

Roose + Partners

Casualty Newsletter 323

5th June 2019

FEATURE CASUALTY

Viking Sigyn/Hableany

Viking Sigyn – River cruise vessel, Built 2019, 5,000 gt

Hableany – River cruise vessel, No other details

Date of Casualty 29 May 2019

Type of Casualty Collision

Type of Claim Collision and loss of life claims

At 2115 hours on 29 May 2019 a collision on the river Danube in Budapest between two passenger cruise vessels resulted in the deaths of seven people and a further 21 missing. The accident involves another vessel operated by Viking who over the last few months have been involved in a number of serious casualties.

According to reports video shows that both vessels were heading north on the river and were almost parallel to each other when the *Hableany* turned ahead of the *Viking Sigyn*. The *Viking Sigyn* struck the smaller *Hableany* in her aft section causing her to spin sideways and within seconds capsized. Visibility was limited due to torrential rain and the collision took place on a particularly fast moving stretch of the river which was swollen due to rainfall. The *Hableany* had 35 people on board, 32 tourists from South Korea, a local guide and two crew members. Despite rescue efforts only seven people, all of whom

were on the upper deck of the vessel, survived. They were admitted to hospital suffering from hypothermia and, with the exception of one, all were released the following day. The *Viking Sigyn*, which only entered service this year, was relatively unscathed and berthed on the River in downtown Budapest following the collision.

Hungarian police have launched a criminal investigation into what is one of the country's worst boat accidents. In the meantime the 64-year-old Ukrainian captain of the *Viking Sigyn* was taken into custody suspected of endangering water transport leading to a deadly mass accident.

Divers located the wreckage of the 70 year old *Hableany* on the river bed near the Margaret Bridge which is one of the main crossings over the Danube in Budapest. A recovery operation is underway and a crane ship is at the wreckage site but conditions on the river have hampered the operation. Divers are continuing to search for the bodies of those on board. Over 200 divers have been engaged in the operation but so far none have been able to get close to, or inside the vessel. A team from the South Korean government arrived in Budapest late on 30 May 2019 and they are working together with the Hungarian authorities to agree a recovery plan.

NEW CASUALTIES

Riza Sonay

General cargo vessel, IMO 8520886, Built 1989, 8,627 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 May 2019 – Late Notification

Voyage Sousse, Tunisia to Nikolayev, Ukraine

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Suffered engine failure off Malta. A tug was contracted to tow the vessel to Tuzla. Coastal Safety tugs provided escort service through the Istanbul Strait.

Type of Claim Tug claim

P&I Lodestar Marine

Ran Tan II

Racing yacht, No other details

Date of Casualty 28 May 2019 – Late Notification

Type of Casualty Lost its keel whilst 2,008 miles southeast of Hilo. The crew abandoned the vessel and were picked up by a fishing vessel.

Type of Claim Total loss claim



Maatholhi

Bunkering tanker, IMO 9814923, Built 2016, 200 dwt

Date of Casualty 29 May 2019

Voyage Male City to Kaashidhoo, Maldives

Cargo 180 m³ of diesel

Type of Casualty Ran aground off Kaashidhoo island in the Maldives. The fuel products were transferred to barges prior to refloating the vessel.

Type of Claim Salvage claim

MSC Gaia

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9401142, Built 2010, 162,867 dwt

Date of Casualty 29 May 2019

Voyage Fos, France to Genoa, Italy

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Four containers fell from the vessel during cargo operations at Genoa.

Type of Claim Cargo damage

P&I UK Club

MOL Success

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9472581, Built 2010, 33,543 dwt

Date of Casualty 30 May 2019

Voyage Kobe, Japan to Busan, Korea

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Contacted a gantry crane whilst leaving Kobe.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

P&I Britannia

Boi Branco

Livestock carrier, IMO 7527306, Built 1976, 4,728 dwt

Date of Casualty 30 May 2019

Voyage Jeddah, Saudi Arabia to Piraeus, Greece

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Fire erupted on board the vessel whilst docked at the new Drapetsona pier, Keratsini, Piraeus. Three patrol boats, 11 tugs and the local fire brigade attended with 25 men and eight fire engines.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

Columbus

Passenger cruise vessel, IMO 8611398, Built 1989, 63,786 gt

Date of Casualty 30 May 2019

Type of Casualty Suffered damage to her steering after striking a submerged object departing Amsterdam en route to the Norwegian Fjords.

Type of Claim Damage and passenger claims

P&I American Club



Cape Knox

Ro-ro, IMO 7715290, Built 1978, 29,098 dwt

Date of Casualty 31 May 2019

Type of Casualty Caught fire whilst in New Orleans. Local fire-fighters attended the vessel which has been in the port since February 2018.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

Further casualties overleaf ▶



Galapagos Majestic

Passenger ship, No other details

Date of Casualty 31 May 2019

Type of Casualty Ran aground on the northern coast of Santiago Island in the Galapagos Archipelago. The hull suffered breaches and the vessel, with 200 gallons of diesel on board, later capsized and sank despite salvage efforts by the Ecuadorian Navy. The 26 people on board were safely evacuated.

Type of Claim Wreck removal and clean-up operations.

Agung Samudra IX

Landing craft, IMO 9669354, Built 2012

Date of Casualty 31 May 2019

Type of Casualty Experienced strong waves in the Bali Strait which caused a truck on board to overturn. The vessel docked safely at Gilimanuk port

Type of Claim Damage claim

Romi

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 8922266, Built 1992, 4,220 dwt

Date of Casualty 31 May 2019

Voyage Drammen, Norway to Barreiro, Portugal



Roose + Partners

NEW CASUALTIES - Continued - edition 323

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Suffered a loss of power whilst 25 nautical miles south of Durlstone Head, UK. The vessel was assisted by the tug *MTS Indus* and towed to Le Havre, France.

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

P&I Gard

Tunu Pratama Jaya 3888/Jalur Nusa

Tunu Pratama Jaya 3888 – Landing craft, IMO 8984381, Built 2001

Jalur Nusa – General cargo vessel, IMO 8984496, Built 1999

Date of Casualty 31 May 2019

Voyage No details

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty The vessels were in collision near Ketapang Port in East Java, Indonesia.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

Lance

Research vessel, IMO 7638351, Built 1978, 975 dwt

Date of Casualty 31 May 2019

Type of Casualty Suffered an engine breakdown northwest of Bjørnøya, Norway. The Norwegian Coastguard assisted. Deploying their patrol boat *Sortland*.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

P&I Hydr AS



MC 45

Barge, 1,066 t

Date of Casualty 1 June 2019

Type of Casualty Broke free from its moorings on the Weser at Leeseringen and ran aground. Another barge refloated the vessel and took it back to Leesering

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Swertia

General cargo vessel, IMO 9524798, Built 2008, 9,037 dwt

Date of Casualty 1 June 2019

Voyage Ube, Japan to Hong Kong

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Ran aground off Itoshima City in Fukuoka, Japan. The vessel was refloated with tug assistance.

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

P&I Gard

Wind Spirit/Dream Yacht

Wind Spirit - Passenger cruise ship, IMO 8603509, Built 1988, 846 dwt

Dream Yacht – Yacht, No other details

Date of Casualty 1 June 2019

Type of Casualty Allied with a wharf at Uturoa, French Polynesia. The vessel also struck the sailing yacht *Dream Yacht* after suffering engine failure.

Type of Claim Allision and collision damage claim

P&I Steamship Mutual



Undine

Ferry, IMO 9659804, Built 2013, 39 dwt

Date of Casualty 2 June 2019

Type of Casualty Suffered a fire whilst at Rostock. Local fire-fighters attended. Arson was suspected.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

Gorgoypikoos

Bulk carrier, IMO 9288461, Built 2005, 76,498 dwt 2005 Miscellaneous U

Date of Casualty 2 June 2019

Voyage Vancouver, USA, to Kobe, Japan

Cargo Grain

Type of Casualty Grounded at the mouth of the Columbia River after suffered a steering malfunction. The vessel refloated without assistance and proceeded to Longview with tugs escorting her.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and General Average declaration

P&I UK Club

Crucestar/A'rosa Mia

Crucestar – River cruise vessel, No other details

A'rosa Mia – River cruise vessel, IMO 8979283, Built 2003, 260 dwt

Date of Casualty 2 June 2019

Type of Casualty The *Crucestar* veered off course and collided with the *A'rosa Mia* which was berthed on the Danube near to the Djerdap 1 lock. Click [here](#) for video.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

Perlen

Ferry, No other details

Date of Casualty 2 June 2019

Type of Casualty Suffered a fire in her engine room whilst moored at Kragerø. Local fire-fighters attended.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

Access all our previous casualty newsletters [here](#)



MSC Opera/River Countess

MSC Opera – Passenger cruise vessel, IMO 9250464, Built 2004, 65,591 gt

River Countess – River cruise vessel, No other details

Date of Casualty 2 June 2019

Type of Casualty The *MSC Opera* suffered a technical failure during berthing operations and collided with the *River Countess* which was berthed at the Venice Passenger Terminal. The accident has prompted calls for such large cruise ships to be banned from the Giudecca Canal in Venice. Five people on the *River Countess*, which was carrying 130 passengers on board, were reported to be injured in the crash. Click [here](#) for video.

Type of Claim Collision damage

P&I West of England / No details

Lintas Timur

General cargo vessel, IMO 8740618, Built 1997, 2,355 dwt

Date of Casualty 4 June 2019

Voyage No details

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Sank in Banggai Laut Regency waters, eastern central Sulawesi, Indonesia. Of the 20 crew on board, one person was rescued and the other 19 remain missing.

Type of Claim Total loss and loss of life claims

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP



Wardeh – editions 303, 306 & 312 – the livestock carrier which was damaged after grounding off Turkey on 15 January 2019 left Mersin anchorage on 28 May 2019 under tow. She is bound for Aliaga breakers.

Umit K – edition 247 – repairs to the vessel, which was damaged in a collision with the Hakan Kalkavan on 17 December 2017 during adverse weather, have yet to commence due financial difficulties of her owners. She remains at the Kartal repair pier.

MSC Zoe – editions 302, 303, 304, 306, 307, 314 & 321 – the operation to recover containers lost from the containership has been terminated after five months with some 50 containers and their contents yet to be found. The large scale operation ended a month ago and two vessels were left to continue the search. The last delivery of waste was made on 25 May 2019. MSC's insurers are negotiating an additional fee for fishermen who, on a voluntary basis recover waste, and bring it to shore for processing.

My Song – edition 322 – MCS Marine Claim Services Germany have recovered the *My Song* which was lost off the coast of Menorca whilst being transported on the

deck of the *Brattingsborg*. The yacht's cradling system has been discharged and is being inspected. The yacht, with floating bags in place, was towed into Palma on Majorca on 3 June 2019.

Jin Hai Xiang – edition 322 – local authorities in Weihai have detained the vessels' 3rd officer, suspected of being responsible for the CO₂ incident that left ten people dead and a further 19 injured. The investigation into the incident is continuing.

KMTC Hongkong – edition 322 – local authorities continue to investigate the cause of the fire on board the containership at Laem Chabang port last week. 228 people have been discharged from local hospitals and 1,225 others have reported symptoms and claimed damage to their properties. About 3,500 tonnes of contaminated water remained inside the vessel.

Achilles II – edition 322 – the bulk carrier left Freeport on 29 May 2019 under tow of the *Alp Defender* bound for Lisbon, Portugal. The vessel suffered engine failure on 16 May 2019 east of Fort Lauderdale, USA whilst en route from New Orleans to Alexandria, Egypt and was towed to Freeport under a LOF Salvage Contract with Tsavliris.

