

### FEATURE CASUALTY

## Zeldenrust

Fishing vessel, Built 1986, no other details

**Date of Casualty** 18 October 2013

**Voyage** n/a

**Cargo** Fish

**Type of Casualty** Grounding near Petten.

**Type of Claim** Hull damage and salvage claim

Over the last five days, salvors Mammoet have battled to save the Belgian fishing vessel *Zeldenrust*, which had been driven aground onto a beach near Petten, Northern Holland, in near gale force winds during the afternoon of 17 October 2013. The fishing vessel was disabled after her fishing nets became entangled in her propeller. The crew were unable to free the propeller in the stormy conditions and the powerless vessel then struck a stone breakwater resulting in damage to the vessel's hull and water ingress to the vessel's engine room, compounding an already difficult situation. The vessel was then driven onto the beach by the prevailing onshore winds. The crew were subsequently taken off the vessel by helicopter on 18 October.

Dutch professional Salvors Mammoet were contracted to provide salvage assistance to the stricken vessel and over the past few days they have carried out repairs to the vessel with a view to preventing pollution



resulting from any leakage of oil from the engine room. The salvors also put in place booms to prevent the spread of oil, should a leak arise. The vessel went aground during a period of exceptionally high water and tides resulting from the storm. The tides in the area since have been much lower and this has made the salvage operation more difficult with salvors having to rely more on the pulling power pull of their tugs rather than being able to take advantage of the rising water levels from the incoming tide. Yesterday, during an attempt by the tug *Coastal Warrior* to pull the vessel off the beach, the bollards on board the fishing vessel where the towing cables were attached broke off. Some movement of the vessel was noted but further attempts were reportedly abandoned due to concerns that the efforts would cause the vessel to break up and lead to the loss of the fuel oil on board. After further efforts by the salvors, the vessel was successfully refloated during the evening of 22 October and was then taken in two to the salvor's base in Ijmuiden where she remains.

### CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

**Zebbron** – edition 28 – the master has been sentenced to three months in prison for drunken navigation following the grounding off Stockholm last month.

**Bingo** – edition 31 - the wreck of the vessel has been located in the navigation channel between the ports of Kolkata and Haldia and authorities have ordered its removal by the vessel's owners.

**Almeria** – edition 31 – was refloated with the assistance of the tugs "Bugsier 16" and "Brent" on 18 October.

### NEW CASUALTIES

#### Sila

General cargo vessel with container capacity, Built 2010, 7,608 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 16 October 2013

**Voyage** Kandla, India to Psachna, Greece

**Cargo** Soybean meal

**Type of Casualty** Gearbox failure off Salalah. Tsavlisir salvage have been contracted to assist under the terms of an LOF Salvage contract.

**Type of Claim** Salvage claim and possible general average declaration



#### Werner Reich/Bolero

*Werner Reich* - Inland tanker, Built 2011, 2,493 dwt

*Bolero* - Yacht, no other details

**Date of Casualty** 16 October 2013

**Voyage** Rotterdam to Dordrecht, Netherlands

**Cargo** Fuel oil / n/a

**Type of Casualty** Collision on the New Maas leading to the sinking of the yacht and the death of two people on board.

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

#### Varandey

Roll On Roll Off, Built 1985, 1,322 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 17 October 2013

**Voyage** Kholmok to Vladivostok, Russia

**Cargo** General cargo

**Type of Casualty** Grounding on a sandbar on the coast of Paramushir Island whilst

sheltering from Typhoon Wipha.

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage and salvage claim

#### Livadia

General cargo vessel with container capacity, Built 1984, 8,037 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 17 October 2013

**Voyage** Petropavlovsk Kamchatskiy to Vladivostok, Russia

**Cargo** In ballast

**Type of Casualty** Grounding on the Kuril Islands whilst sheltering from Typhoon Wipha. Salvage tug *Sveinomor-3* is assisting.

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage and salvage claim

#### Polaris/Hanka

*Polaris* - General cargo vessel, Built 1983, 2,904 dwt

*Hanka* - Oil barge, other details unknown

**Date of Casualty** 17 October 2013

**Voyage** St Petersburg to Astrakhan, Russia / Unknown

**Cargo** General cargo / Gas oil

**Type of Casualty** Collision between the vessels on the river Kovzha. Volga-Baltic Seaway. The barge was being pushed by tug *OT-2126*, and suffered a 1.5 by 1.9 m hole above the waterline at her bow.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage claim

#### Rias Baxias Un

Fishing vessel, Built 2000, 178 gt

**Date of Casualty** 18 October 2013

**Voyage** n/a

**Cargo** Fish

**Type of Casualty** Sank 550 nm WSW of Freetown, Sierra Leone. All crew were safely

rescued by another fishing vessel *Explorer Tres*.

**Type of Claim** Total loss claim



#### Mikhail Lomonosov/ Mohican Too

*Mikhail Lomonosov* - General cargo vessel, Built 2000, 4,801 dwt

*Mohican Too* - Yacht, no other details

**Date of Casualty** 18 October 2013

**Voyage** St Petersburg, Russia to Hamburg, Germany / n/a

**Cargo** General cargo / n/a

**Type of Casualty** Collision 18 nm north of Ruegen Island, Baltic sea. The disabled yacht was assisted by the tug *Harro Koebke* and towed to the port of Sassnitz.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage claim



#### Wealthy Globe

Diving support/crane vessel, Built 1965, 41,011 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 20 October 2013

**Voyage** n/a

**Cargo** n/a

**Type of Casualty** Fire whilst undergoing welding works and aground at Front Beach

in Vung Tau, Vietnam. The vessel has apparently been aground since 15 July 2013 after drifting there from Ho Chi Minh City anchorage after her anchor chain broke. The vessel had 80 acetylene cylinders and 9,000 litres of fuel on board. Fire-fighting activities were hampered by strong winds and seas.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage claim

#### Western Venture

Fishing vessel, no other details

**Date of Casualty** 20 October 2013

**Voyage** n/a

**Cargo** Fish

**Type of Casualty** Fire and subsequent sinking in the Bering sea, 69 miles west of Adak Island. Fishing vessel *Aleutian Beauty* rescued the crew from their life-raft.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage

#### Onego Rotterdam

General cargo vessel, Built 2013, 8,200 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 22 October 2013

**Voyage** Baltimore, Port Manatee and New Orleans, USA to Sunndalsora, Norway

**Cargo** Unknown

**Type of Casualty** Grounding in the Mississippi River, 8nm from Boothville.

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage and salvage claim

#### Eita Maru

Reefer, Built 1994, 2401 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 22 October 2013

**Voyage** en route to Majuro, Marshall Islands

**Cargo** Reefer cargo

**Type of Casualty** Adrift following engine breakdown. Salvage tug *Duke* is proceeding. The crew have reportedly abandoned the vessel.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim and/or general average declaration

#### Hai Phong 2

General cargo vessel, Built 2004, 1,579 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 19 October 2013

**Voyage** Unknown destination

**Cargo** Unknown

**Type of Casualty** Fire on board whilst in the Gulf of Tonkin. The crew were rescued by a local salvage tug *SAR 274* and later salvors extinguished the fire and towed the vessel into Vung Ang, Vietnam.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage claim

#### Volgo-Balt 193

General cargo vessel, Built 1976, 3,509 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 22 October 2013

**Voyage** Azov, Russia, to Damietta, Egypt

**Cargo** Unknown

**Type of Casualty** Mechanical problem while transiting Bosphorus. The vessel was towed to an anchorage in Marmara sea.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim and/or general average declaration

#### Endeavor I

Chemical tanker, Built 1981, 38,460 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 23 October 2013

**Voyage** Port Sudan to Mokha, Yemen

**Cargo** Unknown products

**Type of Casualty** Grounding in the approach to Mokha. Tugs from Hodeidah Port Authority are assisting.

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage, salvage claim and/or general average declaration