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## Casualty Newsletter 230

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### FEATURE CASUALTY

## Alnic MC/USN John S. McCain

*Alnic MC* - Combined chemical and oil tanker, IMO 9396725, Built 2008, 50,695 dwt

*USS John S. McCain* - Navy destroyer, Built 1992, 9,000 disp/t

Date of Casualty 21 August 2017

Voyage Mai-Liao, Taiwan to Singapore / Unknown to Singapore

Cargo 11,987 m<sup>3</sup> of fuel oil / n/a

Type of Casualty Collision

Type of Claim Collision damage and loss of life claims

P&I UK Club / No details

At 0524 hours on 21 August 2017 the combined chemical and oil tanker *Alnic MC* and the US destroyer *John S. McCain* were

involved in a collision in the South China sea some 10 nm east off the Singapore Straits, 30 nm from Singapore. The guided-missile destroyer was proceeding to Singapore for a routine port call when the collision occurred just before dawn. The tanker, which was laden with nearly 12,000 m<sup>3</sup> of fuel oil, was also heading to Singapore from Taiwan.

The *John S. McCain* sustained damage to her port side aft. A large hole was torn in the hull and a number of compartments, including a crew sleeping area, machinery and communications rooms were flooded. Ten of the destroyers crew were found to be missing and a further five suffered injuries. Four of the five injured were transported to Singapore General Hospital. Search and rescue efforts were carried out with coordination with the local authorities. Various tug boats proceeded from Singapore together with the Republic of Singapore Navy ship *RSS Gallant*, RSN helicopters and the Police Coast Guard vessel *Basking Shark*. The crew were able to control the flooding and the destroyer proceeded to Singapore's Changi Naval Base under its own power later in the afternoon. Bodies of some of the missing sailors have since been located within the vessel.

The *Alnic MC* sustained damage to its fore peak tank, seven metres above the waterline but did not suffer any breaches.

The collision is the fourth such incident involving US navy craft in the past year, the most recent being the collision between the *USS Fitzgerald* and the containership the *ACX Crystal* in June, which also led to the loss of seven Navy personnel (see follow-up). The US Navy has called an operational pause of its fleet pending an investigation into the incidents and reports suggest Vice Admiral Joseph Aucoin, the commander of the 7th Fleet based in Yokosuka, Japan is to be relieved of his duties despite only being a few weeks from retirement. The 7th Fleet, with between 50 to 70 vessels and submarines, is the largest forward deployed fleet in the US Navy.



### NEW CASUALTIES



#### Borey

Fishing vessel, IMO 7720001, Built 1978, 264 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 16 August 2017

**Type of Casualty** Disabled in the Norwegian Sea, 30 nm south of Bear Island. The Norwegian Coast Guard patrol ship *KV Senja* towed to vessel to Tromse, Norway.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim



#### Ocean Crescent

General cargo vessel, IMO 9258193, Built 2002, 8,097 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 10 August 2017 - Late Notification

**Voyage** Long Beach, USA to Guam

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Disabled northwest of Hawaii. She is currently under tow bound for Honolulu.

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

**P&I** Steamship Mutual

#### Valaams

Product tanker, IMO 8859639, Built 1967, 4,800 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 14 August 2017 - Late Notification

**Voyage** Azovz to Volgograd, Russia

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Ran aground on Aug 14 on Volgo-Don Canal in Varvorskoye Basin.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim

#### Huginn

Fishing vessel, IMO 7383011, Built 1975, 847 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 16 August 2017

**Type of Casualty** Disabled in the Barents Sea. Salvage tug *Murmannyba* towed the vessel to Murmansk.

**Type of Claim** Salvage claim

#### Arsland

Combined chemical and oil tanker, IMO 9395989, Built 2008, 16,791 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 16 August 2017

**Voyage** South Stifford, UK to Hamburg, Germany

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Ran aground at Swanscombe Peninsula, Broadness on the River Thames, UK after suffering mechanical failure. The vessel was refloated with tug assistance and was taken to Tilbury.

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

**P&I** Standard Club

#### If Only

Yacht, Built 1974

**Date of Casualty** 17 August 2017

**Type of Casualty** Suffered a major fire off Nice, France. All 11 people on board were safe.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage claim

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#### Alina

Self-propelled barge, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 16 August 2017

**Voyage** Unknown to Hamburg, Germany

**Cargo** Unloaded

**Type of Casualty** Grounded on the Elbe east of Zollenspieker.

**Type of Claim** Hull damage claim

#### Galileo

Inland tanker, IMO 8643559, Built 1999, 3,600 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 17 August 2017

**Voyage** Sluiskil to Terneuzen, Netherlands

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Ran aground in the Canal Gent.

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



#### Notec

Self-propelled barge, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 17 August 2017

**Voyage** Arques to Dunkirk, France

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Ran aground at Dunkirk port, France

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage and salvage claim

#### Nina 1

General cargo vessel, IMO 8402668, Built 1984, 1,485 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 18 August 2017

**Voyage** Thyboron, Denmark to Wilhelmshaven, Germany





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**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Ran aground at Wangerooge, Frisian Islands, North sea.

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage claim



### Ikra ▣

General cargo vessel, IMO 7901837, Built 1983, 3,295 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 18 August 2017

**Voyage** Iskenderun to Antalya, Turkey

**Cargo** 3,230 m/t of steel

**Type of Casualty** Suffered water ingress shortly after departing Iskenderun. The crew were evacuated by the Turkish Coast Guard and after the water ingress had been controlled the vessel was towed back to Iskenderun.

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

**P&I** Turk P&I

### FG Levent

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 9173446, Built 1998, 4,830 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 19 August 2017

**Voyage** Koper, Slovenia to Ancona, Italy

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Suffered engine failure whilst in the Mediterranean. A tug was contracted to tow the vessel to Tuzla, Turkey and a Coastal Safety tug also provided an escort service in the Canakkale Strait.

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

**P&I** Lodestar Marine



### Al-Misbar/Royal Arsenal ▣

*Al-Misbar* – Support vessel, IMO 9673068, Built 2013, 404 dwt

*Royal Arsenal* – Bulk carrier, IMO 9186766, Built 1999, 48,203 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 19 August 2017

**Voyage** No details / Umm Qasr, Iraq to unknown destination

**Cargo** n/a / No details

**Type of Casualty** Collision in the Khor Abd Allah Channel causing the support vessel, with 21 people on board, to sink. Only 10 of those on board were rescued. Four bodies were recovered and the remaining seven are missing.

**Type of Claim** Collision and loss of life claim

**P&I** No details / West of England

### Arama 1 ▣

Research vessel, IMO 9711004, Built 2014, 294 gt

**Date of Casualty** 19 August 2017

**Type of Casualty** Grounded on rocks near Arsuz, southern Anatolia, in Gulf of Iskenderun. The vessel suffered breaches



with flooding into the engine room and research areas.

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

### Xin Dong Yuan

General cargo vessel, 6,948 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 19 August 2017

**Voyage** No details

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Collided with an unnamed vessel off the southeast coast of Pintang Island, Fujian province, in the Taiwan Strait. The *Xin Dong Yuan* sank quickly and only 4 of the 13 crew on board were rescued.

**Type of Claim** Collision and loss of life claim



### Tong Ying/Murom ▣

*Tong Ying* – Fishing vessel, No other details

*Murom* – Fishing vessel, IMO 8729470, Built 1989, 332 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 20 August 2017

**Type of Casualty** Collision in the North Pacific, east of the Kuril Islands.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage claim

### Yangtze Harmony ▣

Bulk carrier, IMO 9618355, Built 2012, 56,763 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 20 August 2017

**Voyage** Shanghai, China to Singapore

**Cargo** 47,376 m/t of steel

**Type of Casualty** Abandoned by her crew in the South China sea some 200 nm off Vietnam coast after suffering water ingress. The vessel was left drifting. The container ship *ALS Apollo* diverted and picked up the crew. We understand Smit Salvage have been contracted to assist.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim or total loss

**P&I** Skuld

### Maersk Pembroke ▣

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9168180, Built 1998, 37,842 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 22 August 2017

## CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP



**USS Fitzgerald ▣** – editions 221, 222, 226, 227 & 229 – the U.S. Navy has relieved the *USS Fitzgerald*'s commander and two other senior leaders of their duties following a review of the collision between the destroyer and the containership *ACX Crystal* off the coast of Japan on 17 June 2017. The report praised the sailors response to the incident.

**Cheshire ▣** – edition 229 – salvors have managed to secure a tow line to the bulk carrier and she is currently being towed to a position off Gran Canaria. At 0500 local time today, the vessel was reported to be 54 nm south of the southern tip of Hierro Island.

**Clia ▣** – edition 229 – the capesize bulk carrier was refloated at 0330 hours local time on 18 August 2017 after being aground for 4 days. She was anchored near the site for an inspection. Four tugs together with the salvage tug *Salvage Champion* assisted in the refloating operation.



**Voyage** Antwerp, Belgium to Montreal, Canada

**Cargo** General containerised cargo

**Type of Casualty** Disabled following an engine room fire 252 nm west-northwest of the Scilly Isles. Tanker *Marian Atlas* diverted to the vessel together with the offshore support vessel *Edda Frende* which is currently standing-by. The vessel's steering has also been affected.

**Type of Claim** Salvage claim and/or General Average declaration

**P&I** Britannia

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## LOF NEWS

The salvage services to the *CSCL Jupiter*, last week's Feature Casualty, were provided by Kotug Smit and Multiraship Salvage and Towing, under a Lloyd's Open Form of Salvage Agreement. The vessel has been permitted to depart the port of Antwerp after an inspection and technical repairs were completed. No security demand has been advanced to the cargo and container interests. We understand that the incident may fall to be dealt with under the vessel's GA Absorption Clause.

A video has been uploaded to YouTube showing the path of the containership prior to the grounding and the subsequent refloating operation. Click [here](#) for video.

## Chemroad Mega/Sinica Graeca

*Chemroad Mega* – Product tanker, IMO 9228318, Built 2000, 30,364 dwt

*Sinica Graeca* – Bulk carrier, IMO 9717486, Built 2015, 63,270 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 17 August 2017

**Voyage** Mesaieed, Qatar to Taichung, Taiwan / Muara Berau, Indonesia to Singapore

**Cargo** No details / Coal

**Type of Casualty** Collision 3.2 nm northeast of Tompok Utara Light in the Singapore Strait. Both vessels were damaged and some loss of oil was reported from the *Sinica Graeca*. Tsavirins Salvage have been contracted to provide salvage assistance on LOF terms to the *Sinica Graeca*.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage claim, clean-up operations and LOF Salvage claim

**P&I** Japan Shipowners / UK Club

