

FEATURE CASUALTY

Volcan De Tamasite

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 9281322, Built 2004, 3,500 dwt

Date of Casualty 21 April 2107

Type of Casualty Allision

Type of Claim Allision damage and passenger claims

P&I Britannia

Thirteen passengers on board the ferry *Volcan De Tamasite* were injured, with five being hospitalised, when the vessel smashed into a concrete wall at Las Palmas on the Island of Gran Canaria on 21 April 2017.

The 2004 built car and passenger ferry, which had 140 passengers and 30 crew members on board, had just departed Las Palmas and was proceeding to the neighbouring island of Tenerife when it suffered an electrical fault shortly after passing the breakwater. The main engine failed and the vessel suffered steering difficulties causing the vessel to turn to port and head directly for the wall. The crew tried to deploy the vessel's anchors but were unable to prevent the allision.

Video footage of the incident can be viewed by clicking [here](#). In addition to the injuries suffered by those on board, the vessel was crushed at her bow. The concrete pier was seriously damaged with concrete debris falling onto the road and crushing parked cars. Several fuel pipes on the structure, servicing the oil company Oryx, were ruptured. Vehicles on the ferry were also affected. Local authorities

dispatched rescuers and vessels to the accident site. The ferry was later brought into the port by tugs and the passengers were able to disembark.

The accident led to the release of between 100,000 to 200,000 litres of diesel with the spill extending to some three kilometres in length. The spill prompted the local authorities to activate the National Maritime Emergency Plan but the level of the emergency was later reduced with anti-pollution operations being controlled locally. Tugs were deployed to disperse the spill which could not be contained due to poor weather conditions. The water desalination plant in the capital of Gran Canaria was shut down as a precaution. The ferry was later towed back into port by tugs and is to be repaired at the Astican Shipyard.



NEW CASUALTIES

Sevilla Knutsen

Liquefied natural gas carrier, IMO 9414632, Built 2010, 97,730 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 April 2017 – Late Notification

Voyage Osaka, Japan to Gladstone, Australia

Cargo No details, likely in ballast

Type of Casualty Struck a (reportedly) uncharted reef south of Guam in the Pacific. The vessel suffered significant damage and was holed with water ingress. The crew were able to maintain control of the flooding and sought refuge at Guam Naval Base. The request was rejected but a US Navy frigate escorted the vessel to Cebu where she arrived early on 24 April 2017.

Type of Claim Hull damage claim

P&I Skuld



Di Più

Yacht, No other details

Date of Casualty 18 April 2017

Type of Casualty Suffered engine failure approaching Rimini, Italy and smashed into the breakwater leading to the death of four crew members on board. See video [here](#).

Type of Claim Total loss and loss of life claims

Cielo di Hanoi

Combined chemical and oil tanker, IMO 9717280, Built 2016, 39,309 dwt

Date of Casualty 18 April 2017 – Late Notification

Voyage San Lorenzo, Argentina to Callao, Peru

Cargo 1,500 m³ of SFO

Type of Casualty Grounded on the River Parana 5 nm off San Nicolas, Argentina. The vessel was refloated with tug assistance on 20 April 2017.

Type of Claim Possible General Average declaration

P&I Britannia



Yue Dian 57

Bulk carrier, IMO 9475583, Built 2011, 56,692 dwt

Date of Casualty 19 April 2017

Voyage Guangzhou to Tianjin, China

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Collided with and sank a Coastguard vessel whilst departing the port of Guangzhou. All eight crew members were picked up from the water. The Coastguard

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I London Club

CPO Jacksonville -

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9445576, Built 2009, 51,687 dwt

Date of Casualty 20 April 2017

Voyage Jakarta, Indonesia to Port Klang, Malaysia

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Ran aground on coral reefs off Pulau Tidung, Indonesia. The vessel was able to refloat and proceeded to Jakarta. Preliminary reports suggest there was no damage to the reef.

Type of Claim Possible environmental claims

P&I Standard Club

Powhatan

Tug, No other details

Date of Casualty 20 April 2017



Type of Casualty Sank in Sitka Lake, Alaska whilst moored in Staffigavan Bay at the Samsun Tug & Barge dock. The vessel which is owned and operated by Samson Tug & Barge was carrying 325 gallons of lube oil and 12 gallons of diesel. Readers will remember our feature in edition 204 involved another Samson tug, the *Samson Mariner*, which ran aground and was breached off Alaska in February 2017 with the loss of diesel.

Type of Claim Wreck removal, clean-up operations

Amiria Eman

General cargo vessel, IMO , Built 1988,

Date of Casualty 20 April 2017

Voyage Oran, to Alexandria, Egypt

Cargo 4,500 m³ of steel products

Type of Casualty Ran aground on the Corno river near Porto Nogaro. Tugs assisted with the refloating operation and the vessel proceeded after an inspection.

Type of Claim Possible General Average declaration

Baymaster IV

Barge, No other details

Date of Casualty 20 April 2017

Type of Casualty The empty barge broke loose from her moorings and grounded on Singer Island, Palm Beach.

Type of Claim Salvage claim

MSC Mirella

Fully cellular containership, IMO 8709640, Built 1989, 25,904 dwt

Date of Casualty 20 April 2017

Voyage Piraeus, Greece to Mersin, Turkey

Cargo General containerised cargo



[Further casualties overleaf](#)

Type of Casualty Suffered a loss of power off Milos. Vernicos Tugs & Salvage were contracted and two tugs, the *Alexander 3* and *Apollon*, were dispatched to assist the vessel. The *MSC Ravenna* also proceeded to standby the vessel. The crew were ultimately able to complete repairs and the vessel proceeded without assistance.

Type of Claim Salvage type claim

P&I North of England



Panagia Parou

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 9108049, Built 1996, 359 dwt

Date of Casualty 21 April 2017

Type of Casualty The abandoned ferry which has been laid up in Algeiras since March 2013 sank at the Isla Verde Inland Pier.

Type of Claim Wreck removal by the port authority

Huckleberry Finn

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 8618358, Built 1988, 5,500 dwt

Date of Casualty 21 April 2017

Type of Casualty Allided with a quay in Trelleborg after suffering rudder failure. Passengers were not injured according to reports.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

P&I Gard

Roose + Partners

NEW CASUALTIES - Continued - edition (213)

Golden Gain V

Fishing vessel, IMO 8816247, Built 1989, 154 dwt

Date of Casualty 21 April 2017

Type of Casualty Suffered water ingress in the North Sea west of Haugesund. A lifeboat was deployed and provided additional pumps to dewater the vessel. It was then towed to Bomlo.

Type of Claim Possible salvage type claim

Sis/Juraj Dalmatinac

Sis - Passenger ro-ro, IMO 7341219, Built 1974, 300 dwt

Juraj Dalmatinac - Passenger ro-ro, IMO 9415193, Built 2007, 569 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 April 2017

Type of Casualty The Sis suffered engine failure whilst departing Gazenica and stuck the moored ferry Juraj Dalmatinac breaching her hull.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I Both entered with North of England

City of Amsterdam/Conmar Bay

City of Amsterdam - Vehicle carrier, IMO 9174751, Built 1999, 2,779 dwt

Conmar Bay - Fully cellular containership, IMO 9458975, Built 2012, 13,000 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 April 2017

Voyage Gdansk, Poland to Emden, Germany / Rotterdam, Netherlands to Helsinki, Finland

Cargo Vehicles / General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Collision on the Kiel Canal at

Breiholz, Germany. The *City of Amsterdam* was proceeding westbound and the *Conmar Bay* in an easterly direction. Two containers were lost overboard and the containership was breached for 20 to 30 metres above the water line. The *City of Amsterdam* was also damaged suffering a 50 metre breach and was assisted to Rendsburg by the tug *Bugsier 18*. The *Conmar Bay* was able to proceed after inspection.

Type of Claim Collision damage and cargo claims

P&I Japan Shipowners / Hanseatic



Nabil J

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 7125225, Built 1971, 1,426 dwt

Date of Casualty 23 April 2017

Voyage Loading at Sidon, Lebanon for Turkey

Cargo Steel scrap

Type of Casualty The anchor chain parted during heavy weather whilst at Sidon and the vessel grounded. Initial attempts using tugs have failed and a larger tug is en-route to the grounding site.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim



Ebba Brahe/Braheborg

Ebba Brahe - Passenger ro-ro, IMO 8816900, Built 1990, 787 dwt

Braheborg - Passenger ro-ro, Built 2014, 289 dwt

Date of Casualty 23 April 2017

Type of Casualty The *Ebba Brahe* collided with the *Braheborg* which was moored at Vattern, Sweden.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

Tamar

Bulk carrier, IMO 9456226, Built 2010, 56,583 dwt

Date of Casualty 24 April 2017

Voyage Baltimore, USA to Gibraltar

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Suffered an explosion and fire in a store room whilst in the Atlantic 1,300 miles off Cape Cod. Two crew members were killed and two seriously injured. The vessel's machinery was not affected and the vessel has proceeded to the Azores. Both the US and Canadian Coast Guards responded.

Type of Claim Damage and loss of life claims

P&I Steamship Mutual

Loreley Elegance

River passenger vessel, No other details

Date of Casualty 22 April 2017

Type of Casualty Ran aground on the Rhine at Filsen. The vessel was breached.

Type of Claim Hull damage claim

Tai Yuan

General cargo vessel, IMO 9379222, Built 2006, 3,357 dwt

Date of Casualty 24 April 2017

Voyage Masan, South Korea to Hakata, Japan

Cargo No details

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

Purple Beach - editions 114, 115, 116, 118, 134 & 210 - arrived at Aliaga and was beached on 24 April 2017.

Sea Worker - editions 149, 150, 151 & 152, 178, 182 & 195 - the wreck removal operation being carried out by the Dutch company DISA off Nymindégab is now in full swing. Tugs *Whalsa Lass* and *Voe Earl* as well as the barge *ASV Pioneer* are on site.

Stellar Unicorn - edition 211 - repairs to the bulk carrier were delayed after a coffer dam, which was put up to assist with the operation, fell off and sank. The vessel is now underway to China.

Aristimo - edition 212 - was refloated at 0820 hours on 19 April 2017 with the assistance of tugs *Golondrina Del Mar*, *Ranquel* and *Emma B*.



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Type of Casualty Caught fire whilst at Hakata port. The vessel sank.

Type of Claim Total loss and wreck removal operation

Giraglia

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 8013235, Built 1981, 323 dwt

Date of Casualty 24 April 2017

Type of Casualty Allided with the wharf at Bonifacio, Corsica.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

P&I Standard Club

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Barge, IMO 9088342, Built 1996, 9,750 dwt

Date of Casualty 24 April 2017

Voyage At Kaliningrad, Russia

Type of Casualty Allided with a berth at Kaliningrad damaging the jetty.



PIRACY NEWS

Gulf of Guinea - Crude oil tanker *Axel Spirit* (IMO 9282041, Built 2004) was attacked by pirates on 19 April 2017 4nm off the Agbami Terminal, Nigeria. The security team on the vessel returned fire and the pirates aborted the approach. Offshore supply tug *Atlantic Mann* (IMO 8305494, Built 1983) was attacked on the same day whilst 11 nm south of Brass in the Gulf of Guinea. Eight crew members were taken hostage.

Gulf of Aden - Chemical tanker *Costina* (IMO 8405701, Built 1984) was attacked on 22 April 2017 off the Somalia eastern coast. The Spanish assault vessel *Galicia* responded and a helicopter was deployed. The pirates fled.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

P&I Gard

Nawa 9

Self-propelled barge, 920 ts

Date of Casualty 25 April 2017

Voyage Loading at Hamburg

Cargo Iron silicate

Type of Casualty Suffered structural failure during loading operations and broke in two.

Type of Claim Cargo loss and salvage/wreck removal

LOF NEWS

Alex - edition 212 - Lloyd's Salvage Arbitration Branch have received notification that the assistance being rendered to the vessel has been contracted on LOF terms.

Usichem

Combined chemical and oil tanker, IMO 9344344, Built 2005, 7,124 dwt

Date of Casualty 19 April 2017

Voyage Taman, Russia to Port Sudan, Sudan

Cargo 5,900 m³ of sunflower oil

Type of Casualty The vessel was disabled 45 nm off Rhodes after suffering a fire in the engine room. The crew were able to extinguish the fire. Megalohori engaged to assist under an LOF Salvage contract and the vessel has been towed to Tuzla for repairs. Winds were recorded at Beaufort 4. Roose+Partners are appointed to represent cargo interests.

Type of Claim Fire damage, LOF Salvage claim and possible General Average declaration

P&I London Club

Wilson Valencia

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9534303, Built 2011, 6,050 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 April 2017

Voyage Coruna, Spain to Salten, Norway

Cargo Quartz

Type of Casualty Suffered engine breakdown off Helgeland coastline, Norway. The vessel was towed to Sandnessjoen. General Average has been declared with Groninger Welke Jannsen of Bremen being appointed.

Type of Claim LOF salvage claim and General Average declaration

P&I Hanseatic

