

# Roose + Partners

## Casualty Newsletter 24

28th August 2013

### FEATURE CASUALTY



## Glenn Australia

Chemical tanker, Built 1994, 1127 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 24 August 2013

**Voyage** Bintulu, Philippines to Singapore

**Cargo** 1,010 m/t of palm oil

**Type of Casualty** Grounding off Busuanga, Palawan, western Philippines.

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

The *Glenn Australia*, a small chemical tanker, was en-route to Singapore laden with a cargo of palm oil when she encountered bad weather. The vessel reportedly sought shelter in the waters off Busuanga on the Philippine coast, but was driven aground by the onshore winds in a position some 600 meters from the shore south of Barangay Panlaitan, which is a popular tourist destination. There are some suggestions that the vessel may have suffered engine or steering failure during the storm and was therefore unable to avoid running

aground. The Malayan Towage and Salvage Corporation were engaged to provide assistance to the vessel and immediately dispatched their salvage tug *Mt. Vigilant* to the vessel's location. The terms of the salvage assistance are unknown.

As the vessel was sitting on sand and soft coral there was little threat to the vessel's shell plating. Divers conducted an inspection of the vessel's hull, which is double skinned, on Monday and confirmed there was no damage save for a slight dent on the starboard bow and that the rudder and propeller were unaffected. Oil booms were placed around the vessel as a precautionary measure given the inevitable concerns as to whether the vessel would remain in a stable condition.

The salvors successfully refloated the vessel on the high tide in the evening of 27 August and divers are carrying out a further survey to confirm that the hull and steering equipment are free from damage. The vessel will be towed into Batangas Port anchorage and is awaiting clearance from the Philippine authorities that she is free to proceed.

### CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

**Smart** – edition 23 – swell conditions are hampering efforts to remove the remaining bunkers from the vessel. Assuming conditions improve, the operation is expected to take some 5 to 7 days. The coal removal will extend to a few months. No pollution has so far been reported.

**Kiani Satu** – edition 22 and 23 – sank on 21 August 110 nm south of Buffels Bay.

**Prospect BF573** – edition 21 – was brought to the surface using air bags on 22 August by salvage company Ocean Kinetics.

### NEW CASUALTIES

#### Tiger Cliff

Fully cellular containership, Built 2009, 10,600 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 16 August 2013

**Voyage** Kolkata, India to Singapore  
**Cargo** General cargo

**Type of Casualty** Main engine failure. The vessel was towed a place of refuge off the coast of Myanmar and is to be towed by a second tug to Singapore with an eta of 11 September 2013.

**Type of Claim** General Average declaration

#### Far East Grace

Fully Cellular Containership, Built 2007, 7,746 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 20 August 2013

**Voyage** Taichung, to Kaohsiung and Fuzhou, China

**Cargo** General cargo

**Type of Casualty** Allision with berthed vessels *Huan Qiu Hai Yun*, *Cheng Gong 79* and *Dong Peng* at the Qingzhou Container Terminal in Fuzhou. Five containers on board *Far East Grace* went overboard.

**Type of Claim** Cargo loss and allision damage claims

#### Kepromar

Fishing vessel, Built 1992, 414 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 21 August 2013

**Voyage** In Barents Sea

**Cargo** Fish

**Type of Casualty** Loss of power after becoming entangled in trawl nets. Tug *Purga* proceeded to assist.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim

#### Steamer

General cargo vessel with container capacity, Built 1975, 2,560 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 22 August 2013

**Voyage** At anchor Bourgas Roads, Bulgaria

**Cargo** Waiting to load scrap

**Type of Casualty** Fire in crew cabins whilst waiting at Bourgas Roads.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage claim, possible salvage claim

#### An Shun Da 8

General cargo vessel, MMSI 413590290, no other details

**Date of Casualty** 22 August 2013

**Voyage** Zhangzhou to Xia Bai Shi, China

**Cargo** 1,700 m/t of sand

**Type of Casualty** Grounding and capsizing off Weitou Bay near Jinjiang city in Fujian province, China. The vessel was pushed ashore during tropical storm Trami. Six crew members are missing.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage/wreck removal and loss of life claims



#### Bahari 8C

Passenger Vessel, Built 2007, 213 gt

**Date of Casualty** 22 August 2012

**Voyage** Bangka Island to Belitung Island, Indonesia

**Cargo** n/a

**Type of Casualty** Fire in passenger area while transiting the Nasik Strait, Indonesia. Six passengers are reported to have died, with seven others missing. 184 passengers were rescued.

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

#### Varua Vaikava

General cargo vessel with container capacity, Built 1976, 795 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 23 August 2013

**Voyage** Valparaiso to Isla de Pascua, Chile

**Cargo** General cargo

**Type of Casualty** Vessel abandoned

and drifting some 200 nm off Easter Island.

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

#### Sandar Jati

Ferry, no other details

**Date of Casualty** 24 August 2013

**Voyage** for Ambon to Manipa, Tanjung Alang, Indonesia

**Cargo** n/a

**Type of Casualty** Capsizing leading to the death of five passengers.

**Type of Claim** Total loss and loss of life claims



#### Plata Feeder/Thisseas

*Plata Feeder* – Fully cellular containership, Built 1979, 2,950 dwt

*Thisseas* – Bulk carrier, Built 2012, 75,200 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 25 August 2013

**Voyage** Montevideo, Uruguay to Rosario and Zarate, Argentina / Rosario, Argentina to Rotterdam, Netherlands

**Cargo** General containerised cargo / Biodiesel

**Type of Casualty** Collision in River Parana. The *Plata Feeder* is reported to have suffered steering gear problems which resulted in her colliding with the bulk carrier *Thisseas* and then running aground, causing an obstruction to other vessels navigating up and down the river. She also suffered water ingress which divers have now repaired. Some containers on board were also damaged. The *Thisseas* sustained damage to her shell plating above the waterline. Repairs are being effected to enable the vessel to resume her voyage across the Atlantic.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage claim, possible salvage and/or General Average declaration



#### Andrew J

Tug, no other details

**Date of Casualty** 26 August 2013

**Voyage** n/a

**Cargo** n/a

**Type of Casualty** Loss of stability and capsizing while pushing a barge into a lock in the Welland Canal, St Lawrence Seaway. A salvage operation is underway. The Welland Canal extends 26 miles from Port Weller, Ontario, on Lake Ontario, to Port Colborne, Ontario, on Lake Erie and enables ships to bypass Niagara Falls.

**Type of Claim** Salvage/recovery claim

#### Stormhav

Fishing vessel, Built 1995, 57 gt

**Date of Casualty** 27 August 2013

**Voyage** n/a

**Cargo** Fish

**Type of Casualty** Grounding near Kalvaag. The vessel refloated using her engines and was escorted by a rescue vessel to Kalvaag.

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage

#### Kanilai

Passenger ro/ro, Built 2004, 1,500 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 23 August 2013

**Voyage** Banjul to Barra, Gambia

**Cargo** n/a

**Type of Casualty** Grounding close to Barra, Gambia. Vessel was refloated with the assistance of the Gambian Navy and Gambian salvage authorities and towed to Banjul.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim