fishing vessel, IMO 9252175, Built 2001, 114 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 10 January 2016

**Type of Casualty** Sank in Bay of Biscay on 35 nm north of Coruna, Spain. The crew members abandoned the vessel.

**Type of Claim** Total loss claim

### Buse Trio

General cargo vessel, IMO 8521414, Built 1986, 2,350 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 11 January 2016

**Voyage** Cardiff, UK to order

**Cargo** Likely in ballast

**Type of Casualty** Suffered engine problems and after anchoring in the bay of Douarnenez, south of Brest the vessel started to drag towards the coast. The salvage tug *Abelle Bourbon* was sent to assist.

**Type of Claim** Salvage claim

**P&I** Hanseatic

### Blue Star Paros

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 9241774, Built 2002, 1,896 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 11 January 2016

## CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP



**Baltic Ace** - editions 40, 127 & 139 - Smit Salvage and Mammoet Salvage have completed the complex wreck removal of a sunken car carrier. The *Baltic Ace* which capsized and sank in a water depth of 35m and around 10m to 12m from the surface after being struck by the container feeder vessel *Corvus J*, had sailed from Zeebrugge for Finland when the collision occurred near the Noord Hinder Junction some 40 nm miles from Rotterdam.



**City of Rotterdam** - edition 141 - is at the Tyneside yard of the A&P Group in Newcastle-upon-Tyne where repairs to the damage suffered in the collision with the *Primula Seaways* will be undertaken.

**William E. Strait** - edition 142 - the tug remains at the bottom of the Mississippi River after the collision which caused it to

sink on 14 December 2015. High waters have prevented salvage efforts. The salvors are expected to begin the process of removing the vessel next week.

**Ocean Outback** - edition 145 - latest reports advised that at least 30 livestock have died on board the vessel which remains at Freemantle due to engine difficulties. Despite this the mortality rate is apparently within the limits set by the federal Department of Agriculture. The 7,500 sheep have been offloaded to a pre-quarantine feedlot and the 5,000 cattle will be shipped to a buyer in South East Asia.

**Eide Barge 33** - edition 145 - The Norwegian air force was ready to carry out an air strike to sink the drifting barge on New Year's Eve to prevent it colliding with offshore installations in the Norwegian Valhall field in the North Sea and the concerns for the potential threat to the environment. Fortunately the drift pattern changed and the *Eide Barge 33* changed course removing the collision risk. Eide Marine Services face possible claims from companies that operate in the Valhall field because they were forced to close down production and evacuated personnel.

**Type of Casualty** Allided with a pier at Piraeus during berthing manoeuvres. The vessel sustained damages and some passengers were injured.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage and passenger claims

**P&I** Gard

### Super Shuttle Roro 10

Ro-ro, IMO 8801917, 1989, 12,830 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 13 January 2016

**Voyage** Mandaue to Cagayan de Oro, Philippines

**Cargo** 15 container vans

**Type of Casualty** Ran aground off Ouano wharf in Mandaue City, Cebu, Philippines.

**Type of Claim** Hull damage claim  
**P&I** American Club

### Elbetor

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 8818075, Built 1990, 3,432 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 13 January 2016

**Voyage** Kings Lynn, UK to Rotterdam, Netherlands

**Cargo** 3,210 m<sup>3</sup> of wheat

**Type of Casualty** Fire in the accommodation 7.8 nm east of Cromer. Fire-fighters have been dispatched.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage claim  
**P&I** Hydor AS

