

### FEATURE CASUALTY

## Hansa Brandenburg

General cargo with container capacity, Built 2003, 23,493 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 15 July 2013

**Voyage** Singapore to Durban, South Africa

**Cargo** General containerised cargo

**Type of Casualty** Fire in No. 5 Hold

**Type of Claim** Salvage claim and possible GA declaration

Another week passes and news reaches us of another seemingly major casualty on a containership. The 2003 German built *Hansa Brandenburg* of 23,493 dwt which ordinarily has a capacity of 1,740 teu, was on a voyage from Singapore to Durban part loaded with 600 teu when, on 15 July, she suffered a fire in her No. 5 hold. Her crew tried unsuccessfully to extinguish the fire and, with the threat of the fire spreading, the crew abandoned the vessel and were picked up by the *Donau Trader*, which was en-route to Port Louis. At the time the crew abandoned the vessel the fire was thought to be confined to the hold with no evidence of further spread into the deck containers but the fact that they considered it necessary to abandon their ship is suggestive that the fire is serious.

The Five Oceans Salvage tug *Coral Sea Fos* has been dispatched to the last known location of the vessel. Having regard for the nature of the casualty, any offer of assistance will likely be on salvage terms, probably using the Lloyd's Open Form salvage contract. We understand that the owners have received interest from a number of professional salvors including Smit Salvage, all offering assistance but as yet no agreement has been reached.

With insurers still reeling from the loss of the *MOL Comfort*, this latest fire will be somewhat of a body blow to the industry particularly since the vessel was likely carrying high value products. The saving grace perhaps is that it is only part loaded and small by comparison to the recent high profile containership fires. That said it will nevertheless raise similar issues and challenges for P&I Club and whichever salvor wins the race to the salvage contract. The vessel, which is under time charter to PIL, is reportedly carrying 1,420 tonnes of heavy oil and 590 tonnes of diesel and is approximately 200nm east of the island of Mauritius.



### CASUALTY FOLLOW-UPS AND LATE NOTICE

**Hope** – has arrived at Penang.

**An Ning** – arrived San Nicolas 13 July 2013.

**Fu Sheng Hai** – The vessel broke in two following a grounding on 2 July 2013. Nippon Salvage are assisting on LOF with SCOPIK invoked.

### NEW CASUALTIES

#### Harmony Rise/ Panamax Blessing ▣

*Harmony Rise* – General cargo, Built 1991, 1,069 dwt

*Panamax Blessing* – Bulk carrier, Built 1996, 69,997 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 10 July 2013

**Voyage** Danchon, North Korea to China/Bahia Blanca, Argentina to Ulsan, South Korea

**Cargo** 2,939 m/t of Calcined Magnesia/57,000 m/t of corn

**Type of Casualty** Collision off Ulsan leading to the sinking of *Harmony Rise*.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage claims



#### Maribo

General cargo, Built 1965, 813 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 10 July 2013

**Voyage** Aalesund to Oersta, Norway

**Cargo** General cargo

**Type of Casualty** Grounding in the Vartdal Fjord, Norway. The vessel, which suffered a small leak, refloated on the high tide with the assistance of local tugs.

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage, salvage claim and GA declaration

#### Asphalt Sailor

Asphalt tanker, Built 2006, 9,230 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 10 July 2013

**Voyage** Montreal, Canada to Providence, USA

**Cargo** Asphalt

**Type of Casualty** Engine failure. Towed back to Montreal.

**Type of Claim** Salvage claim

#### Otilia

Product tanker, Built 1989, 8,828 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 10 July 2013

**Voyage** Taboguilla Island, Panama to Kingston, Jamaica

**Cargo** Unknown

**Type of Casualty** Engine room fire 15n/m south of Cristobal. Svtizer Salvage were engaged to assist on LOF terms. The fire has been extinguished.

**Type of Claim** Salvage claim, possible GA declaration and fire damage claims

#### Champion 1

Combined chemical and oil tanker, Built 1980, 6,535 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 10 July 2013

**Voyage** Aden to Mukalla, Yemen

**Cargo** 4,500 m/t of fuel oil

**Type of Casualty** Engine failure and subsequent grounding with some pollution reported.

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

#### Linda 1

General cargo, Built 1969, 5,180 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 11 July 2013

**Voyage** Rostov, Russia to Kavkaz, Russia

**Cargo** 5,108 tonnes of sulphur

**Type of Casualty** Grounding on

the Volga river. Tug *Puteyskiy 606* is assisting.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim and GA declaration

#### Taokas Wisdom

Bulk carrier, Built 2008, 31,943 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 11 July 2013  
**Voyage** Nelson to Wellington, New Zealand

**Cargo** Logs

**Type of Casualty** Fire in a cabin which was extinguished by the crew but the local fire service also provided assistance.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage claim

#### Martakla

General cargo, Built 1982, 5,271 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 11 July 2013

**Voyage** Nemrut Bay, Turkey to Ukraine

**Cargo** General cargo

**Type of Casualty** Engine failure. Vessel sheltered at Dikili to complete repairs.

**Type of Claim** Possible GA declaration



#### MGM No.5 ▣

General cargo, Built 1988, 1,384 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 12 July 2013

**Voyage** Incheon, Korea to

Wakayama, Japan

**Cargo** Metallic powder

**Type of Casualty** Explosion in the cargo hold leading to the loss of the vessel whilst some 40 nm off the South Korean coast. 1 crew member is missing.

**Type of Claim** Total loss claim



#### Samudera Biru ▣

Chemical tanker, Built 1983, 17,669 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 14 July 2013

**Voyage** Pulau Batam, Indonesia to Chittagong, Bangladesh

**Cargo** Scrapping voyage

**Type of Casualty** Fire in engine room, crew abandoned. The vessel was sold to ship breakers in June.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage total loss claims

#### Empire

General cargo with container capacity, Built 2009, 20,316 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 15 July 2013

**Voyage** Gdynia, Poland to Bremerhaven, Germany

**Cargo** General containerised cargo

**Type of Casualty** Grounding East of Anholt Island. Vessel refloated without assistance.

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage