

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

Grande Europa

The Grimaldi owned car carrier *Grande Europa* departed the port of Palma, Majorca for Valencia, mainland Spain at 1800 hours on 20 May 2019 under tow of the tug *V.B. Supernacho*. The tug *Marta Mata* was also deployed to provide an escort service. The flotilla is expected to arrive at her destination later today where the cargo will be discharged and separated.

The *Grande Europa*, which caught fire on 15 May 2019 whilst 25 miles off the Majorcan coast, was towed into Palma, on 16 May 2019 by the tug *Marta Mata* after the fire had been brought under control. The vessel, which was loaded with 1,687 vehicles, cars, vans and excavators and 49 containers of mostly food products, berthed at the Muelles Comerciales Ro-Ro Terminal after it was confirmed she posed no risk to port operations. Inspections of the vessel were undertaken during the latter part of last week and over the weekend after which the port captain of Palma issued a safety certificate accepting the fire as extinguished

and permitting the towage to Valencia, the *Grande Europa's* original destination port.

Following reports of the fire, Ardent Salvage were contracted to assist the vessel and to complete fire-fighting operations. Reporting on the casualty the owners said that an initial fire broke out on deck 3 at 0045 hours on 15 May 2019. Although that was quickly extinguished by the crew, a second fire was found in deck 8 which then spread to deck 9.

In a recent statement the Grimaldi Group has called for more stringent controls and regulations on the transport of vehicles and containers: 'Notably, with reference to rolling freight, the Grimaldi Group requests that there be more controls on car batteries, which often cause short-circuits on board vessels, as well as in port terminals. Moreover, it calls for the total prohibition of the presence of personal effects in second-hand vehicles, embarked on ro-ro vessels. Finally, with regard to containers, the International Maritime Organisation is urged to make mandatory the certification by a classification society of the correct stuffing of containers carrying dangerous goods.'



NEW CASUALTIES

Omskiy 143

General cargo vessel, IMO 8869385, Built 1990, 3,104 dwt

Date of Casualty 15 May 2019

Voyage Saratov to Astrakhan, Russia

Cargo Corn

Type of Casualty Ran aground on the Volga near Ostrov Kazachiy.

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

P&I Hydr AS

Beethoven

Combined chemical and oil tanker, IMO 9535539, Built 2009, 4,114 dwt

Date of Casualty 16 May 2019

Voyage Antwerp, Belgium to Immingham, UK

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Allided with Jetty No. 2 of the old lock in Brunsbüttel. The Master was found to be intoxicated.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

P&I Standard Club



Kunashiri

Patrol vessel, 489 disp

Date of Casualty 16 May 2019

Type of Casualty Allided with a pier at Nemuro Port, northeast Hokkaido during berthing operations.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

Ocean Dragon 6

Ferry, 152 gt

Date of Casualty 16 May 2019

Type of Casualty Ran aground in the South China sea on the coast of Ngenang Island, Riau Islands. The vessel was breached and began flooding. Passengers were evacuated onto another ferry.

Type of Claim Hull damage and salvage claim

Leonidas

Bulk carrier, IMO 9696474, Built 2017, 63,459 dwt

Date of Casualty 16 May 2019

Voyage Caleta Patillos, Chile to unknown destination

Cargo Salt

Type of Casualty A conveyor belt collapsed whilst the vessel was loading salt at Caleta Patillos. Click [here](#) for video.

Type of Claim damage claim

P&I UK Club



Nord Santiago

Bulk carrier, IMO:9831488, Built 2018, 39,300 dwt

Date of Casualty 16 May 2019

Voyage Porto Alegre to Sao Francisco do Sul, Brazil

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Ran aground in the Lagoon Dos Patos, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. The vessel was refloated with tug assistance.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

P&I Steamship Mutual



Volcan de Teno

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 9221346, Built 2000, 711 dwt

Date of Casualty 16 May 2019

Type of Casualty Suffered a fire in her starboard engine on arrival at Algeciras, Spain.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

P&I Britannia

American Constellation

Passenger vessel, IMO 9838333, Built 2017, 4,057 gt

Date of Casualty 16 May 2019

Type of Casualty Suffered a fire whilst on the Thea Foss Waterway. The fire was quickly extinguished. No passengers were affected.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

Inzhener Trubin

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 8502080, Built 1998, 7,049 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 May 2019

Voyage Sfax, Tunisia to Rotterdam, Netherlands

[Further casualties overleaf](#)

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Ran aground on the Oude Maas in the bight of Heerjansdam. The vessel was refloated with tug assistance.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

P&I West of England



Bohus

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 7037806, Built 1971, 1,968 dwt

Date of Casualty 16 May 2019

Type of Casualty Suffered a fire in her auxiliary engine which spread to her engine room whilst at Sandefjord, Norway. Local fire brigades were mobilised.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

P&I Gard

Stoli

Yacht, No other details

Date of Casualty 17 May 2019

Type of Casualty Grounded near the town of Sartene in the reserve of Bouches de Bonifacio, Corsica. The yacht was suffering from water ingress after having struck rocks and the Captain ran her aground to prevent sinking.

Type of Claim Hull damage and salvage claim



Roose + Partners

NEW CASUALTIES - Continued - edition 321

Alliance

Bulk carrier, IMO 9108271, Built 1995, 28,460 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 May 2019

Voyage Novorossiysk, Russia to Rio Haina, Dominican Republic

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Ran aground off the port of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Tugs were deployed to assist and the vessel was refloated the following morning.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

Soley Sigurjons

Fishing vessel, IMO 8616207, Built 1987, 508 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 May 2019

Type of Casualty Suffered a engine room fire whilst in the Denmark Strait, 90 miles north of Iceland. The vessel was towed to Akureyri by another trawler. Two crew members were airlifted from the vessel and taken to hospital.

Type of Claim Fire damage and possible salvage claim

Persenk/Ahmet Can

Persenk - Bulk carrier, IMO 9578995, Built 2010, 30,361 dwt

Ahmet Can - General cargo vessel, IMO 9368182, Built 2006, 3,346 dwt

Date of Casualty 18 May 2019

Voyage Istanbul, Turkey to Ashdod, Israel / Istanbul to Izmir, Turkey

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty The vessels were in collision in the Mamara Sea south of Tekirdag. The vessels proceeded to the Tekirdag anchorage for inspection and investigations. Coastal Safety teams attended.

Type of Claim Collision damage and possible salvage fine

P&I West of England / Hanseatic

Ilmenau

Self-propelled barge, 1657 ts

Date of Casualty 18 May 2019

Voyage Hamburg to Geesthatch, Germany

Cargo No details



Type of Casualty Ran aground whilst transiting the river Elbe near Geesthacht along with a pushed barge.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Locar V/TS Favotito

Locar V - Barge, No other details

TS Favotito - Tug, No other details

Date of Casualty 18 May 2019

Voyage Itajai to Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

Cargo Two platform modules

Type of Casualty The barge partially sank about 50 miles south east of Paranagua. Click [here](#) for video. Petrobras, together with the Brazilian Navy and IBAMA, carried out an overflight of the wreckage during the morning of 20 May 2019. The accident and the loss to the modules is expected to delay the start of FPSO production at the P-71 platform by at least a year.

Maersk Patras

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9168221, Built 1998, 37,842 dwt

Date of Casualty 19 May 2019

Voyage Antwerp, Belgium to Montreal, Canada

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Lost a crew member overboard during operations to board a pilot off Les Escoumins, Quebec, at the mouth of the Saint Lawrence river. Search and rescue teams were unable to locate the man.

Type of Claim Loss of life claim

P&I Britannia



Den Sha

Bulk carrier, IMO 9164615, Built 1997, 73,732 dwt

Date of Casualty 19 May 2019

Voyage Trombetas to Sao Luis, Brazil

Cargo Bauxite

Type of Casualty Ran aground at the Macapa anchorage. The vessel was refloated with tug assistance.

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

P&I Gard



LOF NEWS

The *A Michel*, one of the tankers damaged in the attack in Fujairah last week (edition 320), is being assisted by Tsavlis Salvage under a Lloyd's Open Form salvage contract with SCOPIC. The tanker, which was in ballast, sustained flooding to her engine room and was reported as listing to starboard and being down by the stern.

Achilles II

Bulk carrier, IMO 9269001, Built 2004, 75,785 dwt

Date of Casualty 12 May 2019

Voyage New Orleans, USA to Alexandria, Egypt

Cargo 63,000 m³ soft red winter wheat in bulk

Type of Casualty Tsavlis Russ (World Wide Salvage and Towing) Ltd have been contracted on LOF terms to assist the bulk carrier which sustained a main engine breakdown off the Bahamas. The vessel was towed to Freeport, Bahamas.

Type of Claim LOF salvage claim and possible General Average declaration

P&I London Club

Access all our previous casualty newsletters here

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP



MSC Zoe - editions 302, 303, 304, 306, 307 & 314 - authorities in Germany and the Netherlands have announced on 20 May 2019 that 85% of the containers lost from the containership have now been recovered. There is some concern from the balance of the cargo much of which is expected to still be drifting and will be washed ashore possibly years later. Negative effects of microplastics on the marine fauna is being investigated.

Yantian Express - editions 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 315, 316, 319 & 320 - the containership finally reached Halifax which was the vessel's first original Canadian destination. All the cargo will be discharged from the vessel which is expected to proceed for further repairs in China.

Athlos - edition 301 - repairs in the form of steel renewals have been carried out to the cargo storage tank No. 5 in Tuzla. The vessel will then undergo tests to her air tightness pumping system.

Thalassa Elpida - edition 319 - the vessel completed her repairs on 16 May 2019. She berthed in Piraeus the following day to begin cargo loading operations.

Pont Aven - editions 318 & 319 - the passenger ro-ro berthed at the CIBB Shipyard in Brest again on 18 May 2019



with a problem with her steering. The vessel's operators advise the steering issue was unrelated to the engine problems which saw emergency assistance provided.

Andrea Victory - edition 320 - the tanker is thought to have been most likely damaged by underwater drones which, according to a report issued in Norway, placed magnetic mines on the hulls of the four tankers. The explosives were placed at the high water line at the aft of the tankers. Investigations continue into attack but the Iranian Revolutionary Guard is suspected of involvement.

New Beginning - editions 320 - 9 crew from the bulk carrier were evacuated on 17 May 2019 which was anchored at at Ngo Bay, New Caledonia. The cause of the evacuation is as yet unknown.

Genesis River - edition 320 - the Houston Ship Channel reopened to two-way traffic on 15 May 2019 after salvors successfully removed the two barges which were damaged in the collision last week. Authorities advise that 11,280 barrels of gasoline spilled from the tank barges into the channel near Bayport, Texas. Salvors towed the capsized barge MMI 3041 away from the site before removing the cargo which enabled the full Channel to be reopened sooner than originally expected.