



FEATURE CASUALTY

Kuzma Minin

Bulk carrier, IMO 7721263, Built 1980, 23,169 dwt

Date of Casualty 18 December 2018

Voyage Terneuzen, Netherlands to Falmouth, UK

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Grounding

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

At 0540 hours on 18 December 2018 the *Kuzma Minin* grounded in Falmouth Bay, Cornwall in the UK.

The Russian registered bulk carrier, which was free of cargo, had arrived from Terneuzen in the Netherlands on 14 December 2018 where she had reportedly been held for seven months after inspections revealed over 100 faults. Overnight, whilst the vessel was moored in Falmouth Bay storms passed over the south west coast of the UK and gale force winds were encountered in the bay with winds gusting to 74 mph. The *Kuzma Minin* began dragging at her anchor during the early hours of Tuesday morning under the influence of gale force winds and she grounded off Gyllyngvase Beach. The vessel came to rest on the gently shelving, soft sandy beach and took on a 5° list to port.

The RNLI launched once of their lifeboats from their Headquarters in Falmouth and the pilot boat *Arrow* together with the tugs *St. Piran*, *Percuil* and *Ankorva* were deployed to the site.

They were later joined by a fourth harbour tug, the *Sarah Grey*. The 18 strong Russian crew members were all reported to be safe and whilst the gale force winds continued to affect the area throughout the morning, there was no attempts to evacuate them. A local pilot was winched on board by a Coastguard helicopter from Newquay and a Falmouth Coastguard rescue team cordoned off an area around the ship whilst local police closed a stretch of road behind the vessel. An inspection of the vessel by the crew and the pilot showed that her tanks remained intact although some superficial damage to the No. 7 tank was reported.

The vessel was at around 1430 hours shortly after high tide and towed away from the shore by three of the attending harbour tugs and the tug *Cannis*.

The owners of the vessel Murmansk Shipping Company have claimed that dangerous conditions around Falmouth were responsible for the grounding of their vessel and suggested they would explore legal proceedings to recover losses resulting from the incident. An investigation into the grounding will be completed by the MCA.



NEW CASUALTIES

Marcel Angie II

Fishing vessel, No other details

Date of Casualty 11 December 2018 – Late Notification

Type of Casualty Caught fire whilst moored at Grand Bank, Canada. The vessel was seriously damaged and sank at the berth spilling part of her fuel. The vessel has been lifted by a floating crane and sent for repairs.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim and clean-up operations

Vega

Yacht, No other details

Date of Casualty 12 December 2018

Type of Casualty Capsized in Gelendzhik Bay during storms off the coast of Novorossiysk, Russia. Five people were on board, three were swept into the sea and only two were recovered. The two others on board managed to reach the shore.

Type of Claim Damage and salvage claim

Rio

Bulk carrier, IMO 8408741, Built 1985, 17,825 dwt

Date of Casualty 12 December 2018

Voyage Iskenderun, Turkey to Novorossiysk, Russia

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Grounded on southern coast of Novorossiysk Bay after being caught in bad weather and dragging her

anchor. The vessel, with 150 m³ of fuel oil on board, called for tugs after she began to drag her anchor but the tugs were unable to reach the casualty due to the conditions and the vessel grounded. Click [here](#) for video.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

Yong An

Product tanker, IMO 8316998, Built 1984, 7,327 dwt

Date of Casualty 12 December 2018

Voyage Anchorage to Taichung, Taiwan

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Allided with the northern breakwater whilst entering Taichung port, seriously damaging the structure.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim



Epsilon

Self-propelled barge, 1,399 ts

Date of Casualty 13 December 2018

Voyage Ghent, Belgium to Montereau, France

[Further casualties overleaf](#)

Cargo 1050 tons of steel plates

Type of Casualty Grounded on the Western harbour dam in Terneuzen. The *Multratug 27* was able to free the barge, which was holed at the bow and suffered some water ingress.

Type of Claim Hull damage and possible salvage claim

Sam Lion

Bulk carrier, IMO 9620164, Built 2012, 52,700 dwt

Date of Casualty 13 December 2018

Voyage New Orleans, USA to Puerto Marin, Spain

Cargo Soybeans

Type of Casualty Suffered an engine breakdown in the estuary. Tugs were despatched and brought the bulk carrier into port by which time the vessel had managed to reinstate power.

Type of Claim Possible salvage type claim

P&I Steamship Mutual

Arklow Valor

IMO 9772565, Built 2017, 5,159 dwt

Date of Casualty 13 December 2018

Voyage Drogheda to Dublin, Ireland

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Grounded leaving the port of Drogheda during the passage of Storm Deirdre. The vessel was refloated with the assistance of the tug *Masterman*.

Type of Claim Hull damage and possible salvage claim

P&I Gard



Roose + Partners

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Roos

Self-propelled barge, 688 ts

Date of Casualty 13 December 2018

Voyage No details

Cargo Iron slag

Type of Casualty Suffered water ingress whilst on the Waal near Doornenburg. Rescue services attended to dewater the vessel.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Wight Sky

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 9446984, Built 2008, 360 dwt

Date of Casualty 14 December 2018

Type of Casualty Suffered an engine fire after docking at Lynton, UK. All passengers and crew disembarked without incident. This is the third engine room fire in the ferry in 15 months, with others in September 2017 and August 2018.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

P&I Shipowners Club

Drifa

Tender, IMO 8133138, Built 1967, 191 dwt

Date of Casualty 14 December 2018

Type of Casualty Suffered an engine failure and was taken in tow by the tug *Multratug 20*.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

P&I Shipowners Club

Gas Infinity

LPG carrier, IMO 9134294, Built 1997, 49,651 dwt

Date of Casualty 14 December 2018

Voyage Singapore to Batu Pahat, Malaysia

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty An explosion occurred whilst the vessel was at the Batu Pahat Anchorage, Malaysia in the Malacca Strait receiving supplies from an unnamed pilot boat. The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) reported the explosion was on the pilot boat. Two crew members from the Gas Infinity and four crew from the supply vessel were injured.

Type of Claim Damage and crew claims

P&I The London Club

FG Levent

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9173446, Built 1998, 5,001 dwt

Date of Casualty 15 December 2018

Voyage Antwerp, Belgium to Skikda, Algeria

Cargo Timber

Type of Casualty Suffered a loss of stability whilst transiting the Strait of Dover and developed a heavy list. The vessel was towed by the French tug *Abelille Languedoc* and anchored off Calais. She is expected to be taken to Dunkirk where her cargo will be re-stowed.

Type of Claim Possible General Average claim

P&I Hanseatic



Aventador ▽

General cargo vessel, IMO 8627971, Built 1986, 581 dwt

Date of Casualty 15 December 2018

Voyage In lay-up at Batu Ampar, Indonesia

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Caught fire whilst at the Batu Ampar anchorage off Batam island after a generator exploded. The fire spread to the superstructure. All the crew were safe.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

Superfast II

Ferry, IMO 9458511, Built 2009, 8,500 dwt

Date of Casualty 15 December 2018

Type of Casualty Allided with a pier whilst departing the port of Patras.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

P&I Gard

Paksoy 1

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9081992, Built 1997, 8,928 dwt

Date of Casualty 16 December 2018

Voyage Emden, Germany to Muuga, Finland

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Allided with the Northern tail of the Kiel Canal lock in Brunsbüttel. The vessel had just left Emden having completed collision damage repairs following the collision with the *Earns Cobalt* on 15 November 2018 - edition 295.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim Allision damage claim

P&I Standard Club

IN OTHER NEWS

Yesterday crew on board a Chinese trawler whilst operating in the East China sea, spotted an unlit ferry apparently drifting unmanned. The crew managed to attach a line to the ferry and are towing her to safety. No details are available on the identity of the ferry.

Nautic

Inland tanker, 1,976 ts

Date of Casualty 16 December 2018

Voyage No details

Cargo Diesel fuel

Type of Casualty Grounded on the at the Rethel Shore on the Elbe in Hamburg-Wilhelmsburg. Rescue services attended and the vessel was refloated.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Green Ocean

Reefer, IMO 9001916, Built 1992, 5,416 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 December 2018

Voyage Vilagarcía de Arousa, Spain to Harlingen

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Suffered an engine breakdown and drifted into mollusc farm pontoons in the waters of Boiro in Ria de Arousa. Tugs assisted and towed the vessel back to Vilagarcía. Click [here](#) for video.

Type of Claim Possible salvage and allision claim

P&I Skuld

European Causeway ▽

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 9208394, Built 2000, 4,331 dwt

Date of Casualty 18 December 2018

Type of Casualty Six trucks on board shifted whilst the vessel was approaching Cairnryan, Scotland during stormy weather.

Type of Claim Property claims

P&I Standard Club



LOF NEWS

Thea II

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9107394, Built 1995, 3,950 dwt

Date of Casualty 15 December 2018

Voyage Ijmuiden, Netherlands to Hull, UK

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Suffered a blackout and grounded off the East Yorkshire coast at the Binks off Spurn Point. After initially refusing assistance, the vessel was eventually tugs *Irishman* and *Yeoman*. In an operation not without incident, one of the attending tugs *Svitzer Josephine*, grounded during the operation and the *Yeoman* suffered a blackout whilst towing the *Thea II* to the Humber deep water anchorage. She was replaced by the tug *Pullman*. The *Thea II* was towed to the Hull King George Docks on 17 December 2018. Salvage services were rendered on LOF terms by SMS Towage Ltd.

Type of Claim LOF salvage claim

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CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP



Nearchos – editions 292 & 294 – repairs to the grounding damage have commenced at Ampelakia shipyard in Perama.

Helge Ingstad ▽ – editions 294, 295, 296, 297 & 298 – the Norwegian Defence has published the first underwater images of the damaged frigate. Click [here](#) for video. In the meantime the *Sola TS* left Gdansk on 13 December 2018 after completion of the collision damage repairs.

Atina ▽ – editions 294, 295, 296 & 297 – repairs to the tanker are expected to be completed at the end of this week. The tanker suffered engine difficulties whilst en route from Novorossiysk to Linggi. She

anchored at the OPL Limnos Island and later transhipped her cargo of crude oil to the tanker *Donat* before proceeding for repairs. The STS operation was carried out by Tsaviris Salvage with tugs contracted from Megatugs. The *Donat*, carrying the transhipped cargo, arrived in Linggi late on 16 December 2018.

San Francisco – edition 296 – damages to the ferry and the dock at the Ferry Building in San Francisco resulting from the allision on 23 November 2018 are reported to be in the region of USD325,000. Investigations into the cause of the accident continue but drug and alcohol tests have ruled out substance impairment as a factor. The crash also caused injuries to two passengers. The ferry remains under repair by Bay Ship & Yacht Co. in Alameda.

Yu Hong 998 – edition 298 – rescue services have so far located four bodies of missing crew members lost when their vessel capsized on the Yangtze River on 7 December 2018. One missing crew member remains to be found.

