

# Roose + Partners

## Casualty Newsletter 203

15th February 2017

### FEATURE CASUALTY

## APL Austria

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9444285, Built 2007, 72,807 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 12 February 2017

**Voyage** Singapore to Cape Town, South Africa

**Cargo** General containerised cargo

**Type of Casualty** Fire

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

**P&I** Japan Shipowners

Containers on board the *APL Austria* caught fire whilst the vessel was located east of the deep-water Port of Ngqura, outside Port Elizabeth in South Africa on 12 February 2017. The 2007 built containership was between 50-70 km west of Port Elizabeth, some 30 nm south west of Cape St Francis, when the fire broke out in the no. 4 cargo hold. The local authorities were notified of the fire and the vessel was instructed to proceed to Algoa Bay anchorage where she anchored at around 0200 hours.

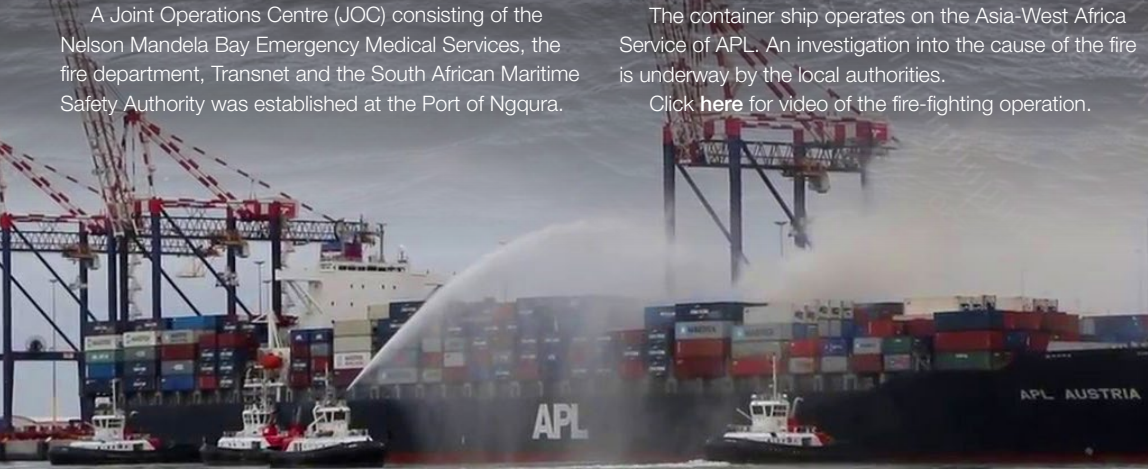
A Joint Operations Centre (JOC) consisting of the Nelson Mandela Bay Emergency Medical Services, the fire department, Transnet and the South African Maritime Safety Authority was established at the Port of Ngqura.

SAMSA coordinated the casualty response and two tugs were initially deployed to the vessel and they commenced boundary cooling operations. The Harbour Master from Port Elizabeth went out to the vessel in the early hours of 13 February with a fire-fighting team to assist the crew with the extinguishing efforts. With the fire raging and concern regarding possible hazardous cargo the Master was instructed to move the vessel further out into the bay to get clear of other vessels in the area.

The vessel had 21 crew members on board and most of them remained engaged in the fire-fighting efforts although four were evacuated from the vessel by the National Sea Rescue Institution (NSRI). Later in the morning, once it was determined that the fire had been brought relatively under control, the authorities gave permission for the vessel to enter the port of Ngqura where local fire-fighters were also engaged. Weather conditions were favourable throughout the fire-fighting operation.

The container ship operates on the Asia-West Africa Service of APL. An investigation into the cause of the fire is underway by the local authorities.

Click [here](#) for video of the fire-fighting operation.



### NEW CASUALTIES

#### Zurbaran

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 9181091, Built 2000, 7,360 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 6 February 2017 - Late Notification

**Type of Casualty** Struck by a freak wave whilst transiting from Mallorca to Valencia. The vessel suffered damage and flooding.

**Type of Claim** Damage and passenger claims

**P&I** Britannia



#### Merete Maersk

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9632064, Built 2014, 194,916 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 6 February 2017 - Late Notification

**Voyage** Tanjung Pelepas, Malaysia to Algerias, Spain

**Cargo** General containerised cargo

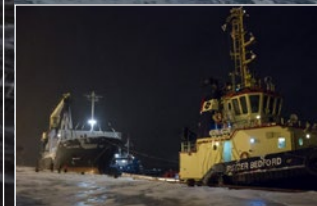
**Type of Casualty** Suffered a collapse of her stow whilst in the Mediterranean. 43 containers were lost overboard, 85 were damaged.

**Type of Claim** Cargo loss

**P&I** Britannia

#### Thorco Crown

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9290074, Built 2004, 10,683 dwt



**Date of Casualty** 7 February 2017 - Late Notification

**Voyage** Argentina to Montreal, Canada

**Cargo** In ballast

**Type of Casualty** Disabled and adrift 32 nm off Newfoundland, Canada after a fire in her engine room. Tug *Svitzer Bedford* was mobilized from Port Hawkesbury but was unable to get a line to the vessel. Canadian Coast Guard ship *Sir William Alexander* eventually connected a line. Later, on 9 February, the *Svitzer* tug took over and towed the vessel to Sydney, Canada.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage and possible salvage claim

**P&I** Swedish Club

#### Emerald Princess

Passenger cruise vessel, IMO 9333151, Built 2007, 8,400 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 8 February 2017

**Type of Casualty** Explosion in a 45 kg gas cylinder at Port Chalmers leading to the death of one of the crew members. The cylinder landed on the berth.

**Type of Claim** Loss of life claim

**P&I** UK Club

#### Norwegian Star

Passenger cruise, IMO 919515, Built 2001, 7,500 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 9 February 2017

**Type of Casualty** Suffered a propulsion failure shortly after leaving Melbourne, Australia. The vessel, with over 2000 passengers, was towed back to



#### Further casualties overleaf

Melbourne by tugs.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim and passenger claims

**P&I** Steamship Mutual



#### loli

Asphalt tanker, IMO 9520431, Built 2009, 3,370 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 9 February 2017

**Voyage** Under arrest

**Cargo** None

**Type of Casualty** Ingress of water whilst at Drammen port. The vessel was abandoned by her crew since November having failed to receive payment from the owners.

**Type of Claim** Salvage claim

#### Clyde Challenger

Yacht, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 9 February 2017

**Type of Casualty** Suffered damage to her mast in treacherous weather conditions in the Atlantic Ocean on 610 nm south



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west of the UK coast. The yacht was participating in the Ultimate Atlantic Challenge. All the crew were rescued and the vessel was later scuttled by the Royal Navy after they determined it could not be recovered.

**Type of Claim** Total loss claim

## Vimaru Pearl ▣

General cargo vessel, IMO 9168403, Built 1997, 8,889 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 9 February 2017

**Voyage** Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam to Philippines

**Cargo** Rice

**Type of Casualty** One crew member was killed and three others injured in a gas leak from the cargo storage area whilst off Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia

## LOF NEWS

### Efendi Baba

General Cargo with Container Capacity, IMO 9087544, Built 1994, 6,906 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 5 February 2017

**Voyage** Mariupol, Ukraine to Bilbao, Spain

**Cargo** Hot Rolled Steel Plate

**Type of Casualty** Engine Breakdown off Tenes, Algeria. Towed to Malaga under an LOF salvage contract by Tsavlis Salvage.

**Type of Claim** LOF Salvage claim

**P&I** Hanseatic

### Calypso ▣

Yacht, IMO 1006544, Built 2003, 1,149 gt

**Date of Casualty** 12 February 2017

**Type of Casualty** Suffered a steering failure with water ingress in the North Sea 25 km north-west of Terschelling during poor weather. Rederij Noordgat BV and Multraship Salvage BV assisted and redelivered the vessel to Harlingen, the Netherlands.

**Type of Claim** LOF Salvage claim



**Type of Claim** Loss of life claims  
**P&I** West of England

## Victoria

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9290165, Built 2004, 22,506 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 10 February 2017

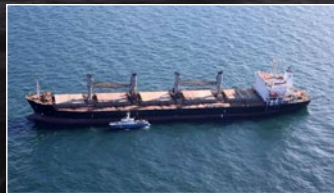
**Voyage** Antwerp, Belgium to Fredericia, Denmark

**Cargo** General containerised cargo

**Type of Casualty** Ran aground northwest of Funen. Three of the vessel's four ballast tanks were breached. The vessel refloated without assistance and anchored for survey which revealed a 50 metre long and 20 centimetre wide breach in the hull. There are reports of some pollution.

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

**P&I** Standard Club



## Wilson Hobro

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9229128, Built 2001, 4,338 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 10 February 2017

**Voyage** Rotterdam, Netherlands to Chalkis Greece

**Cargo** Aluminum bullion bars

**Type of Casualty** Suffered a cargo shift in the English Channel off Brest during poor weather. The vessel called into Brest to re-secure the cargo.

**Type of Claim** Possible General Average claim and/or cargo damage

## Destination

Fishing vessel, 192 gt

**Date of Casualty** 10 February 2017

**Type of Casualty** Missing off Alaska after encountering a storm. Debris from the vessel, which had 6 crew on board, has been located.

**Type of Claim** Total loss claim

## Sagan ▣

Combined chemical and oil tanker, IMO 9184043, Built 1999, 6,685 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 11 February 2017

**Voyage** Kaohsiung, Taiwan to Japan

**Cargo** No details, loaded

**Type of Casualty** Grounding on rocks off the western coast of Suwanosejima Island, in the East China Sea, during rough weather. The vessel was breached and suffered water ingress. Her crew of 18 were airlifted off the vessel. Some were injured. There was some loss of oil.

**Type of Claim** Hull damage, salvage claim, clean-up operations and crew claims

**P&I** Lodestar Marine

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## PIRACY UPDATE

On 5 February general cargo vessel *BBC Caribbean* (IMO 9378242, Built 2008, 6,230 dwt) which was in ballast was attacked by pirates in the Gulf of Guinea. 8 of her crew were kidnapped. Negotiations to secure the crews' release are ongoing. On 8 February the Nigerian navy foiled two pirate attacks on oil tankers rescuing 21 crew members in the process. Troops intercepted the LPG carrier *Gaz Providence*, IMO9448504, which had been taken by pirates a day earlier near Bonny Island rescuing its 21 crew members. They also prevented gunmen from boarding another tanker, the *Rio Spirit* (IMO 9419565) which had loaded cargo from Exxon Mobil Corp Qua Iboe Terminal earlier in the day.



## Senefand Uno ▣

Fishing vessel, IMO 9034262, Built 1993, 40 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 11 February 2017

**Type of Casualty** Suffered water ingress, capsized and sank in the Atlantic south of Dakar. Eight crew members were rescued from a life-raft, three are missing.

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

## Destiny

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 8104577, Built 1981, 2,890 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 11 February 2017

**Voyage** Canakkale, Turkey to Sitia, Greece

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Engine failure north-west of the port of Sitia, Greece. A tug towed the vessel into Sitia.

**Type of Claim** Salvage claim

## CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP



**Thorco Cloud ▣** - edition 143 - the owners of the *Thorco Cloud* filed a complaint in the US district court on 27 January 2017 against the Stolt Commitment alleging negligence in respect of the collision which occurred on 16 December 2015. The *Stolt Commitment* collided with the portside of the *Thorco Cloud* causing the vessel to break in two and sink. Damages are estimated at USD110million.

**City of Rotterdam & Primula Seaways** - editions 141, 146 & 153 - an MAIB

reports has stated that a disorientated pilot on board the *City of Rotterdam* caused the December 2016 collision in the river Humber.

**Stavo** - edition 202 - the owner of the tank barge is facing salvage costs of approximately Euro 100,000 and clean-up costs after it was determined that a pipe on board the vessel had ruptured causing oil to leak into the Danube.

**Alam Manis** - edition 202 - the vessel was refloated by salvors on 12 February 2017.



## Seabourn Encore/Milburn Carrier II ▣

*Seabourn Encore* - Passenger cruise vessel, IMO 9731171, Built 2016, 41,865 gt

*Milburn Carrier II* - Cement carrier, IMO 8606197, Built 1987, 8,465 dwt

**Voyage** At Timaru, New Zealand / Nelson to Timaru, New Zealand

**Cargo** n/a / Cement

**Date of Casualty** 12 February 2017

**Type of Casualty** The passenger vessel broke free from her moorings in Timaru, New Zealand and struck the bulk carrier which suffered damage.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage claim

**P&I** Steamship Mutual / Shipowners Club

## Ben-my-Chree

Ferry, IMO 9170705, Built 1998, 4,168 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 12 February 2017

**Type of Casualty** Allided with a pier in Douglas on the Isle of Man. Click [here](#) for video of the allision.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage claim

## 109 Hyodong Chemi

Combined chemical and oil tanker, IMO 9253997, Built 2002, 3,447 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 15 February 2017

**Voyage** Shimonoseki to Wakamatsu, Japan

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Grounded in the Kanmon Straits. The vessel has refloated and anchored for survey.

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage claim

**P&I** Steamship Mutual

