

FEATURE CASUALTY

Danai 4

Chemical tanker, Built 1986, 1,924 dwt

Date of Casualty 10 October 2013

Voyage Singapore to Vietnam

Cargo Marine gas oil

Type of Casualty Piracy

Type of Claim Cargo loss and claim in respect of damage to vessel's equipment

On 10 October 2013, whilst in a position north east of Tanjung Penawar, Malaysia, communications were lost with the chemical tanker *Danai 4*. The vessel, which had 15 crew on board, had departed Singapore the previous day laden with a cargo of gas oil and was expected to arrive off the Vietnamese coast to transfer her cargo on 12 October. On 13 October, having been unable to contact the vessel for a number of days, the vessel's owner alerted ReCAAP Focal Point in Thailand. ReCAAP is the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia and they provide alerts to Marine authorities and vessels when there is a potential piracy or loss situation. The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre then notified the various ReCAAP Focal Points and coordinated the search with ReCAAP offices and other marine agencies including the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) to assist in locating *Danai 4*. Vessels in the area of the *Danai 4*'s last reported location were also requested to keep a look out for the vessel.

It appears that the *Danai 4* had in fact been hijacked by local pirates. She was released in the early morning of 16 October, her valuable



cargo of fuel oil having been transferred from the vessel. The pirates also destroyed all the vessel's communication and tracking equipment. The *Danai 4* is now reported to be returning to Singapore.

This attack represents a departure from the usual type of pirate attacks in the area of the South China Sea and Asia generally. Local pirates have tended to confine themselves to stealing crew valuables, and some attacks have resulted in significant violence towards the crews. This attack suggests that the threats we have become used to which face vessels in West Africa and in the Arabian Sea and the Gulf of Aden (see our Piracy supplement issued 8 May 2013), may be spreading east. It is of course just one event but unless local authorities can establish some control, it may be that the same picture will emerge. ReCAAP at least provides assistance, but only after the fact. This will fuel the on-going debate as to what measures vessel owners and their crews can take to adequately protect themselves and their vessels in the face of such attacks.

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

Costa Concordia – edition 27 - Boskalis have been awarded the contract for removal of the Concordia using the Dockwise Vanguard which will have to undergo modifications to complete the contract. The cost of the operation, which is expected to take place in mid-2014, is estimated at USD30 million.

Formosa Falcon – edition 29 – refloated by Svitzer and towed to deeper water for inspection.

Bright Royal – edition 30 - was towed to the Hyundai Vinashin Shipyard in Vietnam on 9 October for drydocking.

NEW CASUALTIES

MSC Regina

Fully cellular containership, Built 1999, 56,880 dwt

Date of Casualty 9 October 2013

Voyage Montreal, Canada to Sines, Portugal

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Grounding in the St. Lawrence River following engine failure. The vessel was refloated and towed to Quebec for repairs.

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

Spirit of Fiji Islands

Ferry, Built 1964, 4,421 gt

Date of Casualty 11 October 2013

Voyage n/a

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Fire whilst in Luzon Strait, crew abandoned. She was not in service.

Type of Claim Fire damage, possible total loss

St. Pope John Paul II / RKK 2

St. Pope John Paul II – Passenger Ro Ro, Built 1984, 4,759 dwt

RKK 2 – Coastal freighter, no other details

Date of Casualty 11 October 2013

Voyage Cebu to Manila / At anchor

Cargo n/a / Unknown

Type of Casualty The ferry hit the *RKK2* whilst it was at anchor in the Mactan Canal. Both vessels suffered damage.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

Solero

Combined Chemical And Oil Tanker, Built 2009, 19,992 dwt

Date of Casualty 11 October 2013

Voyage Hamburg, Germany to Svetlyy, Russia

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Allision with the southern lock in Kiel-Holtenau requiring emergency repairs to the lock.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

Bingo

Bulk carrier, Built 2007, 8,733 dwt

Date of Casualty 12 October 2013

Voyage Sagar, India to China

Cargo 8,000 m/t of iron ore

Type of Casualty Sinking off Sagar, West Bengal, during storms caused by cyclone Phalin. All the crew were safely rescued.

Type of Claim Total loss claim



Xu Yang 11

Coastal tanker, Built 2005, 300 gt

Date of Casualty 12 October 2013

Voyage n/a

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Explosion and fire whilst under repair at Ningbo leading to 7 deaths. Oil from the vessel has reportedly leaked into the Yongjiang River.

Type of Claim Fire damage and pollution claims

Almeria

Bulk carrier, Built 2011, 57,023 dwt

Date of Casualty 12 October 2013

Voyage Gdynia, Poland to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Cargo Wheat

Type of Casualty Grounding in the Kadet Trench, Baltic Sea. Cargo discharge may be required to facilitate the refloating.

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

Marine Alliance

Product tanker, Built 1994, 4,999 dwt

Date of Casualty 13 October 2013

Voyage Nakhodka to Vanino, Russia

Cargo 2,600 m/t of fuel

Type of Casualty Disabled after the vessel's propeller and rudder got entangled in fishing nets. Tug *Suvorovets* has been dispatched to assist with an eta today.

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



Super Sun

Bulk carrier, Built 1982, 18,791 dwt

Date of Casualty 14 October 2013

Voyage Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea to Zhongjiagang, China

Cargo 15,800 m³ of logs

Type of Casualty Engine room and accommodation fire whilst near Shanghai. The crew evacuated and the fire brought under control by a local fire-fighting tug. No cargo damage is reported.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim, possible General Average declaration.

Zare

Container barge, no other details

Date of Casualty 14 October 2013

Voyage Unknown

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Flooding from rain water causing a port list in the Park lock, Rotterdam. Rescue services dewatered the holds and re-stowed some containers.

Type of Claim Possible cargo damage

Hanjin Bremerhaven / Donghae Star

Hanjin Bremerhaven – Fully cellular containership, Built 2006, 80,855

dwt

Donghae Star – Bulk carrier, Built 2012, 82,861 dwt

Date of Casualty 15 October 2013

Voyage China to Singapore / Beilun, China to Singapore

Cargo General containerised cargo / Unknown

Type of Casualty Collision in Singapore strait. Both vessels remain at Singapore.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim



Cheng Lu 15

General cargo vessel, Built 2008, 13,567 dwt

Date of Casualty 15 October 2013

Voyage Pyeongtaek to Pohang, South Korea

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Having unloaded her cargo at Pohang, the vessel was at anchor when severe storms caused her to drag, hit a breakwater and sink. 8 of the crew were rescued, with 9 confirmed dead and 1 missing.

Type of Claim Total loss and loss of life claims

Thor Glory

General cargo vessel, Built 2010, 13,802 dwt

Date of Casualty 16 October 2013

Voyage Onahama, Japan to Xingang, China

Cargo Unknknown

Type of Casualty Draggd at anchor during poor weather and ran aground at Tateyama Bay, Japan. The coastguard are assisting.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim.