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Casualty Newsletter 330

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FEATURE CASUALTY

Sri Lanka Glory

General cargo vessel, IMO 9023081, Built 2003, 2,391 dwt

Date of Casualty 18 July 2019

Voyage Unknown to Galle, Sri Lanka

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Dragged at anchor during a storm.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage, salvage claim and clean-up operations

P&I American Club

In the evening of 18 July 2019 the 2003 built *Sri Lanka Glory* grounded off the coast of Sri Lanka near Galle prompting concern for the potential environmental impact on the Bonavista Coral reefs which are situated close to the area.

The general cargo vessel was at the Galle anchorage when strong seas and heavy winds caused the vessel to begin dragging her anchor. Eventually the anchor chain parted and the vessel fetched up on the rocky shore near the Peace Pagoda in Rumassala, Galle.

The vessel came to rest beam onto the shore and the incoming waves which were pounding the vessel and causing her to move further on shore. After the crew issued a distress alert the Sri Lankan Navy dispatched one of their rescue craft to the site and the vessel's nine crew members were evacuated. It is still unclear whether the *Sri Lanka Glory* was carrying any cargo. In some reports she has been described as a cement barge.

According to local reports the *Sri Lanka Glory* was loaded with approximately 15 m³ of bunkers/potential pollutants and, after evacuating the crew, focus of the rescue services and local authorities turned to planning the removal of the oil with the operation under the control of the Marine Environment Protection Authority. Weather at the site continued to hamper the fuel recovery efforts and the operation was temporarily suspended in the evening of 21 July 2019 after a small oil leak was noted. Oil recovery has now been successfully completed.

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NEW CASUALTIES



FY12 - Ocean Harvest ▢

Fishing vessel, No other details

Date of Casualty 16 July 2019 – Late Notification

Type of Casualty Caught fire off Penzance, Cornwall, UK. The crew abandoned the vessel into a life-raft and were later assisted by a wildlife trip boat which was nearby. The vessel sank.

Type of Claim Total loss claim

Fu Xing Hai ▣

Bulk carrier, IMO 9751298, built 2016, 38,801 dwt

Date of Casualty 16 July 2019 – Late Notification

Voyage Nueva Palmira, Uruguay to Rotterdam, Rotterdam

Cargo 40,000 m³ of iron ore

Type of Casualty Ran aground whilst transiting the Martin Garcia Channel. The vessel, which was obstructing safe navigation, was refloated on 19 July 2019 with the assistance of three tugs. The Martin Garcia Channel,

located between Uruguay and Argentina, is the main access channel to the port of Nueva Palmira and suffers from sedimentation build up. In 2017 Royal Boskalis Westminster N.V. and DEMA were awarded a 5-year contract for the capital and maintenance dredging of the Martin Garcia channel.

Type of Claim possible hull damage claim and General Average declaration

P&I West of England



Granit ▢

General cargo vessel, IMO 9342554, Built 2005, 3,417 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 July 2019

Voyage Busan, Korea to Vladivostok, Russia

Cargo 1,436 m³ of general cargo

Type of Casualty Suffered engine failure whilst in the Japan sea, 16 nm off Ulsan port, Korea. The vessel was

towed back to Busan where she will undergo repairs.

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

Camaro VI

Inland containership, 2,291 ts

Date of Casualty 18 July 2019

Voyage Birsfelden to Basel, Switzerland

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Disabled in Basel following engine failure and allided with two bridges spanning the river Rhine, the Middle Bridge and the Johanniter Bridge. Click [here](#) for video.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim



Iva Golubets ▢

Fishing vessel, IMO 8859782, Built 1991, 4,407 gt

Date of Casualty 19 July 2019

Type of Casualty Caught fire whilst

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fishing off the northern Mauritanian coast near the port of Nouadhibou. The fire engulfed the stern of the vessel and led to the death of a crew member. The vessel was towed by another fishing vessel into Nouadhibou.

Type of Claim Fire damage and possible salvage claim



Bardu ▢

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9504592, Built 2014, 34,086 dwt

Date of Casualty 19 July 2019

Voyage Kaohsiung, Taiwan to Shanghai, China

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Suffered a loss of power during poor weather in the East China Sea, 25nm from the Yangtze estuary. The vessel was assisted by the tug *Dong Hai Jiu 101* operated by the Donghai Salvage Bureau and towed to Luhuan, China, arriving



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at 1900 hours local time on 20 July 2019.

Type of Casualty Possible salvage claim
P&I Gard



Forens II ▣

Tank barge, IMO 9385312, Built 2006, 3,273 ts

Date of Casualty 19 July 2019

Voyage to Strasbourg, France

Cargo 2,400 m/t of gas oil

Type of Casualty Ran aground whilst transiting the River rhine near St. Goar. The vessel was refloated in the evening of the same day and berthed in Mainz. River police reported the tank barge.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Felix

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9180877, Built 1999, 6,359 dwt

Date of Casualty 20 July 2019

Voyage Parnu, Estonia to Kolding, Denmark
Cargo Wood pellets

Type of Casualty Ran aground off Assens, in Little Belt, Denmark. All attempts by the tug *Obelix* to pull the vessel free have failed and a lightering operation took place on 23 July 2019.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

P&I Hydror AS



Rachael S ▣

Fishing vessel, No other details

Date of Casualty 20 July 2019

Type of Casualty Ran aground off Lowestoft Piers, uk. The vessel was refloated later the same day.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage claim



Svitzer Sussex ▣

Tug, IMO 9019470, Built 1992, 143 dwt

Date of Casualty 20 July 2019

Type of Casualty Disabled by an engine room fire. The vessel was towed to Belfast, Ireland.

Type of Claim Fire damage and possible salvage claim

P&I Skuld

Greif

Schooner, IMO 8862571, Built 1951,

Date of Casualty 21 July 2019

Type of Casualty Ran aground off the Greifswald Wieck. The 46 passengers were evacuated. The vessel refloated without assisted and berthed in Wieck.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage claim

Christine

Yacht, No other details

Date of Casualty 22 July 2019

Type of Casualty Ran aground at the entrance to the harbour in Otterndorf.

The yacht was refloated with assistance but had been holed in the accident.

Type of Claim Hull damage and salvage claim

IN OTHER NEWS

The British owned product tanker *Stena Impero* (IMO 9797400, Built 2018, 49,683 dwt, P&I Swedish Club), which was enroute from Fujairah to Al Djubail, Saudi Arabia was seized by Iranian revolutionary Guards in the evening of 19 July 2019. The crude oil tanker *Mesdar* (IMO 9452672, Built 2007, 315,802 dwt, P&I UK Club), also British owned, was also detained but released a short time later. Iran reported that the *Stena Impero* had been detailed because its crew had turned off the vessel's AIS whilst in the southern part of the Strait of Hormuz putting other vessels at risk of collision. The vessel was also accused of carrying materials which posed an environmental threat. The crew of 23 are said to be safe.

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP



Nathan E Stewart ▣ - editions 186, 187, 188, 190, 191, 211, 245 & 271 - Kirby Offshore Marine Corp. has been fined over USD2.9 million after 110,000 litres of diesel and heavy fuel oils were spilled when the tug grounded and partially sank off the central coast of British Colombia in October 2016. A finding by Canada's Transportation Safety Board determined that the accident was caused after a crew member missed a planned course change after falling asleep whilst on watch alone.

Maersk Honam ▣ - editions 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 267, 268, 270, 271, 274, 283, 303, 308 & 320 - the LOF Salvage Arbitration has been timetabled to take place over 10

days from 15 June 2020 to 26 June 2020. The LOF Arbitrator is Vasanti Selvaratnam QC.

KSL Gladiator - edition 327 - the 43 containers lost from the containership on 30 June 2019 remain unrecovered near the Sandeep-Hatia Channel buoy. Owners have appointed a local salvage company to recover the containers.

Paksoy 1 - edition 329 - the bulk carrier remains at the anchorage in Tema, Ghana where she took refuge following the pirate attack on 15 July 2019. The pirates took 10 of the senior crew hostage and also damaged the vessel's communication and navigation equipment.

