

### FEATURE CASUALTY

## Mutiara Sentosa 1

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 8718471, Built 1988, 2,130 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 19 May 2017

**Type of Casualty** Fire

**Type of Claim** Fire damage, loss of life and passenger claims

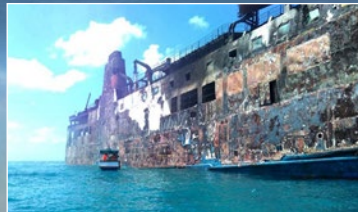
On 19 May 2017, whilst the passenger ro-ro *Mutiara Sentosa 1* was in the Java Sea proceeding Surabaya to Makassar, the vessel experienced a serious fire which led to the death of at least five people on board.

The ro-ro, which authorities now say had 44 crew members and 134 passengers on board, departed Surabaya on 18 May 2017 and was close to Masalembu Island in Sumenep, East Java when the fire started in a truck stowed on the cargo deck. Although the sprinkler firefighting system was activated it failed to douse the flames and the fire spread quickly to the other vehicles. There were 79 motor vehicles on the vessel made up of 47 large trucks, 10 medium trucks, 21 cars and two motorcycles. Several witnesses reported that the fire started in a green truck which was covered in blue tarpaulin and parked on the first deck. Passengers and crew tried to fight the fire

on the truck but an explosion occurred when the tarpaulin of the truck was lifted. It is thought that an LPG cylinder was being transported on the truck and this may have exploded.

The Master ordered an evacuation and the passengers and crew boarded the vessels lift-boats. Merchant vessels and fishing vessels in the area were ordered to provide assistance. Two helicopters was also despatched.

Although five fatalities have so far been confirmed, authorities were concerned that at least 24 passengers were missing but it appears they may have been rescued. However, there remains some uncertainty regarding the passenger manifest which appears to be under recorded with only 92 people listed as being on board. An investigation into the fire and the under recorded manifest is underway. It is not uncommon for ferries in the Indonesian archipelago to be overcrowded or to carry more passengers than declared.



### NEW CASUALTIES



#### L'île Maurice ▣

Fishing vessel, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 16 May 2017 – Late Notification

**Type of Casualty** Caught fire whilst at Boulogne. The vessel suffered serious damage.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage, possible total loss



Singapore / Tianjin China to Port Klang, Malaysia

**Cargo** Iron ore / No details

**Type of Casualty** Collided in the Singapore Straits. Both vessels suffered serious damage.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage claim  
P&I UK Club / West of England



#### Kydon ▣

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 8916607, Built 1990, 6,987 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 18 May 2017

**Type of Casualty** Crashed into a pier at the port of Sansouci in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic during berthing operations.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage claim  
P&I UK Club



#### Da Zhi ▣

General cargo vessel, IMO 9608439, Built 2014, 29,496 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 18 May 2017

**Voyage** Colombo, Sri Lanka to Abidjan, Ivory Coast

**Cargo** General cargo

**Type of Casualty** Allided with a berth and gantry crane at Abidjan causing the crane to collapse onto the quay and crush several containers.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage claim  
P&I Skuld

#### Kapitan Chernov ▣

Fishing vessel, IMO 9101015, Built 1993, 414 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 17 May 2017

**Type of Casualty** Suffered a fire whilst in the Okhotsk Sea southwest of the Kamchatka Peninsula. Salvage tug *Suvorovets* was deployed to assist. The crew were forced to abandon the vessel when the vessel was 7 miles from the coast.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage, possible total loss

#### Gortynia/DZ Qingdao

*Gortynia* – Bulk carrier, IMO 9702584, Built 2015, 182,476 dwt

*DZ Qingdao* – Bulk carrier, IMO 9116656, Built 1996, 49,047 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 17 May 2017

**Voyage** Saldanha Bay, South Africa to

#### Hólmi NS-56 ▣

Fishing vessel, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 18 May 2017

**Type of Casualty** Caught fire off the coast of East Iceland. The lone crew member abandoned the vessel but was later rescued. The vessel sank.

**Type of Claim** Total loss claim

#### Peter Fraser

Passenger ro-ro, IMO8674778, Built 2013, 214 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 19 May 2017

**Type of Casualty** Ran aground at Ile-Verte, Quebec, Canada. The vessel freed itself and anchored for damage assessment.

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage claim

#### NGSP-313 ▣

Cargo barge, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 19 May 2017

**Voyage** No details

**Cargo** Reinforced concrete piles

Further casualties overleaf ▣

**Type of Casualty** Sank on the Yugan Ob river after suffering water ingress during bad weather. The barge was part of a convoy with another barge *MP-249* and the tug *Reidovo-6*.

**Type of Claim** Total loss and wreck removal

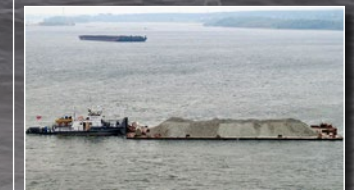
#### Chan TT

General cargo vessel, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 19 May 2017

**Voyage** Yangon to Myeik, Myanmar

**Cargo** General cargo including fertilizer and soft drinks





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## NEW CASUALTIES - Continued - edition (217)

**Type of Casualty** Grounded at the entrance of the Kyauk Phyar River. The vessel was damaged.

**Type of Claim** Hull damage, salvage claim and loss of cargo

### Travestern ▣

Combined chemical and oil tanker, IMO 9053206, Built 1993, 17,089 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 19 May 2017

**Voyage** Hamilton to Montreal, Canada

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Grounded on the St. Lawrence River near Valleyfield, Quebec after suffering a mechanical problem. The vessel was refloated by tugs.

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

**P&I** Steamship Mutual

### Bright Sky

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 9465435, Built 2013, 37,472 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 20 May 2017

**Voyage** Antwerp, Belgium to Leixoes, Portugal

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Allided with the Boudewijn Lock and sustained a two metre breach. The vessel was returned to Antwerp with the assistance of two tugs.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage claim

**P&I** Gard

### Schillplate

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 9505285, Built 2009, 3,176 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 21 May 2017

**Voyage** Alexandria, Egypt

**Cargo** In ballast

**Type of Casualty** Grounded off Egypt, 37 nm from Idku.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim

**P&I** Hanseatic



### Sea Cruise ▣

Cruise boat, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 21 May 2017

**Type of Casualty** Ran aground at Ålforo in Fitjaroyane, Norway. There were no passengers on board. The vessel was breached and suffered water ingress.

**Type of Claim** Hull damage claim

### Fast Herman ▣

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 9345362, Built 2006, 3,475 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 21 May 2017

**Voyage** Szczecin, Poland to Goole, UK

**Cargo** Urea

**Type of Casualty** Ran aground at Prerow Bank, west of Ruegen, Germany in the Baltic sea. The vessel was refloated with tug assistance and proceeded to Rostock for survey. She has since departed for Goole.



**Type of Claim** Possible General Average declaration

**P&I** Standard Club

### Wotan

Tank barge, 1,592 ts

**Date of Casualty** 21 May 2017

**Voyage** Antwerp, Belgium to Rotterdam, Netherlands

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Ran aground on the Scheldt-Rhine-Canal. A tug pulled the vessel free.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage type claim



### Mr Landon ▣

Tug, Built 1981

**Date of Casualty** 22 May 2017

**Type of Casualty** Ran aground by its crew near Monkey Island in the Calcasieu Ship Channel after the vessel began taking on water. There was some loss of oil.

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

### St Elias/Isambella

*St Elias* – Bulk carrier, IMO 9138692, Built 1998, 23,935 dwt


*Isambella* – Sailing yacht, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 22 May 2017

**Voyage** St. Petersburg, Russia – Voyage destination: Turkey – Icdas, Turkey

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** The vessels were in collision off Makronissos Island, Greece.

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## IN OTHER NEWS

Cracks have been found in another vessel which is part of the Polaris Shipping Company. The *Solar Ember* which was en-route from Brazil to Qingdao, China laden with a cargo of 170,000 ore was found to have cracks whilst in the Indian Ocean south of Diego Garcia.

## PIRACY NEWS

On 17 May 2017 the general cargo vessel *Glory* (IMO 9378254, Built 2006, 8,378 dwt) was attacked by pirates 40 nm southeast of Brass, Nigeria in the Bight of Bonny. Six crew members including the vessel's master were abducted. The vessel was on a voyage from Rotterdam, Netherlands to Harcourt, Nigeria.

The yacht sustained extensive damage.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage claim

**P&I** American Club

## New Legend

Crude oil tanker, IMO 9230505, Built 2002, 159,435 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 23 May 2017

**Voyage** Novorossiysk Russia to Vadinar India

**Cargo** Crude oil

**Type of Casualty** Ran aground whilst transiting the Suez Canal. Four tugs assisted the tanker. The vessel has since proceeded.

**Type of Claim** Possible General Average declaration

**P&I** American Club

## CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP



**Soby ▣** – edition 209 – the ferry, which capsized during discharge operations at the Porto Grande in Mindelo on São Vicente island, Cape Verde on 26 March 2017 was raised by salvors on 14 May 2017. The operation was led by Underwater Contractor Spain.

**Nabil J ▣** – edition 213 – the operation to refloat the general cargo vessel commenced on 22 May 2017 almost a month after the vessel grounded at Sidon, Lebanon. Work continues.

**Uruguay Reefer** – editions 215 & 216 – so far no pollution has been observed from the fuel tanks of the reefer which sank last week 210 miles outside the Falkland Islands Conservation Zone. It is thought the fuel on board will have solidified due to the low sea temperatures. The Master reported that the vessel was damaged after striking an ice floe.

