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Casualty Newsletter 207

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FEATURE CASUALTY

Skagern

General cargo vessel, IMO 9197791, Built 2000, 3,171 dwt

Date of Casualty 9 March 2017

Voyage Kristinehamn, Sweden to Hull, UK

Cargo Timber

Type of Casualty Grounding

Type of Claim Hull damage, salvage claim and/or General Average declaration

P&I North of England

The general cargo vessel *Skagern* ran aground on the banks of the Göta River at Intagan south of the port of Trollhättan, Sweden at 0730 hours on 9 March 2017 after a mechanical failure.

The grounding occurred shortly after the vessel departed the port of Trollhattan under control of a local pilot. She left the fairway and grounded on to rocks at the edge of the river. The grounding caused a breach in the vessel's hull with

resulting water ingress which, coupled with her position on the bank, caused the *Skagern* to develop a 10° starboard list. However the crew were able to get control of the water ingress using the vessels pumps which were still operational once the vessel's emergency generators was started. The vessel was en-route to the UK laden with a cargo of timber from the Setra saw mill.

The grounding was reported to the local authorities who dispatched tugs to the grounding site. Divers were also sent from Gothenburg to carry out an inspection of the damage and to ascertain the threat, if any, of damage to the environment. They reported that the damage to the hull was limited to a ballast tank and there was no risk of pollution. The Swedish Maritime Administration and local rescue services are working with the vessel's owners to develop a salvage plan. In the meantime the Coast Guard secured the vessel to the shore to prevent her moving with the current.

Although traffic on the river was initially halted, vessels are now able to pass and have not been delayed by the casualty.



NEW CASUALTIES



VAL ▽

Yacht, No other details

Date of Casualty 4 March 2017 - Late Notification

Type of Casualty Lost a rudder and was abandoned during gales whilst en route to Tasmania. The crew of two were rescued by a commercial vessel the *ANL Elanora* which diverted from its voyage from Tauranga to Sydney.

Type of Claim Total loss claim



Limitless ▽

Yacht, IMO 8975940, Built 1997, 477 dwt

Date of Casualty 6 March 2017 - Late Notification

Type of Casualty Caught fire whilst at anchor off the Island of Virgin Gorda, BVI. The yacht was extensively damaged and sank. All the crew and passengers escaped without injury.

Type of Claim Total loss claim

Izmail 2 ▽

Tanker, No other details

Date of Casualty 7 March 2017 - Late Notification

Voyage No details

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Caught fire on the Hereke Demir anchorage. Tugs were

deployed and brought the fire under control

Type of Claim Fire damage claim



Miss Lynda ▽

Offshore supply/passenger vessel, Built 1989, 98 gt

Date of Casualty 8 March 2017

Type of Casualty Ran aground off the west Cameron Jetties, Lake Charles, Louisiana. The vessel, which was carrying construction materials, was refloated the following day.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim



L'Argonaute ▽

Fishing vessel, 30 gt

Date of Casualty 8 March 2017

Type of Casualty Ran aground, capsized and sank at the entrance to the port of Guilvinec, France.

Type of Claim Salvage/wreck removal



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Marchekan

Fishing vessel, IMO 8832617, Built 1990, 207 dwt

Date of Casualty 9 March 2017

Type of Casualty Disabled in the Sea of Okhotsk. Nearby vessels stood by whilst the Russian salvage tug *Suvorovets* was deployed.

Type of Claim Salvage type claim

Vikingfjord ▽

Buoy tender, IMO 9389368, Built 1974, 526 gt

Date of Casualty 9 March 2017

Voyage Mongstad to Fønnes, Norway

Type of Casualty Disabled in the North Sea during gales following engine failure. The standby vessel *Ocean Response* provided initial assistance but the tow line parted in the bad weather. The Norwegian Coast Guard salvage vessel *Bergen* then towed the *Vikingfjord* to more sheltered waters. Tug *Sjøbas* took over the tow and the vessel was safely berthed at the port of Rubbestadneset around 2300 hours.

Type of Claim Salvage claim

P&I Gard



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NEW CASUALTIES - Continued - edition (207)

Kum San ▣

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 7418373, Built 1977, 8,656 dwt

Date of Casualty 9 March 2017

Voyage No details

Cargo Rice

Type of Casualty Sank off Lianyuanhang following a collision with local fuel tanker. The 27 crew members were able to evacuate

Type of Claim Total loss claim



Nordfjord

General cargo vessel, IMO 9341732, Built 2006, 6,000 dwt

Date of Casualty 10 March 2017

Voyage Hyllestad to Sandnes, Norway

Cargo 5,500 m/t of sand

Type of Casualty Ran aground north of Kopervik, Norway. The crew were able to free the vessel but it had suffered hull damage and water ingress and proceeded to Kopervik for survey and repairs.

Type of Claim Hull damage claim

P&I North of England

Asphalt Seminole

Asphalt tanker, IMO 9263942, Built 2005, 9,230 dwt

Date of Casualty 11 March 2017

Voyage Singapore to Botany Bay, Australia

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Received towage assistance after suffered a blackout off the coast of Sydney.

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

P&I UK Club

River Eregli ▣

General cargo vessel, IMO 8324581, Built 1984, 1,394 dwt

Date of Casualty 12 March 2017

Voyage Burgas, Bulgaria to Novorossiysk, Russia

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Drifted aground in the Black Sea off Alupka, South Crimea after suffering a blackout. The vessel has become disabled 11 nm east of Yalta but is reported to have refused assistance. After a diving inspection was completed the vessel was refloated by tugs and towed to Sevastopol.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

Chang Xun 17/Jin Hang Hai 6

Chang Xun 17 - General cargo vessel, No other details

Jin Hang Hai 6 - General cargo vessel, No other details

Date of Casualty 13 March 2017

Voyage Chongqing to Zhangjiagang, China / Jiangyin to Guangzhou, China

Cargo No details / 4,500 m/t of steel

Type of Casualty Collision off Nantong on the Yangtze River. The *Jin Hang Hai 6* sank and her crew of 16 were thrown into the water. Nine were rescued, two died and four are missing.

Type of Claim Collision damage, wreck removal and loss of life claims

Ze Hong

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9064798, Built 1995, 41,553 dwt

Date of Casualty 13 March 2017

Voyage Xiamen to Bayuquan, China

LOF NEWS

The Ecofaith **GO** (edition 206) was towed into Broad Bay in Unalaska on 11 March 2017. The vessel, which was in ballast at the time it suffered a mechanical failure on its way to Prince Rupert, is expected to undergo temporary repairs and then proceed to China where permanent repairs are expected to be undertaken. The LOF salvors are Tsaviris Salvage.



Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Grounded on a breakwater whilst manoeuvring to enter the port of Bayuguan. Tugs assisted and refloated the vessel.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage type claim

Holger Danske

Ro-ro ferry, IMO 7432202, Built 1976, 590 dwt

Date of Casualty 13 March 2017

Type of Casualty Allided with a pier whilst entering the port of Puttgarden, Germany

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

Mascaret

Self-propelled barge, 437 ts

Date of Casualty 14 March 2017

Voyage Ghent to Valenciennes Weert

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Allided with the Schelde-Bornem Bridge in Belgium. The vessel was pushing another barge, the *Scelerate*, 341 ts, which broke loose and sank. The *Mascaret* was able to proceed to Temse.

Type of Claim Hull damage and salvage claim

PIRACY NEWS



The bunkering tanker **Aris 13** (IMO 9012501, Built 1991, 1,800 dwt) en-route from Djibouti to Mogadishu with a crew of eight on board is thought to have been hijacked by Somalian pirates in the Gulf of Aden. Two vessels were involved in the attack and the vessel was guided to the port town of Alula, Somalia. This is the first reported attack in the region since 2012.

Meanwhile two vessels were attacked in the Gulf of Guinea over the course of the last week but both were able to successfully repel the attacks: the bulk carrier **Sofia** was attacked on 8 March 2017 whilst proceeding from Lagos, Nigeria to Libreville, Gabon and the LNG tanker **La Mancha Knutsen** was attacked on 10 March 2017.

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Moon Step

General cargo vessel, IMO 9177399, Built 1997, 4,400 dwt

Date of Casualty 14 March 2017

Voyage Istanbul, Turkey to Eemshaven, Netherlands

Cargo Grain

Type of Casualty Suffered mechanical failure and a loss of steering whilst in the Aegean Sea off Andros island, Greece. Vernicos Salvage were contracted to assist and the vessel is being towed to Piraeus where repairs are expected to be undertaken.

Type of Claim Salvage claim and/or General Average declaration

P&I Lodestar Marine

O Busi

Fishing vessel, Built 2001, 66 gt

Date of Casualty 14 March 2017

Type of Casualty Caught fire 12 miles northwest of Cedeira. Her crew of eight evacuated the vessel into a life-raft and were later hoisted to safety by helicopter. Tug *SAR Gavla* was despatched to the site to assess whether the vessel was in any condition to be towed.

Type of Claim Fire damage and possible total loss or salvage claim

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP



Sewol - editions 113, 117, 120, 123, 125, 131, 149, 160, 168, 170, 175 & 186 - the Korean Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries has advised that they expect the wreck of the ferry to be brought to the surface in early April. Two jack-up barges have arrived and salvors Shanghai Salvage are making preparations for the lift connecting beams, which have been placed beneath the hull, to the barges.

APL Austria ▣ - editions 203 & 204 - the investigation led by the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) has determined that the chemical calcium hypochlorite was the likely cause of the fire on board the vessel. There are suggestions the cargo was not manifested and the crew were not aware that there were containers carrying the chemical, but investigations continue.

Sternö ▣ - editions 205 & 206 - after the cargo of cereals was pumped from the vessels holds into the vessel *Lifana*, salvors have succeeded in bringing the vessel onto more or less an even keel. At least part of the cargo was found to be wet damaged.

Isla Bartolomé ▣ - edition 205 - 39 people from the island of Punáwere were detained by the National Police and the Navy of

Ecuador following attempts to loot the 170 containers aboard the containership. A safety zone has been established around the vessel which is being assisted under an LOF by Smit America.



Paradise ▣ - edition 206 - on 13 March 2017 the damaged yacht was raised from the water in the Port d'Andratx using a mobile crane and lifting balloons. The vessel is thought to be a total loss.

