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Casualty Newsletter 218

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FEATURE CASUALTY

Vitin

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 9006289, Built 1992, 3,710 dwt

Date of Casualty 28 May 2017

Voyage Huoy to Myre, Norway

Cargo Fishmeal

Type of Casualty Grounding

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

At 0200 UTC on 28 May 2017 the general cargo vessel *Vitin* ran aground north of Tonnes in Lurøy, Norway. The vessel, which was loaded with a cargo of fishmeal in bulk, had departed the port of Huoy shortly after midnight on 26 May 2017 and was proceeding to Myre when she grounded after apparently suffering a technical failure. The area of the grounding was mainly sand with some rocks.

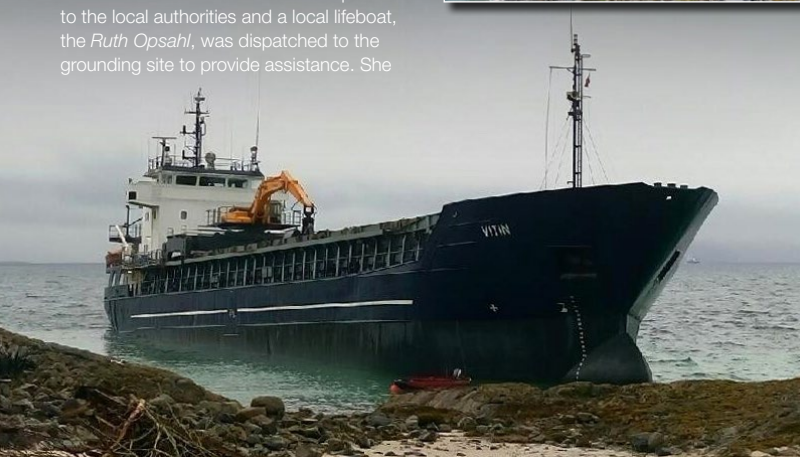
The grounding caused a breach in one of the vessel's ballast tanks with resulting water ingress and the vessel was unable to free herself. The accident was reported to the local authorities and a local lifeboat, the *Ruth Opsahl*, was dispatched to the grounding site to provide assistance. She

tried unsuccessfully to pull the *Vitin* free.

A more powerful tug, the *Boa Brage*, was also called to assist and 12 hours after the incident, the tug succeeded in refloating the *Vitin* at 1500 hours on the rising tide. The vessel was then escorted to Sandnessjoen and anchored so that a full damage survey could be completed. Despite the damage to one of the vessel's forward ballast tanks her stability was not affected by the flooding.

An investigation into the cause of the grounding is under way.

The abandoned vessel drifted aground onto the east coast of Masalembu island at 2300 hours on 19 May 2017 and remains aground.



NEW CASUALTIES



Destiny of Scarborough

Yacht, No other details

Date of Casualty 22 May 2017 – Late Notification

Type of Casualty Sank 350 nm off the Azores after suffering damage in a collision with a whale. The crew were picked up by bulk carrier *Justice* and taken to Aviles.

Type of Claim Total loss claim

Graestone Express

Tug, No other details

Date of Casualty 23 May 2017 – Late Notification

Type of Casualty Allided with the old Highway 80 Bridge in Vicksburg on the Mississippi whilst pushing 14 barges carrying grain and coal. The barges broke loose and were pushed onto the river bank.

Type of Claim Allision damage and salvage claim

Mauna Loa

Tug, IMO 5229704, Built 1963, 199 gt

Date of Casualty 23 May 2017 – Late Notification

Type of Casualty Disabled after suffering engine failure off the Washington coast. The tug was towing a barge at the time. Tug *Lauren Foss* took the tug and barge to Port Angeles.

Type of Claim Possible salvage type claim



Zircon

Chemical tanker, IMO 9010929, Built 1993, 8,000 dwt

Date of Casualty 25 March 2017

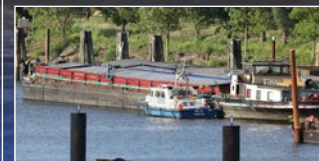
Voyage Riga, Latvia to Skaw, Denmark

Cargo 7,000 m³/t of diesel oil

Type of Casualty The vessel was disabled by a fire in her engine room as she was departing Riga. Tugs were deployed as the vessel was drifting off the coast. The crew were able to bring the vessel under control and the vessel was towed back to Riga for repairs.

Type of Claim Fire damage and possible General Average declaration

P&I Hydor AS



Admiral

Self-propelled barge, No other details

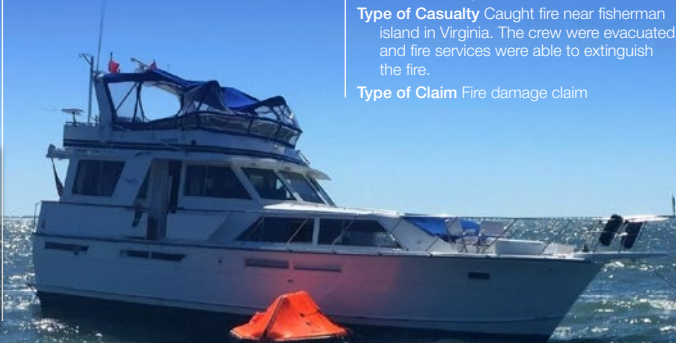
Date of Casualty 25 May 2017

Voyage No details

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Fire broke out in the vessel which was berthed in Trave Port in Hamburg. A crew member died from smoke inhalation.

Type of Claim Fire damage and loss of life claim



Elegant II - B 907

Fishing vessel, 99 gt

Date of Casualty 25 May 2017

Type of Casualty The vessel, now a pleasure craft, sank whilst berthed in North Hylton, Sunderland. Two adults and three children were on board when the ex-fishing trawler developed a 45° starboard list. They abandoned the vessel safely.

Type of Claim Total loss, clean-up operations and salvage claim



Ceton

Fishing vessel, IMO 9350628, Built 2006, 1,348 dwt

Date of Casualty 26 May 2017 – Late Notification

Type of Casualty Disabled near Thyborøn, Denmark. The tug *Goliath Vig* was called to assist due to the size of the trawler.

Type of Claim Salvage type claim

Delgatie

Motor yacht, No other details

Date of Casualty 26 May 2017

Type of Casualty Caught fire near fisherman island in Virginia. The crew were evacuated and fire services were able to extinguish the fire.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

Further casualties overleaf

Grande Ellade

Vehicle carrier, IMO 9220627, Built 2001,

Date of Casualty 26 May 2017

Voyage Esbjerg, Denmark to Wallhamn, Sweden

Cargo Vehicles

Type of Casualty Suffered a blackout and ran aground whilst departing the port of Esbjerg. The vessel was refloat with the assistance of tugs and anchored for inspection.

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

P&I Standard Club

Gaz Century/Hatem Kousai –

Gaz Century - Liquefied petroleum gas carrier, IMO 9249685, Built 2001, 5,782 dwt

Hatem Kousai – Fishing vessel, No other details

Date of Casualty 27 May 2017

Voyage Alexandria, Egypt to Marsaxlokk, Malta

Cargo LPG

Type of Casualty Collision 18 miles off the Sicilian coast near Mazara del Vallo leading to the loss of the fishing vessel and three of her crew.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I UK Club / No details

Eems Delfia

General cargo vessel, IMO 8411633, Built 1985, 1,475 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 May 2017

Voyage Wilhelmshaven, Germany to Hausvik, Norway

Cargo Construction materials



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Type of Casualty Ran aground on Wangerooze Island in the North Sea. Tugs were called to refloat the vessel.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage, salvage claim and/or General Average declaration
P&I North of England



Norrvik ▣

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 7711907, Built 1979, 3,267 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 May 2017

Voyage Thyboron to Kalundborg, Denmark
Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Grounded on the Gisseløre tip off the Port of Kalundborg. The vessel was able to refloat without assistance.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage claim
P&I Lodestar

Hydra ▣

General cargo vessel, IMO 9356488, Built 2007, 3,609 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 May 2017

Voyage Nykobing, Denmark to Antwerp, Belgium

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Ran into the embankment of the Kiel Canal at Rusterbergen after suffering an engine room fire. Tugs were deployed from Brunsbüttel and pulled the vessel free.

Type of Claim Fire damage, possible hull damage and salvage claim



Volgoneft 217 ▣

Product tanker, IMO 8925414, Built 1970, 4,150 dwt

Date of Casualty 28 May 2017

Voyage Yaroslavl to St. Petersburg, Russia
Cargo 4,382 m³ of fuel oil

Type of Casualty Ran aground on the river Lower Sheksna, Russia after suffering a failure of her steering gear. The vessel refloated by her own means.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage claim

Penelope I ▣

Bulk carrier, IMO 9762601, Built 2017, 81,835 dwt

Date of Casualty 28 May 2017

Voyage Villa Constitucion to Diamante, Argentina

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Ran aground on the River Parana. The vessel was refloated with tug assistance and proceeded to Diamante for survey.

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

P&I Gard



Nevskiy 4

General cargo vessel, Built 1975, 3,368 dwt

Date of Casualty 28 May 2017

Voyage Shcheleiks to St Petersburg, Russia
Cargo 3,275 m³ of macadam

Type of Casualty Suffered water ingress after touching the bottom at the Koshkinsky fairway in Ladoga Lake on the Neva River, Russia. The master, concerned the vessel might sink, ran the vessel aground.

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



Global Standard ▣

Bulk carrier, IMO 9550199, Built 2010, 28,349 dwt

Date of Casualty 28 May 2017

Voyage No details

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Draggd at anchor whilst at Laem Chabang. The vessel damaged local coral reefs north of Ko Sichang and damage has been estimated at USD3.5 million.

Type of Claim Reef damage

P&I Britannia

Crosby Commander

Tug, Built 1978, 85 gt Teu

Date of Casualty 29 May 2017

Type of Casualty Sank in the Gulf of Mexico 30 nm off Louisiana, USA. Three of the four man crew abandoned the vessel into a life-raft before the vessel sank but one crew member is missing.

Type of Claim Total loss and loss of life claim

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Xingyun 789 ▣

General cargo vessel, No other details

Date of Casualty 29 May 2017

Voyage No details

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Suffered structural failure, broke in two and sank off Tianjin in the Caofeidian Oilfield in the Bohai Sea. Tugs were dispatched but arrived as the vessel was sinking. The crew were rescued.

Type of Claim Total loss claim

JP Cosmos/Kiyosato Maru ▣

JP Cosmos - Bulk carrier, IMO 9392248, Built 2008, 6,600 dwt

Kiyosato Maru - Product tanker, IMO 9213181, Built 1999, 4,999 dwt

Date of Casualty 31 May 2017

Voyage Chiba to Yokohama, Japan / Yokohama to Chiba, Japan

Cargo 6,220 m³ of coal / 2,000 m³ of naphtha

Type of Casualty The vessels were in collision in Yokohama port.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim



CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP



Specialist ▣ - edition 157 - the report into the sinking of the tug at New York's Tappan Zee Bridge on 12 March 2017 and which led to the death of three crew members has been published by the National Transportation Safety Board.



Alrek ▣ - edition 205 - repairs to the grounding damage caused when the vessel struck the embankment on the Noordzee Canal in Ijmuiden have been completed in Bremerhaven. The vessel headed to Rotterdam and then on to Kingston upon Hull.

Stellar Daisy - editions 210, 211 & 215 - Police in South Korea have raided the offices of Polaris Shipping in Seoul and Busan to try to obtain further information into the cause

of the loss of the very large ore carrier and the loss of 22 crew members. This follows structural problems being discovered by the South Korean carrier in a number of their other vessels. The *Stellar Daisy* was a rebuilt VLOC from 1993. Two survivors of the casualty reported that the vessel's hull cracked leading to a displacement of the vessel and the subsequent sinking.

MSC Daniela ▣ - editions 210, 211, 212 & 214 - the containership is under repair at the Changxing Yard in Shanghai and is expected to return to service in mid-June.

Powhatan - editions 213 & 214 - salvage plans for the sunken tug have still to be agreed four weeks after the accident at Starrigavan Bay, Alaska. The owner's plan is being considered by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Coast Guard for final approval although oil recovery steps are underway with 4,335 gallons so far recovered from the vessel. Meanwhile local fisherman have been advised not to gather shellfish in the area due to concerns that there may be contamination from the vessel's oil.

