

### FEATURE CASUALTY

## Modern Express

Vehicle carrier, IMO 9231688, Built 2001, 10,817 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 26 January 2016

**Voyage** Libreville, Gabon to Le Havre, France and Antwerp, Belgium

**Cargo** Trucks, trailers, timber, heavy plant and containers

**Type of Casualty** Engine breakdown and abandoned with a significant list

**Type of Claim** LOF salvage claim, cargo damage and possible General Average declaration

**P&I** Gard

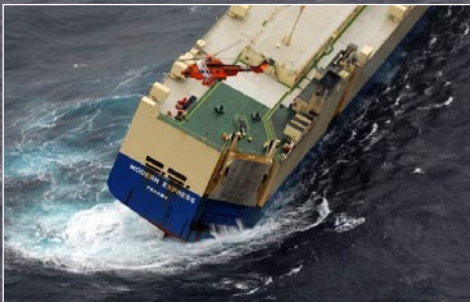
The 2001 built *Modern Express* was drifting without power yesterday having been abandoned by her crew after she got into distress whilst transiting the Bay of Biscay some 148 miles off Cape Ortegal, Spain. The alarm was raised by the crew at 12.15pm when the vessel suffered a loss of propulsion in poor weather and developed a significant starboard list due to a shift of cargo on board. The vessel was on a voyage from Gabon to the ports of Le Havre and Antwerp.

The weather in the area was reported as stormy with force 8 south-westerly winds, very high seas with heavy waves. The vessel was initially listing 25° to starboard but this increased to 40° and some

reports suggest the list is now 45°. With the increasing list the crew sent a distress signal and requested emergency evacuation. Three helicopters and an aircraft of the Spanish Search and Rescue responded in an operation which was initially coordinated by the Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Falmouth. French and Spanish authorities were also involved. Six nearby ships were also ordered to proceed to the area and instructed to be ready to provide assistance if required. They were stood down four hours later. All 22 crew members on board the casualty were winched off by helicopter and taken to La Corunna, Spain and Celeiros, Portugal.

Smit Salvage and Nippon Salvage have been contracted to provide salvage assistance to the vessel under the terms of a Lloyd's Open Form of Salvage contract. The vessel is now drifting in the French sector and French authorities have now taken over responsibility for the vessel and are monitoring the recovery operation. Tugs *Abeille Bourbon*, *Ria de Vigo* and *Centaurus* are in attendance.

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### NEW CASUALTIES

#### Silver Sky

Car carrier, IMO 8519722, Built 1989, 9,772 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 19 January 2016  
- Late Notification

**Voyage** Cotonou Benin to Antwerp, Belgium

**Cargo** Vehicles

**Type of Casualty** Attacked by pirates in the Gulf of Guinea off Bayelsa coast, Nigeria. The vessel was fired upon and a crew member injured.

**Type of Claim** Crew claim  
P&I Skuld

#### Köpenick

Inland tanker, 2563 ts

**Date of Casualty** 20 January 2016

**Voyage** Rotterdam, Netherlands to Unknown

**Cargo** 2,100 m<sup>3</sup> of diesel

**Type of Casualty** Grounded on the Rhine near Kestert following engine failure. The barge was refloated following lightering.

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage and General Average declaration

#### Sabuk Nusantara 49

Passenger ferry, IMO 9753909, Built 2015, 595 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 20 January 2016

**Voyage** Kupang to Naikliu Kupang and the North Maluku islands, Indonesia

**Cargo** General cargo

**Type of Casualty** Suffered a fire on deck 4 whilst off Kupang, West Timor in the Savu Sea. The 81 passengers were safely evacuated.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage claim



#### Metal

LPG carrier, IMO 8012114, Built 1982, 4,852 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 20 January 2016

**Voyage** Istanbul, Turkey to Temryuk, Russia

**Cargo** In ballast

**Type of Casualty** Engine failure at Yenikoy point in the Istanbul Strait. Coastal Safety tugs attended.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage type claim or fine

#### Rosendal

Ferry, IMO 7405936, Built 1975, 768 gt

**Date of Casualty** 21 January 2016

**Type of Casualty** Main engine failure and disabled off Ågskardet. The ferry was assisted by the lifeboat *Skuld* and towed to Halså.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage type claim



Further casualties overleaf ▶

#### Amy Frances

Tug, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 21 January 2016

**Type of Casualty** Allided with the Natchez-Vidalia Bridge on the Mississippi River. The tug was transporting six barges, four of which were loaded with slurry oil and two were empty. One barge, *MM 46*, was holed and sank leading to a loss of the slurry oil into the River. Salvage operations continue.

**Type of Claim** Wreck removal and clean-up operations



#### Q Jake/Serena/Ocean Tomo

*Q Jake* - Bulk carrier, IMO 9461324, Built 2011, 82,188 dwt

*Serena P* - Fully cellular container ship, IMO 9317913, Built 2006, 54,058 dwt

*Ocean Tomo* - Bulk carrier, IMO 9478808, Built 2010, 55,621 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 21 January 2016

**Voyage** Reserve, USA to Cristobal, Panama / New Orleans to

#### Flinter America

General cargo vessel, IMO 9504114, Built 2010, 11,000 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 21 January 2016

**Voyage** Nador, Morocco to Rotterdam, Netherlands

**Cargo** In ballast

**Type of Casualty** Disabled by an engine room fire off the island of Alderney and 30 miles from La Hague. Tug *MTS Victory* was contracted to tow the vessel to Rotterdam.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim

#### Dolphin II

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9318125, Built 2007, 65,992 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 21 January 2016

**Voyage** Busan, Korea to Panama

**Cargo** General containerised cargo

**Type of Casualty** Loss of at least 20 containers in stormy weather in the North Pacific 300 nm off the Kuril Islands. The vessel, carrying 2,900 teu, suffered damage to railings and securing lines and shifting of cargo.

**Type of Claim** Cargo and container loss

**P&I** UK Club



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Charleston, USA / Davant to New Orleans, USA

**Cargo** Soya beans / General containerised cargo / No details

**Type of Casualty** Damaged when 22 barges loaded with coal and petroleum coke from the United Bulk Terminal broke loose on the Mississippi near West Point a la Hache. The *Q Jake* was holed and lost some cargo.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage claims

**P&I** UK Club / North of England / Japan Shipowners



### Queen Anna ▲

Yacht, Built 2009

**Date of Casualty** 21 January 2016

**Type of Casualty** Destroyed by fire whilst moored in Fethiye Marina in Mugla. The Yacht had to be towed away from the marina to prevent the spread of fire to other vessels. Two other yachts were damaged. The *Queen Anna* sank during the night.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage claim

### Glory First

Bulk carrier, IMO 9713909, Built 2014, 77,157 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 21 January 2016

**Voyage** Nueva Palmira, Uruguay to Aarhus, Denmark

**Cargo** Soyabeans

**Type of Casualty** Ran aground in the southern Kattegat at Yder Flak. The vessel was refloated on 23 January with tug assistance and proceeded to Aarhus.

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

**P&I** Swedish Club

### Anna Carola - WR 40

Fishing vessel, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 21 January 2016

**Type of Casualty** Ran aground north of the Steenplaat in the Wadden Sea off Vlieland. The vessel was refloated with the assistance of a KNRM lifeboat.

**Type of Claim** Hull damage claim



### VFM Alita ▲

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 8503814, Built 1986, 5,477 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 22 January 2016

**Voyage** n/a

**Cargo** n/a

**Type of Casualty** The vessel, which was at anchor off Colon, Panama, was struck by another (unnamed) vessel manoeuvring in the anchorage, and sank. The vessel had been anchored for several weeks and had been sold for scrap. She had a riding crew.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage and wreck removal operation

### MSC Monica ▲

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9060649, Built 1993, 43,618 dwt



**Date of Casualty** 22 January 2016

**Voyage** Montreal to Quebec, Canada

**Cargo** General containerised cargo

**Type of Casualty** Grounding whilst transiting the St. Lawrence River. The vessel was refloated by tugs the following evening.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage type claim  
**P&I** North of England



### Xin Yang ▲

General cargo vessel, 5,300 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 23 January 2016

**Voyage** Hong Kong to Taiwan

**Cargo** Foodstuffs

**Type of Casualty** Driven on to rocks on Dangan Island near Hong Kong, China by strong winds. The vessel sustained hull damage with water ingress. Salvage plans are being considered since the vessel has suffered considerable damage with wind and waves pushing her against the rocks.

**Type of Claim** Hull damage and salvage claim

### Olga Topic

Bulk carrier, IMO 9107667, Built 1995, 45,483 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 23 January 2016

**Voyage** Las Palmas, Canary Islands to Gdynia, Poland

**Cargo** Nutshells

**Type of Casualty** Fire in the cargo holds during cargo handling operations at Gdynia port, Poland.

**Type of Claim** Cargo damage

**P&I** Steamship Mutual

### Dong Thien Phu Silver/ Ocean Osprey

*Dong Thien Phu Silver* - General cargo vessel, IMO 9492854, Built 2008, 3,762 dwt

*Ocean Osprey* - Product tanker, IMO 9150652, Built 1996, 7,624 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 25 January 2016

**Voyage** Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam to Yangon, Myanmar / Tanjung Pelepas, Malaysia to Singapore

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** The vessels were in collision off Myanmar causing the *Dong Thien Phu Silver* to sink. All her crew were safely rescued.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage claim and possible wreck removal

**P&I** West of England / Shipowners Club



### Serena III ▲

Yacht, MMSI 710000658, Built 2012

**Date of Casualty** 25 January 2016

**Type of Casualty** Suffered water ingress and sank whilst 13 nm off Fort Lauderdale, USA. A USCG cutter rescued the 13 people on board.

**Type of Claim** Total loss claim

### Captain John

Fishing vessel, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 25 January 2016

## CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP


**El Faro** - editions 132, 133, 134, 136, 138, 139, 143, 145 & 147 - the families of 10 crew members who lost their lives when the container ship sank have each agreed settlement with the vessel owners TOTE Maritime Puerto Rico for USD500,000. There were 33 crew members on board and the other families claims remain pending.

**Suilven** - editions 139, 141 & 142 - A four member team from Ardent has begun an underwater survey of the vessel having won the tender to conduct a

comprehensive assessment of what it will take and cost to salvage the ship.

**Umoe Ventus** - edition 144 - poor weather with strong winds continues to delay the salvage/wreck removal operation. The vessel remains on the bottom the waters off northern beach at Bagenkop.

**Ocean Outback** - editions 144 & 146 - the livestock carrier arrived in Ho Chi Minh City on 23 January 2016 where it discharged 5,607 cattle. The vessel then proceeded to Singapore for repairs on 24 January 2016.

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**Type of Casualty** Sank off La Push, Washington. The fishing vessel was loaded with 70,000 lbs of fish and 800 m<sup>3</sup> of fuel. All the crew were rescued.

**Type of Claim** Total loss claim



### Eastern Vanquish ▲

General cargo vessel, IMO 9411836, Built 2012, 3,200 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 26 January 2016

**Voyage** to Londonderry, UK

**Cargo** Woodchips

**Type of Casualty** Fire whilst at Londonderry. This has been reported as a fire to the vessel Marit.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage claim

**P&I** Britannia

### Klipper

Self-propelled barge, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 26 January 2016

**Voyage** Kehl, Germany to Unknown

**Cargo** Scrap

**Type of Casualty** Broke in two parts amidships whilst loading cargo in the port of Kehl.

**Type of Claim** Salvage/wreck removal and clean-up operations



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### ACT ▲

General cargo vessel, IMO 8206791, Built 1986, 4,298 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 21 December 2015 - Late Notification

**Voyage** Igoumenitsa, Greece to Aliaga, Spain

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Suffered engine failure & loss of its starboard anchor. The vessel was towed to Karistos Bay. Five Oceans Salvage have been appointed to provide salvage assistance under an LOF Salvage contract dated 20 January 2016.

**Type of Claim** LOF Salvage claim

### Nardis

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 9137246, Built 2000, 3,817 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 27 January 2016

**Voyage** Astrakhan, Russia to Bandar Anzari, Iran

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Fire in the galley. Ice Breaker *Kapitan Sechkin* was sent to assist. The fire was extinguished and the vessel is to return to Astrakhan for repairs.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage claim