

FEATURE CASUALTY

Pearl of Para

Livestock carrier, Built 1994, 7,585 dwt

Date of Casualty 6 September 2013

Voyage Fremantle, Australia to Israel

Cargo 5,240 of Brahman-cross cattle

Type of Casualty Mechanical problems

Type of Claim Possible General
Average declaration

The *Pearl of Para*, which had departed Fremantle for Israel on 5 September, experienced a problem with her propeller shaft and despite the crew's efforts, the issue could not be repaired and the vessel returned to her loading port. Although the vessel's ventilation, feed and water systems remained operational and her cargo of cattle were apparently unaffected by the delay to the voyage (expected to take three weeks), having regard to the welfare of the cattle, the vessel's Master decided to return to Fremantle.

The vessel anchored off Rottnest on 9 September to enable engineers to carry out an assessment of the problem and determine whether the issue could be resolved without the requirement to unload the cattle. If the repairs can be completed quickly then

hopefully there will be no requirement to discharge the cattle as the total time the cattle will ultimately remain on the vessel would still be likely to fall within the guidelines for travel times for livestock. However, if repairs are expected to take longer, the shippers will have to decide whether to tranship the cattle to another vessel or unload and hold them until repairs are completed.

The main concern is to ensure the safety of the cattle and to that end the Australian Livestock Exporters' Council has arranged for inspectors to board the vessel to check on the condition of the cattle. Daily assessments are being undertaken. The casualty has of course raised fresh concerns regarding the export of livestock, particularly with regard to the maintenance of these vessels and the conditions the animals are subject to. In the case of the *Pearl of Para*, the same vessel suffered a mechanical issue last year, which reportedly led to the death of 400 pregnant cows en route from the USA to Russia. In edition 23 of our Newsletter we included a report on the *Estancia*, a livestock carrier which was on fire off Berbera, Gulf of Aden. Fortunately she was waiting to load when the fire broke out in the feed area.



NEW CASUALTIES

ZavolzhsK

General cargo vessel, Built 1965, 2,170 dwt

Date of Casualty 4 September 2013

Voyage Onega to Tver, Russia

Cargo 2,430 m/t of rubble

Type of Casualty Grounding in the Uglich Reservoir, River Volga. The tug OTA-930 and a barge were engaged to assist with the refloating operation.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Nordvik

River-sea tanker, Built 1985, 4,996 dwt

Date of Casualty 4 September 2013

Voyage Murmansk to Dudinka, Russia

Cargo Diesel

Type of Casualty Collision with ice floe in Matisen Strait, Russia leading to water ingress.

Type of Claim Hull damage claim

Pryazha

General cargo with container capacity, Built 1989, 4,173 dwt

Date of Casualty 4 September 2013

Voyage Volgograd, Russia to Iran

Cargo 3,190 m/t of grain

Type of Casualty Grounding near Chernoyarsk, River Volga. Vessel was refloated with the assistance of tug OT-2428.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Marine Road

Ro-Ro, Built 1992, 5,260 dwt

Date of Casualty 4 September 2013

Voyage Kanda to Nagoya, Japan

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Allision during berthing operations with the Tobishima Pier, Nagoya causing damage to the pier.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

Anna Elizabeth

Fishing vessel, Built 1987, 267 gt

Date of Casualty 5 September 2013

Voyage n/a

Cargo Fish

Type of Casualty Fire in engine room off Ameland, the Netherlands. The fire was extinguished with the assistance of the coastguard and the vessel was towed to Harlingen.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

Stadiongracht

General cargo with container capacity, Built 2000, 21,250 dwt

Date of Casualty 5 September 2013

Voyage Venice, Italy to Houston, USA

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Allision with City Dock 10, Houston causing damage to the pier.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim



Erhan Araz

General cargo vessel, Built 1987, 3,784 dwt

Date of Casualty 6 September 2013

Voyage Diliskelesi, Turkey to Novorossiysk

Cargo 3,397 m/t of steel rolls

Type of Casualty Grounding in Bosphorus Strait at Beykoz beach following rudder failure. The coastguard and tugs assisted with the refloating.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim and allision damage claims

Gold Star

General cargo with container capacity,

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

Maersk Kampala – edition 25 – the vessel is proceeding under her own power to Algeiras. We are advised that no GA security will be sought from cargo and container interests.

Plata Feeder – edition 24 – the vessel remains

Built 1975, 3,473 dwt

Date of Casualty 6 September 2013

Voyage Unknown

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Fire in the bridge and accommodation area. The vessel was being monitored by Italian authorities following a tip off that it was carrying a cargo of marijuana. The fire may have been set by the crew to destroy the shipment. The vessel was found to be carrying 50 m/t of the drug, 20 m/t of which was destroyed in the fire, tightly packed and hidden in the accommodation area. The crew are under arrest and the vessel, which suffered serious damage to its aft section, was towed to Syracuse.

Type of Claim Unlikely – subject to investigation

Aquaholic

Fishing vessel, no other details

Date of Casualty 6 September 2013

Voyage n/a

Cargo Fish

Type of Casualty Sinking off Ucluelet, British Columbia, Canada. The crew, reported to be "clinging onto coolers and a half-inflated dingy", were safely rescued from the sea.

Type of Claim Total loss claim

Vale Indonesia

Bulk ore carrier, Built 2012, 403,727 dwt

Date of Casualty 7 September 2013

Voyage Sao Luis, Brazil to Subic Bay, Philippines

Cargo 393,610.0 m/t of iron ore

Type of Casualty Grounding at Sao Marcos Bay, Sao Luis. The vessel sustained damage to her water ballast tanks.

Type of Claim Hull damage claim



Luna-S

General cargo with container capacity, Built 1974, 1,530 dwt

Date of Casualty 8 September 2013

Voyage Beirut, Lebanon to Marmaris, Turkey

Cargo General cargo

Type of Casualty Another vessel found to be carrying cannabis and set on fire by its crew after an operation by the Algerian Coast Guard and French Customs. The vessel is being towed to a French port by the *Abelle Flandre*.

Type of Claim Unlikely – subject to investigation

Abdullah/Fortune Cloud

Abdullah – Bulk carrier, Built 1996, 45,623 dwt

Fortune Cloud – Bulk carrier, Built 1983, 34,070 dwt

Date of Casualty 9 September 2013

Voyage Singapore to Bangladesh, Chittagong / Same as *Abdullah*

Cargo White cement / Clinker

Type of Casualty Collision at Chittagong's outer Alpha anchorage. Both vessels have suffered significant damage. Reports suggest the *Fortune Cloud* was at anchor and was struck by the *Abdullah*. The *Fortune Cloud* has damage and water ingress to her engine room and may have partially sank.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim, possible salvage claim and cargo loss



around. The salvors continue their efforts to refloat the vessel with the next attempt expected to take place on 12 September.

Astrid – edition 20 - Atlantic Salvage have successfully raised the vessel.