

FEATURE CASUALTY

APL Danube

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 9436630, Built 2009, 350 dwt

Date of Casualty 12 April 2019

Type of Casualty Grounding

Type of Claim Hull damage, possible salvage claim and passenger claims

At 1730 hours UTC on 19 April 2019, as the full cellular containership *APL Danube* was transiting the Suez Canal, she suffered a total blackout which caused her to run aground.

The 2014 built containership was passing through the Suez Canal as part of a southerly convoy when she lost power and veered off course running aground at the 133 km mark on the Canal. Traffic on the Canal was suspended whilst the vessel was aground.

Suez Canal Authority tugs were deployed to provide assistance to the *APL Danube* which is just under 300 metres in length and has a carrying capacity of 9365 TEU. The

containership was pulled free by the two attending tugs within about an hour and a half of the grounding. She initially anchored close by and was subsequently towed by four Suez Canal tugs to an anchorage at the Great Bitter Lakes near Adabiya port where she remains. Traffic on the Canal was reopened and the convoy proceeded without the *APL* vessel.

There are no reports of damage to the vessel, but at the very least she is likely to face a significant claim for salvage from the Suez Canal Authority for their assistance. Depending on the size of the salvage demand, which are often required to be paid immediately, it is possible that the owners of the vessel will declare General Average and look to the cargo and container interests to provide GA security so as to share some of the expenses incurred as a result of the casualty and subsequent assistance. The vessel is owned and operated by CMA CGM S.A. based in Marseilles, France.



NEW CASUALTIES

Prevelis

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 8020927, Built 1980, 3,300 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 April 2019

Type of Casualty Allided with a quay at Diafani in Karpathos, Greece. No passenger or crew injuries were reported. The vessel proceeded to Rhodes for repairs.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

P&I UK Club

Great Aspiration

Bulk carrier, IMO 9458767 Built 2010, 93,412 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 April 2019

Voyage Baltimore, USA, to IJmuiden Netherlands

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Suffered an explosion and fire whilst off Lizard Point in the UK. Three crew members were seriously injured with one later dying in hospital. The vessel proceeded to Falmouth for investigation.

Type of Claim Fire damage and crew claims

P&I Swedish Club

Sormovskiy 118

General cargo vessel, IMO 7943287 Built 1981, 3,353 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 April 2019

Type of Casualty Caught fire whilst dry-docked at the Astas Shipyard in Tuzla, Turkey. Local fire-fighters attended and the fire was extinguished.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

LCT Poseidon 37

Landing craft, IMO 9871218, Build date unknown, 3,320 dwt

PIRACY NEWS

The product tanker *Apeuc* (IMO 7333810, Built 1973, 3,075 dwt) was attacked and boarded by pirates on 19 April 2019 at the Bonny outer anchorage, Nigeria. Six crew members were abducted.



Date of Casualty 18 April 2019

Voyage Tubigon to Cebu, Philippines

Cargo Construction materials

Type of Casualty The ferry ran aground on a coral reef off Panglao Island, Bohol in the Philippines.

Type of Claim Hull damage and reef claims.



Gulnak/Cape Mathilde

Gulnak – Bulk carrier, IMO 9579028, Built 2011, 35,000 dwt

Cape Mathilde – Bulk carrier, IMO 9409120, Built 2010, 178,381 dwt

Date of Casualty 18 April 2019

Voyage Garrucha, Spain / At anchor in Tees Bay, UK

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty The *Gulnak*, which was being towed by tugs, contacted the *Cape Mathilde* at the Redcar Bulk Terminal on the River Tees, UK. The *Cape Mathilde* suffered significant damage on her port side and the *Gulnak* lost an anchor.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I London Club / Standard Club

Patron

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9376464, Built 2008, 6,500 dwt

Date of Casualty 19 April 2019

Voyage Tarragona, Spain to Rosyth UK

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Disabled in the Firth of Forth, UK. Tugs were deployed to tow the vessel to destination.

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

P&I North of England



Liahona II

Ferry, No other details

Date of Casualty 19 April 2019

Type of Casualty Lost her bow ramp whilst en route from Suva to Kadavu island and began taking on water. The vessel, which had passengers and vehicles on board, had only just completed repairs. She was escorted into Kadavu.

Type of Claim Damage and possible salvage claim

Wissemara

Tall ship, No other details

Date of Casualty 19 April 2019

Type of Casualty Ran aground off Hohen Wieschendorf. The vessel, which had 42 passengers on board, was refloated after three hours and towed to Wismar.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

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Superferry II

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 7346221, Built 1974, 231 dwt

Date of Casualty 19 April 2019

Type of Casualty Suffered damage to her steering gear and was towed into Iraklion where her 257 passengers were disembarked.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Shandong Zihe

Combined chemical and oil tanker, IMO 9261657, Built 2004, 40,059 dwt

Date of Casualty 19 April 2019

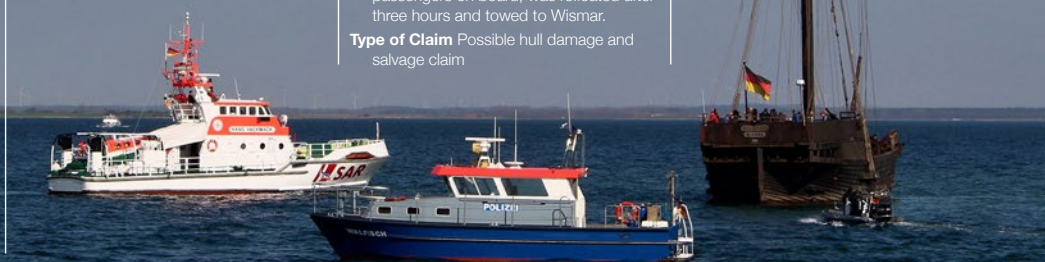
Voyage El Dekheila, Egypt to Tuzla, Turkey

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Suffered a technical failure south of Canakkale, Turkey. A tug was deployed to tow the vessel to Tuzla. Coastal Safety tugs were also involved providing escort services.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claims

P&I Skuld



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Ronja Viking

Fish carrier, IMO 9364100, Built 2006, 1,250 dwt

Date of Casualty 20 April 2019

Type of Casualty Struck rocks and was holed. The vessel was escorted into Greenock dry-dock for repairs.

Type of Claim Hull damage claim

Don Peppino

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 6410776, Built 1964, 288 dwt

Date of Casualty 20 April 2019

Type of Casualty Developed a heavy port list whilst proceeding to Ischia. The ferry was full with vehicles and passengers.

Type of Claim Possible passenger claims

P&I MS Amlin

Aegean Odyssey

Passenger cruise ship, IMO 7225910, Built 1973, 4,174 dwt

Date of Casualty 21 April 2019

Type of Casualty Suffered engine failure whilst en route to Chania in Crete. The vessel was towed to Chania by two tugs.

Type of Claim Possible salvage/tug claim

P&I American Club

Legenda

Yacht, IMO 9565792, Built 2009, 360 gt

Date of Casualty 21 April 2019

Type of Casualty Disabled in the Ionian Sea off the island of Lefkada, Greece. The yacht was initially taken in tow but was later able to restore power and was escorted to Preveza port, Greece.

Type of Claim Possible salvage/tug claim

Aqualoyalty

Crude oil tanker, IMO 9594664, Built 2012, 115,594 dwt

Date of Casualty 21 April 2019

Voyage Covenas, Columbia to Pascagoula, USA

Cargo 21 million gallons of Colombian crude oil

Type of Casualty Ran aground off Pascagoula. Salvors managed to refloat the vessel on 22 April 2019 and the tugs *Signet Challenger*, *Signet Reliance*, *Signet Valiant*, *Signet Victory* and *Signet Vigilant* pulled the tanker into Pascagoula. The vessel was heading to the Chevron terminal.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

P&I UK Club

Saint Jean Pierre - BL.589306

Fishing vessel, 10 gt

Date of Casualty 22 April 2019

Type of Casualty Caught fire whilst 26 miles off Boulogne-sur-Mer, France. Despite efforts to extinguish the fire, the vessel sank at 0100 hours on 23 April 2019. The crew were rescued.

Type of Claim Total loss claim

Windu Karsa Dwitya/Virgo 18

Windu Karsa Dwitya – Ferry, IMO 9157571, Built 1997, 400 dwt

Virgo 18 – Ferry, IMO 8921755, Built 1990, 3,359 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 April 2019

Type of Casualty The ferries were in collision in the Sunda Strait near Merak Port. A crew member of the *Windu Karsa Dwitya* fell overboard and remains missing and one passenger was hospitalised with injuries.

Type of Claim collision damage, injury and loss of life claims

Kapal Pekan Riau

Containership, IMO 9645750, Built 2011, 4,820 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 April 2019

Voyage Surabaya to Tanjung Redeb, Indonesia

Cargo 200 containers of general cargo

Type of Casualty Allided with a concrete

embankment on the Segah River at Tanjung Redeb port.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

Andrea Princess II

General cargo vessel, IMO 8914893, Built 1989, 249 gt

Date of Casualty 22 April 2019

Voyage No details

Cargo Copra

Type of Casualty Caught fire off Poblacion, Cebu. The master reported the fire started in the forward part of the vessel whilst welding works were being undertaken. The Philippine Coastguard attended with numerous vessels and extinguished the fire.

Type of Claim Fire damage and possible salvage claim

Saluang

Ferry, IMO 8976449, Built 2000, 59 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 April 2019

Type of Casualty Capsized at the Sunyat pier in the Kapuas River, Indonesia.

Type of Claim Damage, salvage claim and clean-up operations



IN OTHER NEWS

On 21 April 2019 storms passing over the south west part of Majorca in the Balearics left at least four boats stranded. A 20 metre motor yacht was pushed on to the beach of Son Maties in Palmanova and a sailing boat was driven onto the beach of Calvià.



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CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP



USS Fitzgerald – editions 221, 222, 227, 229, 230, 232, 241, 244, 246 & 252 – on 16 April 2019 the US destroyer was launched from the dry-dock at Pascagoula taking another step towards re-entering service. As well as undergoing collision damage repairs, caused in the collision with the *ACX Crystal* 56 miles south west of Yokosuka, Japan on 16 June 2017, the *USS Fitzgerald* is undergoing full restoration and updates to all her systems.

Hawk – edition 314 – on 15 April 2019 the US District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi issued a warrant for the arrest of the *Hawk* in response to a civil complaint filed in respect of damages caused when the *Hawk*, which was delivering a floating dry-dock to Ingalls Shipbuilding Yard, veered off course and collided with a barge and the *USS Delbert D. Black*. The claims covering damage to the barge, the wharf's facilities and the Navy vessel including operational delays amount to a figure in excess of USD60million. The *Hawk* has remained berthed at the Pascagoula River West Harbour South Terminal since the collision.

Mark – edition 302 – a claim for salvage expenses has been submitted by the

harbour master on behalf of the Coastal Safety teams. An official claim letter has sent to the owner's local agent. The vessel was still at Haydarpasa port, Istanbul on 20 April 2019.

Stella Daisy – edition – 210, 211, 218, 284, 301, 307 & 308 – the long-awaited flag state report on the cause of the sinking of the bulk carrier in the South Atlantic on 31 March 2017 in which 22 crew members lost their lives has been published in the Marshall Islands. It has determined that the most likely cause was structural weaknesses in the ship's hull. The bulk carrier was designed as a single hull VLCC but was later converted for the transport of iron ore. There are more than 50 vessels still operating which underwent similar rebuilding. The vessel's strength was thought to have been compromised due to material fatigue, corrosion and unidentified structural defects which could not withstand the rough seas in which the vessel was traveling. The report also criticises the Korean Register who were not thought to have investigated the *Stella Daisy's* reconstruction which took place in 2008 when the vessel was already 15 years old.

