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Casualty Newsletter 255

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FEATURE CASUALTY

Hephaestus

Bunkering barge, IMO 6519326, Built 1965, 885 dwt

Date of Casualty 10 February 2018

Voyage n/a

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Grounding

Type of Claim Hull damage and salvage claim, crew claims

P&I American Club

The *Hephaestus*, a 885 dwt bunkering tanker registered in Togo, grounded on rocks off Qawra in Northern Malta on 10 February 2018.

The tanker had been anchored off the coast when the area was hit by a severe storm with driving winds and heavy rain. Her anchors were unable to hold her in position and the vessel began to close the coast at approximately 0300 hours. She hit the rocks near an area known as Is-Sikka l-Bajda in St. Paul's Bay at 0515 hours and came to rest beam on to the rock. She was then battered by heavy surf.

The vessel was manned by 7 crew members, four Bangladeshi, two Russians and one Egyptian national. They evacuated the vessel to the shore but in the process the Master was injured and had to be hospitalised.

The *Hephaestus* was not loaded at the time of the grounding and only had 4m³ of diesel on board. Authorities dispatched a pollution response team to the grounding site and police and civil protection teams were also deployed. A salvage operation will be undertaken once the weather conditions have improved and preparatory work is underway. Cassar Ship Repair have been commissioned by the owners to carry out the salvage operation.

The tanker had been anchored in Maltese water for several weeks following a dispute between the owners and the crew over wages payments. The crew were taken to the Seamen's Centre at Ta' Liesse in Valletta. Transport Malta is investigating the incident.

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NEW CASUALTIES

OMS 6

General cargo vessel, IMO 8684759, Built 2014, 2,400 dwt

Date of Casualty 4 February 2018 – Late Notification

Voyage No details

Cargo In load

Type of Casualty Ran aground off Palawan in the Philippines. The vessel is expected to require lightering.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim



Ivan Papanin

Multi-purpose cargo vessel, IMO 8837928, Built 1990, 10,500 dwt

Date of Casualty 6 February 2018 – Late Notification

Type of Casualty Suffered a hull breach whilst in the Antarctic. The vessel, which had 100 people on board, was able to reach an ice pier where the water ingress was controlled.

Type of Claim Hull damage claim

Akurey

Fishing vessel, IMO 9756327, Built 2017, 1,827 gt

Date of Casualty 6 February 2018 – Late Notification

Type of Casualty Disabled following a fouled propeller west of Reykjavik off Faxaflói. Another fishing vessel attempted assistance but when weather conditions deteriorated the Icelandic Coast Guard vessel *Thor* was called to assist.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Stolvezen

Yacht, No other details

Date of Casualty 7 February 2018

Type of Casualty Abandoned 270 nm off La Rochelle and 130 nm west of A Coruña

after getting into difficulty in bad weather.

Type of Claim Total loss claim



Geosea 1

Research support vessel, IMO 92421, Built 2002, 1,850 dwt

Date of Casualty 7 February 2018

Type of Casualty Suffered an engine breakdown in the Selbjørnsfjord, Norway. Two local ferries diverted to assist and the vessel was towed to Storebo port, Norway.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

P&I Gard



Meløyfjord

Fishing vessel, IMO 9539884, Built 2011, 496 gt

Date of Casualty 8 February 2018

Type of Casualty Ran aground in the Landegode Fjord off Bodø, Norway and developed a severe list. The vessel was refloated with assistance of Navy vessels and towed into Bodø for inspection after the crew had been evacuated.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

Eiltank 24

Tank barge, Built 1983, 1,800 ts

Date of Casualty 8 February 2018

Voyage 1,800 m³ of heavy fuel oil

Cargo Kappel-Grafenhausen, Germany to Rotterdam, Netherlands

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Type of Casualty Touched the bottom on the Rhine and suffered hull damage.

Type of Claim Hull damage and possible salvage claim

Claudia

Self-propelled barge, 960 ts

Date of Casualty 8 February 2018

Voyage 1,000 m³ of coal

Cargo Hamburg to Berlin, Germany

Type of Casualty Suffered water ingress and oil contamination. All the cargo was discharged by crane to the Gilde Beton facility in Burg where it will be held pending completion of repairs to the *Claudia*. Several leaks in the hull in the cargo hold and engine room were noted.

Type of Claim Possible cargo damage



Nas Pathfinder/Marechiaro

Nas Pathfinder - Tug, IMO 7312402, Built 1974, 133dwt

Marechiaro - Tug, IMO 7621504, Built 1978, 509 dwt

Date of Casualty 8 February 2018

Type of Casualty The *Nas Pathfinder* suffered steering gear failure in poor weather 195 nm south west of Brest whilst towing the *Marechiaro* and was forced to release the tow. The *Abelle Bourbon* sailed from Brest and placed a GPS tracker on the *Marechiaro* whilst the *Nas Pathfinder* was towed to La Coruna by the tug *Threinta*. The *Threinta* then returned and picked up the *Marechiaro*.

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

New Gemini

General cargo vessel, IMO 9523756, Built 2008, 5,269 dwt

Date of Casualty 9 February 2018

Voyage Novorossiysk, Russia to Tunisian ports

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Cargo 5,200 m/t of cereals

Type of Casualty Suffered a technical failure off Neapoli Voion, Laconia. Tugs were deployed to tow the vessel into Piraeus, Greece.

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

P&I Skuld



Sierra Leyre ▣

Reefer, IMO 9135822, Built 1997, 5,937 dwt

Date of Casualty 9 February 2018

Voyage Nouadhibou, Mauritania to Harcourt, Nigeria

Cargo No details, likely in ballast

Type of Casualty Attacked by pirates off Bonny, Nigeria. Four crew members were taken.

Type of Claim Possible kidnap and ransom

P&I North of England

Agios Ioannis Rossos/Proteus

Agios Ioannis Rossos – Built 2013, No other details

Proteus – Ro-ro, IMO 7350416, Built 1973, 726 dwt

Date of Casualty 10 February 2018

Voyage No details/ Skiathos to Volos, Greece

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty The vessels collided at the port of Skiathos, Greece.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

Tervind ▣

Oil products tanker, IMO 9425356, Built 2008, 11,258 dwt

Date of Casualty 10 February 2018

Voyage Gothenburg, Sweden to Mongstad, Norway

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Grounded on an island in the Graveskar Archipelago near Gothenburg after suffering steering failure. She was refloated with tug assistance and anchored for survey.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

P&I Gard

Skylark

General cargo vessel, IMO 7416040, Built 1976, 1,608 dwt

Date of Casualty 10 February 2018

Voyage Misrata, to Tuzla

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Mechanical failure in Kissamos Bay. The vessel was towed to the port of Kissamos, Greece.

Type of Claim Possible salvage type claim



Danica Hav ▣

General cargo vessel, IMO 8401535, Built 1984, 1,720 dwt

Date of Casualty 11 February 2018

Voyage to Goole, UK

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Ran aground on the river Ouse approaching Goole. The vessel was refloated on 12 February 2018.

Type of Claim Possible salvage type claim

P&I Gard

Rhein 1 SL

Self-propelled barge, No other details

Date of Casualty 11 February 2018

Voyage No details

Cargo 2,200 tons rape

Type of Casualty Suffered engine failure on the Danube whilst pushing a second barge.

Type of Claim Possible General Average claim

MSC Atlantic

Fully cellular containership, IMO 8913447, Built 1991, 46,975 dwt

Date of Casualty 12 February 2018

Voyage Bremerhaven, Germany to Rotterdam, Netherlands

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Lost containers off Texel. They were reported as being empty.

Type of Claim Container loss

P&I West of England



Golden Sea ▣

LPG tanker, IMO 8800298, Built 1989, 4,248 dwt

Date of Casualty 12 February 2018

Voyage Kavkaz, Russia to Tripoli, Lebanon

Cargo LPG

Type of Casualty Suffered engine failure whilst transiting the Bosphorus near Maiden's Tower. Coastal Safety tugs towed the vessel to a safe anchorage.


Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Abdala

Bulk carrier, IMO 9571040, Built 2011, 34,938 dwt

Date of Casualty 12 February 2018

Voyage Belfast to Londonderry, Ireland

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Sea Bay

Product tanker, IMO 9439539, Built 2009, 108,760 dwt

Date of Casualty 9 February 2018

Voyage Hound Point Terminal, UK to Antwerp, Belgium

Cargo Crude oil

Type of Casualty Grounded following a blackout 8 km off the coast of Zeebrugge near the Scheur Channel. URS Belgie NV/Multiship Salvage BV dispatched tugs to assist in refloating the vessel on the next high tide. The vessel was given permission to proceed but was taken to Zeebrugge for additional inspection. Roose+Partners are appointed for cargo interests.

Type of Claim LOF salvage claim

P&I Skuld

Cargo 17,000 m/t of coal

Type of Casualty Towed by the tug *Waterman* after suffering engine problems. The problem was rectified and the vessel proceeded without assistance.

Type of Claim Unlikely but possible General Average claim

P&I North of England

Sagar Bhushan

Offshore drilling ship, IMO 8407266, Built 1987, 9,113 dwt

Date of Casualty 13 February 2018

Type of Casualty Suffered an explosion and fire under repair at the Cochin Shipyard, Kerala, India. A number of workers were killed and injured.

Type of Claim Fire damage and loss of life claims

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP



Blue Star Patmos ▣ – editions 231, 232 & 233 – repairs to the grounding damage, which occurred when the ferry ran aground whilst entering Ios, Greece on 30 August 2017, have been completed. The vessel has returned to her Piraeus, Syros, Paros, Naxos, Ios, Thira and Anafi schedule.

Hansa Meersburg – edition 250 – has completed repairs to the allision damage caused when the vessel struck berth No. 11 at Keelung which in turn led to the collapse of a gantry crane and damage to some 50 containers. Security for the damage has been provided to the ULIC terminal by the vessel's P&I Club.

Diana ▣ – editions 252 & 253 – cargo was lightered and the vessel successfully refloated.

MOL Prestige – edition 254 – arrived off Vancouver, Canada on 9 February 2018. The vessel was under tow having been disabled by an engine room fire whilst on a voyage to Japan.

Talo ▣ – edition 254 – the tank barge was refloated in the afternoon of 7 February after the cargo of fertiliser had been off-loaded to the tank barge, Jowi which had had to

discharge its own cargo of urea at the port of Roßlau before assisting.

Kasbah ▣ – edition 254 – was freed by an icebreaker from the water plant at Lengfurt and after divers confirmed the barge had no damage, she was cleared to resume her voyage. Click [here](#) for video.

