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Casualty Newsletter 221

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FEATURE CASUALTY

ACX Crystal/USS Fitzgerald

ACX Crystal – Fully cellular containership, IMO 9360611, Built 2008, 39,565 dwt

USS Fitzgerald – Destroyer, 9,000 d/t

Date of Casualty 17 June 2017

Voyage Nagoya to Tokyo, Japan / n/a

Cargo General containerised cargo / n/a

Type of Casualty Collision

Type of Claim Collision damage and loss of life claims

P&I Japan Shipowners / No details

In the early hours of 17 June 2017 the US Navy destroyer *USS Fitzgerald* was in collision with the containership *ACX Crystal* in a position 56 nm southwest of Yokosuka, Japan and approximately 12 nm off the Izu Peninsula. The *USS Fitzgerald* had left the US naval base in Yokosuka earlier in the day for routine operations in the area and the containership was en-route from Nagoya to Tokyo.

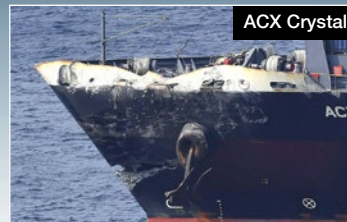
The collision was initially reported to have occurred at 0230 hours but there is some dispute regarding this. The *ACX Crystal* notified the authorities of the collision at 0225 hours but it is understood

the containership waited 55 minutes before sending their report. The *USS Fitzgerald* did not contact the local authorities. The Japanese Coast Guard have revised the time of the collision to 0130 hours. The Coast Guard sent five patrol boats to the area as well as two planes and a team of specially trained rescue personnel. Two US Navy tugs, the destroyer *USS Dewey* and US Navy aircraft were also dispatched to assist in the operations.

The *ACX Crystal*, reported as proceeding at 12 knots, struck the starboard side of the destroyer amidships causing damage above and below the waterline. The destroyer suffered flooding of her auxiliary machine room, the radio room and two crew areas. Many of the destroyer's crew were asleep in their bunks

at the time and the bodies of seven crew were found in the flooded crew quarters. A number of crew including the Commander were injured and were airlifted off the vessel. One crew member thought to have been killed has since been found alive. The containership suffered damage to her bow on the port side. After an assessment of her damage was carried out the vessel proceeded to Tokyo in the afternoon of 17 June 2017. The *USS Fitzgerald* slow steamed under her own power back to the Yokosuka Naval Base's harbour escorted by the Navy tugs.

Multiple investigations into the collision are underway. Data apparently shows the *ACX Crystal* made a complete U-turn between 0058 hours and 0246 on 17 June 2017. Click [here](#) for the *ACX Crystal*'s track prior to and following the collision. The owners of the containership have advised that there was limited visibility at the time of the collision but this is also disputed.



NEW CASUALTIES

Gerner Maersk

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9359002, Built 2008, 127,015 dwt

Date of Casualty 13 June 2017 – Late Notification

Voyage Koper, Slovenia to Trieste, Italy

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty A container stack crashed off the vessel during loading operations. Five containers were declared as totally lost.

Type of Claim Cargo damage

P&I Britannia

Kutai Raya Dua

General cargo vessel, IMO 8820183, Built 1989, 6,565 dwt

Date of Casualty 14 June 2017

Voyage Gresik to Namlea Ilat, Pulau Buru, Indonesia

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Ran aground during a storm whilst transiting the Banda Sea, Indonesia.



Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

P&I RaetsMarine BV

Aquarius

Chemical tanker, IMO 8319160, Built 1984, 981 dwt

Date of Casualty 14 June 2017

Voyage Tanjung Pelepas, Malaysia to unknown destination

Cargo Fuel oil

Type of Casualty Suffered an explosion and sank 4.6 nm southwest of Tanjung Pengelih in the Eastern Singapore Strait. Six crew members are missing.

Type of Claim Total loss and loss of life claims



Bai Ni Takali

Fishing vessel, IMO 9645712, Built 2011, 109 dwt

Date of Casualty 14 June 2017

Type of Casualty Ran aground in Lakeba, Lau Archipelago, Fiji. The vessel was carrying passengers who were evacuated.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim



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Chem Polaris

Product tanker, IMO 9416044, Built 2008, 19,859 dwt

Date of Casualty 15 June 2017

Voyage Hamilton, Canada to Portsmouth, USA

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Suffered engine failure and allided with the Iroquois Lock on the St. Lawrence River.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

P&I London Club



Damia Desgagnes

Asphalt/Bitumen tanker, IMO9766437, Built 2017, 14,719 dwt

Date of Casualty 15 June 2017

Voyage Montreal to Nanticoke, Canada

Cargo 13,000 m/t of petroleum products

Type of Casualty Grounded on the St. Lawrence River east of the Iroquois Lock after engine failure. The vessel was refloated by tugs and towed to Prescott, eastern Ontario.

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Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage type claim

Putri Sea

Tanker, No other details

Date of Casualty 15 June 2017

Voyage No details

Cargo Raw oil

Type of Casualty Suffered an explosion and fire and subsequently sank 4.6 nm miles southwest of Johor. All six crew members are missing. The wreck has been located by the Malaysian Navy and there is some pollution.

Type of Claim Total loss and clean-up operations

Sotnik

General cargo vessel, IMO 8866967, Built 1970, 3,562 dwt

Date of Casualty 15 June 2017

Voyage Tver to Onega, Russia

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Ran aground in the Ivanovo reservoir on the River Volga after suffering a generator failure. Tugs refloated the vessel.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim



Tales

Yacht, IMO 8988765, Built 2002, 120 dwt

Date of Casualty 16 June 2017

Type of Casualty Suffered technical problems whilst departing Portofino, Italy and collided with several other smaller recreational boats. Click [here](#) for video.

Type of Claim Collision damage claims

Iyanough

Ferry, IMO 9375719, Built 2006, 563 gt

Date of Casualty 16 June 2017

Type of Casualty Allided with a jetty at Hyannis Harbor, Barnstable, Cape Cod, USA and grounded on rocks suffering breaches to her hull. Five passengers suffered injuries and were airlifted from the ferry.

Type of Claim Allision and hull damage, possible salvage and passenger claims

Maria Buono

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 8822167, Built 1990, 949 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 June 2017

Type of Casualty Suffered technical problems and allided with a pier at the port of Casamicciola on the island of Ischia, Italy. Some 55 passengers were injured.

Type of Claim Allision damage and passenger claims

Repunte

Fishing vessel, IMO 6603024, Built 1966, 132 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 June 2017

Type of Casualty Sank off Rawson Point, Argentina. Only two of the 12 crew members on board were rescued.

Type of Claim Total loss and loss of life claims



Irem Kaan

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 8500082, Built 1985, 3,734 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 June 2017

Voyage Nemrut Bay to Izmit, Turkey

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Ran aground on the in the Mytilini Strait, at Assos Sokak Agzi beach north of Lesvos, Turkey. Vessel refloated under its own power and anchored for survey.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage

P&I Lodestar Marine

BBC Wisconsin

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9283966, Built 2004, 12,806 dwt


Date of Casualty 18 June 2017

Voyage Gydnia, Poland to Vaasa, Finland

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Allided with a quay at Vassa and struck a crane which collapsed

Type of Claim Allision damage claim
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LOF NEWS

Glory Trader – edition 220 – services to the grounded vessel were provided by T&T Salvage under an LOF salvage contract. The vessel was laden with yellow corn.

Med Star

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 7528659, Built 1978, 5,455 dwt

Date of Casualty 15 June 2017

Type of Casualty Caught fire off the island of Rhodes, Greece. The vessel was carrying 32 passengers and crew and also 33 trucks between Rhodes and Santorini. Fire spread around the superstructure. We understand Megatugs and Smit Salvage have been contracted to assist on LOF terms.

Type of Claim Fire damage and LOF Salvage claim

P&I RaetsMarine BV



Cinderella II

Ferry, IMO 8619821, Built 1987, 50 dwt

Date of Casualty 18 June 2017

Type of Casualty Allided with a quay at Nacka, Stockholm. Nine passengers were reported to have suffered injuries.

Type of Claim Allision damage and passenger claims

Alabama

Schooner, Built 1926, 150 d/t

Date of Casualty 18 June 2017

Type of Casualty Ran aground near the Mystic River mouth, Connecticut, USA.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP



St Gregory – editions 219 & 220 – the bulk carrier was refloated by salvors yesterday after part of her cargo was lightered. The bulk carrier is currently anchored whilst damages and her condition are fully assessed.

Chemroad Journey – edition 220 – salvors are continuing with their preparations to lighten the vessel, 10,000 m/t of cargo and 200 m/t of fuel are expected to be removed. The vessel, which now has an 11° list, has suffered breaches in the forward compartments.

KM Avatar – edition 220 – one of the three crew members thought to have died when the *KM Avatar* sank during storms off

Tanjung Kling on 14 June 2017 was found alive in one of the vessel's life rafts on 15 June 2017 and is recovering in hospital.

Amber L – edition 220 – the Mercantile Marine Department (MMD) has submitted its preliminary report into the collision between the *Amber L* and the fishing vessel *Carmel Matha* which claimed the lives of two fishermen with one other still missing. Having reviewed the available digital and physical evidence, the MMD has concluded the *Amber L*, which left the scene, was involved in the collision on 11 June 2017 and has ordered the vessel's detention until further notice.

Travestern/Havelstern

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

Havelstern – Combined chemical and oil tanker, IMO 9053218, Built 1994, 17,084 dwt

Date of Casualty 18 June 2017

Voyage Loon Bay to Lewisporte, Canada / Long Pond to Lewisporte, Canada

Cargo Diesel / Jet fuel

Type of Casualty Collision damage claim

Type of Claim The *Travestern* struck the anchored *Havelstern* at Comfort Cove- Newstead Anchorage, Newfoundland

P&I Both entered with Steamship Mutual



A.S. Popov

Passenger vessel, Built 1966, 266 dwt

Date of Casualty 20 June 2017

Type of Casualty Ran aground on the White Sea-Baltic Canal. The vessel suffered breaches and water ingress.

Type of Claim Hull damage and salvage claim

Pilenga 2

Fish yacht, IMO 9120310, Built 1995, 1,810 dwt

Date of Casualty 20 June 2017

Type of Casualty Caught fire whilst docked in Busan port, South Korea

