

FEATURE

Piracy News

There have been a number of incidents of piracy reported over the last week with attacks off the Gulf of Guinea. These come on the back of a report by the IMB showing a 20-year low in piracy incidents. In the first nine months of 2016 some 141 incidents have been reported, representing a 25% drop from the 2015 figures. The report details that a total of 111 vessels were boarded, five were hijacked, 10 were fired on and 15 attacks were prevented by measures taken by the crew. Although piracy levels overall have reduced, the IMB global piracy report shows some hot-spots. Kidnapping and hostage-taking persists off West Africa and South East Asia. 110 seafarers were taken hostage in the first nine months of 2016, and 49 crew were kidnapped for ransom.

There has been a significant drop in 'low-level' incidents off Indonesia according to the IMB although the area still accounts for 34 of the 110 seafarers taken hostage so far this year. The IMB recorded 33 attacks off Indonesia in the first nine months of 2016 as compared to 86 for the corresponding period in 2015. Patrols by the Indonesian Marine Police appear to be having a positive effect. Vietnam has reported similar drops with only six incidents so far this year compared to 19 up to this point last year. No attacks were recorded off Somalia in the last quarter and only one attempted attack was recorded in the Gulf of Aden in the first nine months of 2016.

A growing hot-spot for violent attacks is Nigeria which accounted for 26% of all captures, followed by Indonesia, Malaysia, Guinea and Ivory Coast. In addition to the reports below the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre recorded a further four attacks over the last week, one off Cap Island, Philippines, one in Vung Tau anchorage, Vietnam and the *Global Explorer* (IMO 7717004) and the *Vikrant Dolphin* were attacked in the early in the morning of 26 November in the Gulf of Mexico. There appears to be an increasing trend towards kidnap and ransom of crews rather than the focus on the actual vessels and their cargo.



Eliana

Product tanker, IMO 9665293, Built 2014, 17,803 dwt

Date of Casualty 23 November 2016
Voyage Port Harcourt to Lagos, Nigeria
Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Attacked by pirates in the 30 nm west of the Agbami Terminal, Nigeria. The pirates used automatic weapons and were able to board the vessel. The crew were able to take refuge in the citadel and after two hours the pirates left. One of the pirates died during the attack. The vessel sustained some damage.

P&I American Club



Kendrick

Offshore supply vessel, IMO 8121874, Built 1982, 1,200 dwt

Date of Casualty 23 November 2016
Type of Casualty Attacked in the Agbami Field, Nigeria.

Saronic Breeze

Reefer, IMO 9041540, Built 1991, 7,368 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 November 2016
Voyage Takoradi, Ghana to Cotonou, Benin

Cargo Fish
Type of Casualty Attacked off the coast of Cotonou

P&I UK Club



NEW CASUALTIES

Agios Sostis

Bulk carrier, IMO 9473133, Built 2009, 76,000 dwt

Date of Casualty 20 November 2016 - Late Notification

Voyage San Lorenzo to San Pedro, Argentina

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Grounded on the River Parana near Ramallo, Argentina. T&T Salvage were contracted to assist reportedly under an LOF Salvage contract but it has since been clarified the assistance was on commercial terms.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage Claim

P&I North of England



Siva

Fishing vessel, Built 1986

Date of Casualty 22 November 2016 - Late Notification

Type of Casualty Grounded on rocks at Langoya after suffering engine failure.

Type of Claim Hull damage and salvage claim

Jessica

Ro-ro with container capacity, IMO 8207850, Built 1984, 3,502 dwt

Date of Casualty 23 November 2016
Voyage Cristobal, Panama to Cartagena, Colombia

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Sank near the entrance of Manzanillo Bay. Three crew members remain missing.

Type of Claim Total loss, wreck removal, clean-up operations and loss of life claims

Taisei Maru No.38

General cargo vessel, IMO 9601625, Built 2010, 1,630 dwt

Date of Casualty 23 November 2016

Voyage Mizushima to Toyama, Japan

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Struck by a tug whilst at anchor off Mizushima Port.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim



Noah

Yacht, No other details

Date of Casualty 23 November 2016

Type of Casualty Sank 340 miles south-west of Gran Canaria whilst taking part in the ARC transatlantic rally. The skipper Alexander Grefrath, his wife, Alexandra, their two sons aged 12 and 10 and a crewmember were safely evacuated. The yacht is thought to have sunk.

Type of Claim Total loss claim

Nuevo Real Madrid

Fishing vessel, Built 1968

Date of Casualty 24 November 2016

Type of Casualty Suffered machine failure in the Strait of Gibraltar. Salvage tug *Salvamar Dubhe* towed the vessel to Algerias.

Type of Claim Salvage type claim



Utne

Passenger ferry, IMO 9740720, Built 2015, 294 dwt

Date of Casualty 25 November 2016

Type of Casualty Ran aground approaching Saevroy in Bergen, Norway. This vessel was deployed to replace the *Fernejord* which was reported in edition 191.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

Super Shuttle Ferry 3

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 8957106, Built 1971, 192 gt

Date of Casualty 25 November 2016

Type of Casualty Grounded at Hliantagaan Island in Cebu.

Type of Claim Hull damage and salvage claim



Saga

Containership, IMO 9234422, Built 2001, 3,820 dwt

Date of Casualty 25 November 2016

Voyage George Town, Cayman Islands to Honduras

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Ran aground on coral reefs in the Caribbean Sea off George Town, Cayman Islands. The vessel was refloated by a local tug.

Type of Claim Hull damage, possible salvage claim and

P&I Carina

Bayern

Self-propelled barge, 1442 ts

Date of Casualty 25 November 2016

Voyage Vilshofen to Straubing, Germany

Further casualties overleaf

Cargo 930 m/t of soy
Type of Casualty Ran aground on the Danube. The barge was refloated by tugs on 27 November.

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



Thuan Phat 8

General cargo vessel, Built 2008, 3,252 dwt

Date of Casualty 26 November 2016

Voyage Hai Phong to Vung Ang, Vietnam

Cargo 3,100 m/t of rice

Type of Casualty Sank in the Gulf of Tonkin 30 nm off Quang Binh, Vietnam after suffering steering failure and water ingress in adverse weather. The crew were evacuated safely.

Type of Claim Total loss claim

RT-315

Pusher tug, 22 dwt

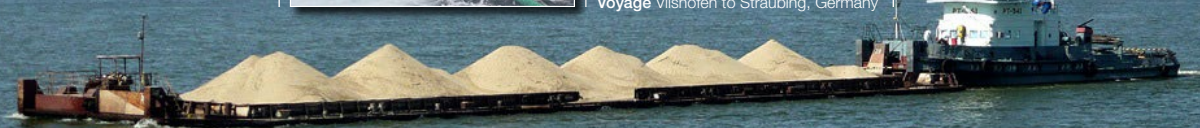
Date of Casualty 26 November 2016

Voyage Astrakhan to Akhtubinsk, Russia

Cargo Barges 1402 and 1403 in ballast

Type of Casualty Collided with an unnamed fishing boat which capsized and sank with the loss of one of the crew.

Type of Claim Collision damage and loss of life claim



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LOF NEWS

Nor Solan

Offshore Supply Vessel, IMO 9744697, Built 2015, 1,252 dwt

Date of Casualty 8 November 2015 - Late Notification

Type of Casualty Fouled propeller in deteriorating weather conditions in the Solan Oil field, North Sea. Siem AHTS Pool AS provided assisted under an LOF contract.

Type of Claim LOF Salvage claim
P&I Standard Club

Robusto

Bulk carrier, IMO 9386512, Built 2006, 173,949 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 November 2016 - Late Notification

Voyage Narvik, Norway to El Dekheila, Egypt

Cargo 163,000 tonnes of iron ore oxide pellets

Type of Casualty Grounded on a sandbank off Alexandria. Five Oceans Salvage SA have been contracted under an LOF Salvage Agreement. The vessel has been refloated and arrived at El Dekheila on 28 November 2016.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and LOF Salvage claim

P&I Gard

Salvage Titan

Tug, IMO 7522136, Built 1977, 1,568 dwt
Date of Casualty 28 November 2016

Type of Casualty Grounded near Luzon in the Philippines along the shores of Sitio Calingkingan, Barangay Barzan, Sanchez Mira, Cagayan. The tug was towing a crane from Oleka, Japan to Malaysia when it got grounded in poor weather. Nippon Salvage have been contracted on LOF terms with SCOPIC invoked.

Type of Claim LOF Salvage claim
P&I Shipowners Club



Navigator

General cargo vessel, IMO 8841735, Built 1980, 3,687 dwt

Date of Casualty 26 November 2016

Voyage Orlovskoye to Astrakhan, Russia
Cargo Grain

Type of Casualty Ran aground on the River Volga after suffering a blackout.

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

Labe 6/Comus

Labe 6 - Self-propelled barge, 1164 ts

Comus - Self-propelled barge, 3021 ts

Date of Casualty 26 November 2016

Voyage Lobith, Netherlands to Antwerp, Belgium / Wesel to Dortmund, Germany

Cargo None

Type of Casualty Collided

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

Vadowesa

Self-propelled barge, 1200 ts

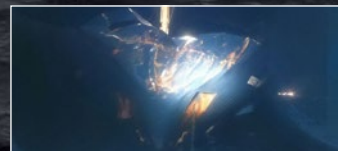
Date of Casualty 26 November 2016

Voyage Brake to Bramsche, Germany

Cargo 950 m³ of soy

Type of Casualty Allided with the dolphins on the Weser near Elsfleth, Germany. The barge was breached and proceeded to Oldenburg to offload her cargo prior to undergoing repairs.

Type of Claim Allision damage and possible General Average claim



Sider Capri/Grande Anversa

Sider Capri - General cargo vessel, IMO 9143403, Built 1997, 4,834 dwt

Grande Anversa - Car carrier, IMO 9287417, Built 2004, 12,420 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 November 2016

Voyage Constantza, Romania to Larnaca, Cyprus / Valencia, Spain to Izmit, Turkey

Cargo Laden, no details / Vehicles

Type of Casualty Collided at the Southern entrance of the Dardanelles Strait. Tugs brought both vessels to the Kumkale anchorage for inspection.

Type of Claim Collision damage and Coastal Safety fines

P&I West of England / Gard

Wiybelsum

Fully cellular container ship, IMO 9386976, Built 2008, 17,083 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 November 2016

Voyage Hamburg, Germany to St Petersburg, Russia

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Allided with North Lock at Brunsbüttel in Kiel Canal causing serious damage to the lock wall.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim
P&I Steamship Mutual

Rix Eleonora

General cargo vessel, IMO 9194830, Built 1998, 3,722 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 November 2016

Voyage Vierow, Germany to New Holland, UK

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Allided with a fairway buoy on the Elbe and lost manoeuvrability. Tugs towed the vessel to an anchorage on Brunsbüttel roads

Type of Claim Allision damage and possible salvage claim

P&I Carina



Kan Zam Express

Passenger ferry, IMO 9137375, Built 1994, 42 dwt

Date of Casualty 28 November 2016

Type of Casualty Sank in the Luzon Strait during a typhoon 50 nm west of Itbayat Island, Philippines. There were no passengers on board. A passing commercial vessel rescued five of the seven crew. Two are missing.

Type of Claim Total loss and loss of life claims

Wadi Al Karnak/Forward

Wadi Al Karnak - Bulk carrier, IMO 9127136, Built 1997, 64,214 dwt


Forward - General cargo vessel, IMO 8231007, Built 1973, 3,634 dwt

Date of Casualty 28 November 2016

Voyage Novorossiysk, Russia to Alexandria, Egypt / Yeisk, Russia to Bandirma, Turkey

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Collision in the Bosphorus

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HANJIN UPDATE

Three months after the collapse of the Hanjin, the last remaining containers on board Hanjin vessels have been discharged from the Hanjin Vienna at Vancouver.

Strait after the Forward reportedly suffered rudder failure. Coastal Safety tugs attended. The bulk carrier had little damage but the Forward suffered more serious damages.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim
P&I Unknown/Unknown

Emerald Leader

Vehicle carrier, IMO 9361811, Built 2008, 10,821 dwt

Date of Casualty 29 November 2016

Voyage Vigo, Spain to Bremerhaven, Germany

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Suffered a fire whilst docked at Kaiser Port, Bremerhaven spreading dense smoke through the lower decks.

Type of Claim Fire and smoke damage
P&I Britannia Club



Black Jack - IJM 22

Fishing vessel, No other details

Date of Casualty 29 November 2016

Type of Casualty Grounded on a beach off Noordwijk after a technical failure. Tugs assisted.

Type of Claim Hull damage and salvage claim

Hung Thai 17

General cargo vessel, IMO 9608647, Built 2013, 2,950 dwt

Date of Casualty 29 November 2016

Voyage Haiphong, Vietnam to unknown destination

Cargo Apatite

Type of Casualty Suffered a cargo shift and capsized in the South China Sea about a mile off Quang Dong, Vietnam. The crew were rescued.


Type of Claim Total loss claim

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP



Transocean Winner - editions 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 182, 184, 185, 186 & 189 - Rig owners Transocean and the owners of the towing tug *Alp Forward* have appeared before UK MP's on the Transport Select Committee to answer questions on the incident in August 2016. The Committee is reviewing the emergency towing provision in Scotland as well as looking at how well the environmental risks were managed. Until 2010 there were two emergency towing vessels (ETVs) stationed in Scotland but with cuts to public spending only one remains, stationed in Orkney, leaving the west coast without an ETV. MPs heard that it was not uncommon for rigs to be moved at that time of year (August) but it emerged that ETVs were not routinely considered in their risk assessments. The MAIB report, being conducted separately, is not expected to be published until the third quarter of 2017.

Maersk Patras - editions 188 & 189 - the container ship departed Las Palmas in the evening of 25 November after completing temporary repairs. The vessel was reported to be slow steaming with her destination as Besiktas where she is due to arrive on 4 December 2016.

Saga Sky  - edition 191 - the UK's Marine Accident Investigation Branch has launched a safety investigation into the collision between the *Saga Sky* and the anchored barge *Stema Barge II* on 20 December 2016. As the *Saga Sky* entered the Dover Strait traffic separation scheme the weather deteriorated causing a drop in the vessel's speed. It began to pitch heavily and the propeller came out of the water causing the engine to over-speed and shut down. The *Saga Sky*'s engine was restarted and the vessel was manoeuvred out of the traffic lane but despite lowering both anchors she drifted towards the shallow water and collided with the barge. Smit Salvage were contracted to assist and they subsequently subcontracted the *Les Abeilles* tug to provide assistance.



Lieveling

Yacht, Built 1973

Date of Casualty 29 November 2016

Type of Casualty Stranded 209 miles north of Kodiak, Alaska.

Type of Claim Total loss

