

### FEATURE CASUALTY

## Benita

Bulk carrier, IMO 9172961, Built 1998, 44,183 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 17 June 2016

**Voyage** Paradip, India to Durban, South Africa

**Cargo** In ballast

**Type of Casualty** Grounding

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

**P&I** London Club

The 1998 built bulk carrier *Benita* ran aground on the south eastern coast of Mauritius in the Indian ocean in the morning of 17 June after an incident on board. The vessel was on a ballast voyage from Paradip, India to Durban, South Africa when a fight broke out aboard between the Philippine and Taiwanese crew members. One crew member locked himself in the engine room and shut off the engine and all electronics, causing the vessel to drift towards the coast. He later told police that the other crew members were threatening to throw him into the sea.

The Master of the *Benita* reported that there were issues on board to the Mauritian authorities shortly after midnight on 17 June at which point the vessel was 12 nm from the coast. An intervention team was

sent aboard a police helicopter. The commandos of the NCG Marcosse Brigade stormed the ship shortly and forced their way into the engine room. The chief engineer was arrested and another engineer who was severely injured, having reportedly been shot in the head and hand, was airlifted from the vessel. The vessel was evacuated by her crew at 5.30am and ran aground on reefs off Mahébourg at 7.30am.

The tug *Ionian Sea Fos*, which was on station in Port Louis, Mauritius (22 nm from the grounding site), was dispatched by the Mauritius Port Authority (MPA) who also set in motion their oil spill contingency plan. The tug reportedly tried to refloat the vessel during 17 June but the attempts were unsuccessful due to poor weather. The bulk carrier had 145 m<sup>3</sup> of fuel oil and 30 m<sup>3</sup> of diesel on board and it was quickly ascertained that there was some loss of oil into the sea.

The vessel owners contracted with Five Oceans Salvage to assist the vessel under the terms of a Lloyd's Open Form of Salvage Contract. A Salvage team was mobilized from Europe and an oil spill response team from Singapore. Pumping of the fuel oil from the vessel began on 20 June but had to be aborted due to poor weather. The bunkers will be pumped into tanks, which have a capacity of

1000 litres, and the police helicopter will be involved in airlifting these to Le Bouchon. The operation is expected to take between 2 to 5 days subject to the weather.

Click [here](#) for video of the vessel aground.



### NEW CASUALTIES



#### Astarte ▽

Sailing vessel, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 15 June 2016

**Type of Casualty** Allided with a floating dock in Bremerhaven.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage claim



#### Bulk Draco ▽

Bulk carrier, IMO 9749726, Built 2015, 66,637 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 15 June 2016

**Voyage** Arroyo Seco, Argentina to Durban, South Africa

**Cargo** 47,220 m<sup>3</sup> of soyabeans

**Type of Casualty** Grounded at Buoy 10.5 in the port of Bahia Blanca. Tugs assisted in refloating the vessel.

**Type of Claim** Possible General Average declaration

**P&I** Japan Shipowners

#### CMA CGM Rossini

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9280639, Built 2004, 73,235 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 15 June 2016

**Voyage** Australia to South Asia

**Cargo** General containerised cargo

**Type of Casualty** Suffered a fire on board whilst at Colombo. The fire reportedly began in two containers carrying Lithium Ion Battery Scrap. The crew activated the CO2 system and also tried to fight the fire with water. Hold cargo is affected by extinguishing water.

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

**P&I** North of England



#### Basalt ▽

General cargo vessel, IMO 8892124, Built 1984, 3,221 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 16 June 2016

**Voyage** St Petersburg to Cherepovets, Russia

**Cargo** 3,601 tons of rubble

**Type of Casualty** Ran aground on the Volgo-Balt Canal whilst approaching an anchorage on Lake Beloye.

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

#### Varna

Ro-ro, IMO 9120384, Built 1995, 4,577 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 16 June 2016

**Voyage** Varna, Bulgaria to Kavkaz, Russia

**Cargo** 43 empty rail cars

**Type of Casualty** Allided with a berth of Kavkaz. The vessel, owned by Indian breakers, was holed.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage claim

**P&I** Shipowners Club

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## Sirius/Conti Jade

*Sirius* – Tug, IMO 7612632, Built 1977, 65 dwt

*Conti Jade* – Bulk carrier, IMO 9476525, Built 2012, 93,253 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 16 June 2016

**Voyage** n/a / Koper, Slovenia to Gibraltar

**Cargo** n/a / Soya bean meal

**Type of Casualty** The *Conti Jade* was struck during discharging operations at Koper by the barge *Ankaran-Koper* which was being assisted by the tug *Sirius*. Damage was reportedly limited.

**Type of Claim** Possible collision damage claim

**P&I** n/a / West of England

## Masaccio

Ferry, IMO 8414702, Built 1988, 21 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 16 June 2016

**Type of Casualty** Allided with the dock at Stromboli Harbour and partially sank. All 117 passengers and 6 crew were evacuated.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage, salvage claim and possible passenger claims

## Mihran/Fu Quan Shan

*Mihran* - Lightering vessel. No other details

*Fu Quan Shan* – General cargo vessel, IMO 9632301, Built 2013, 56,621 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 16 June 2016

## CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP



**Flinterstar** – editions 132, 133, 134, 135, 139, 140, 152, 161 & 165 - recycling company Galloo in Menen, West Flanders has been contracted to dismantle and recycling the wreckage from the vessel. The dismantling will be done in three phases: removal of the cargo of sheet piles; work to the engine room and then the hull.



**Belle Rose** – edition 168 – was refloated by salvors Malayan Towage and Salvaging Corp on 18 June. Two tugs were used to pull the vessel whilst a third was at the aft to maintain stability. Some 500 m<sup>3</sup> of ballast water was removed to lighten the vessel. Salvors had to siphon off the water because the ship's ballast pump had been damaged and was no longer working. The cost of damage to the reef is still being calculated.



**Platino** – edition 168 – the tug *Sea Pelican* has located the damaged yacht and taken it in tow to Auckland. The three survivors arrived in Auckland on 16 June on the container ship *Southern Lily*.



**Voyage** n/a / Singapore to Chittagong, Bangladesh

**Cargo** 1,850 m<sup>3</sup> of cement clinker

**Type of Casualty** The lightering vessel capsized in Chittagong having loaded cargo from the *Fu Quan Shan* for Shah Cement Ghat at Narayangan. Her crew were all rescued.

**Type of Claim** Salvage claim and cargo loss  
**P&I** London Club



## Jan Gunnar

Fishing vessel, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 17 June 2016

**Type of Casualty** Caught fire in the Tanafjord off Berlevåg. The crew were rescued by the lifeboat *Gjert Wilhelmsen*.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage/Possible total loss



## Ursa Major

Pusher tug, IMO 9217589, Built 2002, 1,855 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 18 June 2016

**Voyage** Taranto to Genoa, Italy

**Cargo** General cargo

**Type of Casualty** A fire erupted in the engine room and spread to the superstructure of the tug whilst it was pushing a loaded barge off Gioia Tauro. Click [here](#) for video.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage claim  
**P&I** London Club

## Nusantara Dolphin 1

General cargo vessel, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 18 June 2016

**Voyage** Unknown

**Cargo** 850 m<sup>3</sup> of fertilizer

**Type of Casualty** Sank in the Java Sea, south west of Kalimantan, Indonesia following a cargo shift in poor weather. 12 crew were rescued, 1 died and 2 are missing.

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

## Viking Bragi

Inland cruise vessel, Built 2013

**Date of Casualty** 18 June 2016

**Type of Casualty** Allided with scaffolding on a bridge under construction on the Main-Danube-Canal at Riedenburg. Damage is estimated at Eur 800,000.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage claim



## Beitir

Fishing vessel, IMO 9674830, Built 2014, 4,138 gt

**Date of Casualty** 18 June 2016

**Type of Casualty** Suffered a cargo shift and developed a 25° starboard list whilst south of Lindesnes lighthouse, Norway. The vessel then had a blackout. Rescue vessels were dispatched to assist. The crew were able to right the list and restart the engines.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim from responders

**P&I** Shipowners Club

## Arctur

General cargo vessel, IMO 8889402, Built 1980, 3,197 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 18 June 2016

**Voyage** Astakhan, Russia to Banzar Anzali, Iran

**Cargo** 2,940.51 m<sup>3</sup> of wheat

**Type of Casualty** Ran aground on the Volgo-Caspian Ship Canal. The vessel was refloated with tug assistance.

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

## Sabina

General cargo vessel, IMO 9205718, Built 2000, 9,231 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 19 June 2016

**Voyage** Swinoujscie to bound for Szczecin, Poland

**Cargo** Phosphate

**Type of Casualty** Suffered a fire in the engine room, became disabled and struck the embankment while leaving Swinoujscie port. The vessel was taken back to the port.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage and possible hull damage

## Kerem/Jomus

*Kerem* – Bulk carrier, IMO 9126429, Built 1998, 28,814 dwt

*Jomus* – Fishing vessel, Built 2011, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 19 June 2016

**Voyage** Santander, Spain to St. Petersburg, Russia / n/a

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Collided near Skagen. Damage was limited.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage claim

**P&I** American Club / No details



## Lavinnii

Fishing vessel, IMO 7725908, Built 1979, 452 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 21 June 2016

**Type of Casualty** Sank at the port of Busan.

**Type of Claim** Salvage and damage claim