

### FEATURE CASUALTY

## Bright Royal

Bulk carrier, Built 1985, 28,259 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 4 October 2013

**Voyage** Vung Ang, Vietnam to Chittagong, Bangladesh

**Cargo** 27,200 m/t of clinker

**Type of Casualty** Grounding

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

Whilst the *Bright Royal* was in the early part of a voyage from Vietnam to Bangladesh, she ran aground on rocks in a position 30 nm off Ly Son Island, south of Da Nang, Vietnam. The impact from the grounding caused two 1.5m wide breaches in the vessel's hull, resulting in water ingress into the engine room and also led to a large amount of oil being released into the sea from cracks in the vessel's oil storage tanks, reported to be carrying some 387 m/t of fuel oil. A tug from Da Nang-based salvor Hi-Tram assisted the crew to abandon the vessel during the evening of 5 October when the flooding became more severe, with water entering the engine-room, propeller shaft and oil storage tanks, causing the vessel to lose electrical power. The vessel was being battered by large waves and there were concerns she would break up, spilling her cargo of cement clinker onto the reef.

On 7 October, during a period of exceptionally high water, the abandoned vessel refloated without any assistance and began to drift, at an estimated rate of 3 nm per hour, towards Sa Huynh Island, off



Quang Ngai province, and in the process continuing to spill oil from her storage tanks. The Vietnamese authorities launched an operation to recover the unmanned vessel, dispatching two tugs to her assistance. By 8 October, the *Bright Royal* had drifted nearly 100nm and reports suggested that as well as flooding to the engine room, the vessel's cargo holds had also been flooded. Tugs were finally able to connect to the drifting vessel and the *Bright Royal* was safely secured and towed to the port of Khanh Hoa by tugs *An Hai 27* and *CSB 9002*. It is unlikely that the vessel will be able to complete her voyage without substantial repairs and it is possible that the any sound cargo will have to be forwarded to destination on an alternative vessel. A General Average declaration is likely.

### CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

**St. Thomas of Aquinas** – edition 23 – the Philippine Coast Guard has demanded the immediate removal of the wreck at Lais Ledge, off the coast of Talisay City to ensure safety to navigation and the removal of the bodies thought to be trapped inside the vessel.

**Smart** – edition 23 – the aft section has been scuttled 28 nm off Richards Bays having been towed out to sea the salvage tug *Smit Amandia*. The removal of the forward section will present more difficulties due to the extent of

the flooding. Tenders had been invited for this phase of the operation.

**Katherine** – edition 17 – the cargo of 26,400 m/t of hot briquetted iron has finally been re-delivered at Syros, Greece, a little over 3 months after the collision with the *Baru Satu*.

**Hagen** – edition 27 – Tsavlis Salvage have re-delivered the vessel and completed the LOF services.

### NEW CASUALTIES

#### Pices/Safmarine Makutu

*Pices* – General cargo vessel, Built 2007, 6,572 dwt

*Safmarine Makutu* – Container ship, Built 2007, 61,407 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 2 October 2013

**Voyage** to Toyohashi Port in Aichi Prefecture / Osaka, Japan to Busan, South Korea

**Cargo** Unknown / General containerised cargo

**Type of Casualty** Collision off Shikoku, Japan. Investigations continue but both vessels continued with their voyages.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage claim

#### Jake Vincent Dos

General cargo vessel, Built 1977, 1,600 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 2 October 2013

**Voyage** Santos to Ubay, Philippines

**Cargo** Corn and rice

**Type of Casualty** Grounding Bohol Island, Bohol sea, Philippines. The vessel, which was holed as a result of the grounding and had to be lightened, was successfully refloated with the assistance of local salvage tug *Rising Star* and is in Bohol undergoing an inspection.

**Type of Claim** Hull damage claim, possible GA declaration

#### Seafaris

Super Yacht, Built 2006

**Date of Casualty** 3 October 2013

**Voyage** Off Queensland, Australia

**Cargo** n/a

**Type of Casualty** Fire in engine room leading to the yacht sinking north of Cairns. Passengers were picked up by a passing container ship.

**Type of Claim** Total loss claim and passenger claims



#### Bill Rodgers

Tug, Built 1982, 145 gt

**Date of Casualty** 3 October 2013

**Voyage** Unknown

**Cargo** Pushing 8 empty barges

**Type of Casualty** Allision with Interstate 30 bridge on the Arkansas River.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage claim

#### Havnefjell

Crabber, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 2 October 2013

**Voyage** From Kjollefjord

**Cargo** Crabs and shrimp

**Type of Casualty** Water ingress whilst in the Barents Sea. The Coastguard vessel *Andenes* provided pumps to dewater the vessel and it was taken in tow to Båtsfjord.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim

#### Eurocargo Salerno

Ro Ro, Built 1998, 14,413 dwt

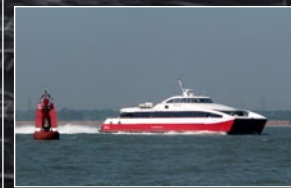
**Date of Casualty** 3 October 2013

**Voyage** Antwerp, Belgium to Lagos, Nigeria

**Cargo** Cars and trucks

**Type of Casualty** Engine problems off Selsey Bill. The vessel was assisted into Southampton by the tugs *Apex* and *Svitzer Bentley* where she will undergo repairs.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim



#### Red Jet

Ferry, Built 1999, 50 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 3 October 2013

**Voyage** Isle of Wight to Southampton

**Cargo** n/a

**Type of Casualty** Collision with the Hythe Knock buoy, Isle of Wight.

Ferry services are being disrupted whilst repairs are completed which explains why our very own Nick Hampton, resident of the Isle of Wight, was late into work on Monday!

**Type of Claim** Allision damage

#### Marlene Mathews

Ferry, Built 1993, 50 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 6 October 2013

**Voyage** Harbour ferry

**Cargo** n/a

**Type of Casualty** Allision with a wharf at Circular Quay, Sydney. The ferry sustained bow damage and six passengers suffered injuries.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage claim and passenger injury claims



#### Danum 165

Chemical Tanker, Built 2009, 7,543 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 6 October 2013

**Voyage** Jingjiang to Hong Kong, China

**Cargo** Unknown

**Type of Casualty** Mechanical failure during typhoon Fitow. She anchored to effect repairs but began to drag towards the shore. Chinese Rescue Agency dispatched their salvage tug *East Sea Rescue 111* to assist. She battled heavy seas for over 30 hours to reach the tanker and towed to her to Longshan Ship Yard, China for repairs.

**Type of Claim** Salvage claim

#### Maria/Vertrouwen

*Maria* – Offshore guard vessel, Built 1948, 154 gt

*Vertrouwen* – Trawler, Built 1993,

598 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 7 October 2013

**Voyage** n/a

**Cargo** n/a

**Type of Casualty** Collision 40 km south west of Den Helder leading to the sinking of the *Maria* and the loss 3 crew members.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage/total loss and loss of life claims

#### Favourite Diamond

General cargo vessel, Built 2009, 4,450 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 6 October 2013

**Voyage** Szczecin, Poland to Cork, Ireland

**Cargo** Unknown

**Type of Casualty** Allision with jetty 3 at the Brunsbüttel locks of the Kiel Canal. The ship was taken in tow by the tugs to Elbe Port for investigation.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage claim

#### Optimaflot

River tanker, Built 1981, 3,345 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 7 October 2013

**Voyage** Turkmenbashi Port,

Turkmenistan to Astrakhan, Volga

**Cargo** 2,783 m/t of diesel oil

**Type of Casualty** Grounding in the Volga-Caspian Sea Canal. The channel was closed and 11 vessels were delayed. The vessel was refloated on 8 October and is now at Astrakhan.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim

#### Omskiy 99

General cargo vessel, Built 1979,

**Date of Casualty** 9 October 2013

**Voyage** Saratov to Kavkaz, Russia

**Cargo** 3,011 m/t of wheat

**Type of Casualty** Steering gear failure and grounding on the Don River causing damage to the vessel's port rudder. The vessel was refloated and is undergoing a port state control inspection.

**Type of Claim** Hull damage claim