

Roose + Partners

Casualty Newsletter ⑬

24th July 2013

FEATURE CASUALTY

Hercules 265

Jackup rig, Built 1982, 4,737 gt

Date of Casualty 23 July 2013

Voyage n/a

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Blowout

Type of Claim Fire Damage and possible pollution claims

Reports have been received that the *Hercules 265*, a jackup drilling rig situated in the Gulf of Mexico some 55 miles off the Coast of Louisiana, has suffered a blow out after hitting a pocket of gas. The rig, which is reported to be leased by Walter Oil & Gas Corporation, based in Houston, was according to the operators of the platform Hercules Offshore, completing the process of a side-track well, which is a means of

re-entering an original bore hole, when the blow out occurred. We understand that only a light sheen of oil is evident following the accident and the situation is being monitored by the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement.

There were some 44 people on board the portable rig at the time and they were evacuated immediately that signs of gas coming to the surface were noted. As such no-one was on board when the explosion and subsequent fire occurred. A fire-fighting tug has been dispatched to the site and Hercules Offshore advise that they are mobilising all the necessary resources to regain control of the well and minimize any potential impact on the environment. The accident will no doubt raise fresh concerns regarding drilling in the Gulf of Mexico with the 2010 *Deepwater Horizon* casualty still fresh in the memory.



NEW CASUALTIES

Orient 1

General Cargo vessel with container capacity, Built 1987, 2,755 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 July 2013

Voyage Astrakhan, Russia to Bandar Anzil, Iran

Cargo Steel coils and lumber

Type of Casualty Grounding on Volgo Caspian ship canal, blocking the canal.

Type of Claim Hull damage

Hong Da Hai 10

Products tanker, Built 2009, 11,211 dwt

Date of Casualty 18 July 2013

Voyage Quindao to Xingang, China

Cargo Unknown product

Type of Casualty Water ingress of Qngdao. Assisted by rescue vessel whose crew provided submersible pumps

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim and General Average declaration



Hamlet

Passenger ro-ro, Built 1997, 2,864 dwt

Date of Casualty 18 July 2013

Voyage n/a

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Allision with the harbour wall in Helsingborg.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

Gulf Oasis

Product tanker, Built 1985, 7,544 dwt

Date of Casualty 18/19 July 2013

Voyage Sri Lanka to Sharjah UAE

Cargo Vegetable Oil

Type of Casualty Engine failure in Arabian sea. Vessel was towed to Port Qasim by a local tug.

Type of Claim Salvage and possible General Average declaration

Yara Gas II

Liquid Petroleum Gas Tanker, Built 1977, 1,964 dwt

Date of Casualty 19 July 2013

Voyage Kiel, Germany to Porvoo, Finland

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Engine room fire extinguished by the ship's crew. The vessel is proceeding to Finland.

Type of Claim Fire damage

Henjor

Self-propelled barge, other details unreported

Date of Casualty 19 July 2013

Voyage Unknown
Cargo Sand

Type of Casualty Allision with bridge whilst transiting the Nieuwe Maas river damaging deck equipment.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

Synthese 12

Chemical tanker, Built 2006, 2,043 dwt

Date of Casualty 21 July 2013

Voyage Unknown

Cargo Sodium hydroxide

Type of Casualty Grounding on Rhine river, Cologne. Refloated after lightering.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and General Average declaration

Aegean Rose

Bunkering tanker, Built 1978, 4,935 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 July 2013

Voyage Unknown

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Allision with pier whilst proceeding to load at Aspropirgos Petroleum terminal, near Athens.

Type of Claim Allision and hull damage claim

Stove Trader

Bulk carrier, Built 1999, 46,223 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 July 2013

Voyage Penang, Malaysia to Aqaba, Jordan

Cargo Timber

Type of Casualty Vessel caught fire whilst unloading in Aqaba. Crew extinguished fire.

Type of Claim Possible General Average declaration, fire damage claim and cargo loss claim

Spania

General cargo with container capacity, Built 1981, 2,970 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 July 2013

Voyage Nemrut Bay, Turkey to Romania

Cargo General cargo

Type of Casualty Engine failure and leaks

Type of Claim Possible General Average declaration

Volgoneft 165

Product tanker, Built 1982, 4,806 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 July 2013

Voyage Rostov, Russia to

Istanbul, Turkey

Cargo Oil

Type of Casualty Collision with a passenger vessel Amur on Volga river

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

Volgoneft 120

Product tanker, Built 1975, 4,750 dwt

Date of Casualty 23 July 2013

Voyage Kstovo to St Petersburg, Russia

Cargo 4,500 tons of fuel oil
Type of Casualty Grounding in the Rybinsk Reservoir. A local tug is en-route to assist.

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

An Shun 68

General cargo vessel, Built 2005, 4,988 dwt

Date of Casualty 24 July 2013

Voyage Fukuyama, Japan to Zhapu, China

Cargo General cargo

Type of Casualty Engine breakdown off Ube, Japan

Type of Claim Possible General Average declaration

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

MOL Casualty – The vessel's owners, Master, charterers and slot charterers have joined forces to establish a limitation fund in Japan. Claims against the fund must be lodged 15 November 2013. Roose+Partners are assisting with claims from underwriters in the UK, Europe, USA and Asia.

Hansa Brandenburg – The fire has been extinguished and the vessel has been towed by the Five Oceans Tug, Coral Sea FOS, to Port Louis in Mauritius where she remains at anchor. We understand salvage services are continuing.

