

### FEATURE CASUALTY

## Stolt Groenland

*Stolt Groenland* – Chemical tanker, IMO 9414072, Built 2009, 43,478 dwt

*Bow Dalian* - Combined chemical and oil tanker, IMO 9504205, Built 2012, 9,118 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 28 September 2019

**Voyage** Kobe, Japan to Ulsan, Korea / Ulsan, Korea to

**Cargo** Various chemicals

**Type of Casualty** Explosion and fire

**Type of Claim** Damage claims and possible General Average declaration

**P&I** both vessels entered with Gard

Shortly before 1100 hours local time on 28 September 2019 the chemical tanker *Stolt Groenland* was rocked by a large explosion whilst moored in the Korean port of Ulsan. A major fire then erupted which spread to an adjacent vessel, the tanker *Bow Dalian*, which was, according to a statement by her owners Odjell, preparing for a transhipment of cargo from the *Stolt Groenland*, although cargo operations had yet to commence. The *Stolt Groenland* had arrived from Kobe, Japan on 26 September 2019 and was moored at the Yeompo Pier. The video of the explosion **here** was captured by a dash cam.

The *Stolt Groenland* had 25 crew members on board, and all were reported by Stolt Tankers as being safe with only one crew member suffering a minor injury. There were 21 crew on the *Bow Dalian*. Ten people

are reported to have been injured, either crew members from the *Bow Dalian* or possibly workers at the terminal. One person is described as being in a critical condition. The Coast Guard and local authorities responded to news of the fire and local fire-fighters were immediately deployed to the site. The fire was confirmed as having been brought under control at 1630 hours on 28 September 2019 and fully extinguished by 1100 hours the following morning. The *Bow Dalian* was towed away and moored at another berth. Presently access to the *Stolt Groenland* is restricted due to the hazardous nature of the cargo on board and concern for the risks of another explosion. Click **here** and **here** for video.

The *Stolt Groenland* was reported to be carrying the chemical styrene monomer in her No. 9 cargo tank and this is where the explosion is thought to have originated. This will be the subject of the investigation being conducted by the local authorities as well as the UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch who on behalf of the Caymans Island flag, under which the *Stolt Groenland* sails. Plans are being explored to discharge the cargo on board and move the vessel so that a safe investigation can be undertaken. Stolt tankers have sent an emergency response team to the site and they are working with the local authorities to secure the vessel. Containment booms have been placed around the vessel.

Roose+Partners are appointed to protect the interests of part cargo on board the *Stolt Groenland*.

### NEW CASUALTIES

#### Ocean Pluto/Fushun

*Ocean Pluto* – Product tanker, IMO 9308156, Built 2007, 50,359 dwt

*Fushun* – Bulk carrier, IMO 9146003, Built 1997, 48,224 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 23 September 2019 – Late Notification

**Voyage** Singapore to Chittagong, Bangladesh / Singapore to Chittagong, Bangladesh

**Cargo** 32,362 m<sup>3</sup> of gas oil / 44,030 m<sup>3</sup> cement clinker

**Type of Casualty** The *Ocean Pluto* struck the *Fushun* which was moored at the Chittagong outer anchorage. Both vessels sustained serious damage.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage, possible salvage claim and/or General Average declaration

**P&I** UK Club / West of England

#### Imavere

Bulk carrier, IMO 9612325, Built 2012, 36,746 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 25 September 2019

**Voyage** At anchor

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** An unnamed fishing vessel struck the *Imavere* which was moored two miles off Whitley Bay, North Tyneside, UK. The fishing vessel sank but her crew were rescued. Click **here** for video.

**Type of Claim** Collision claim

**P&I** Gard

#### Bukhta Naezdnik

Fish factory, IMO 8913253, Built 1991, 1,283 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 25 September 2019

**Type of Casualty** Caught fire whilst berthed at Brevik harbor, Tromsø, Norway. The superstructure was engulfed by the fire. The trawler later capsized and sank. Priority is to remove the vessel's bunkers and ammonia which was on board.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage, salvage claim and clean-up operations

**P&I** Skuld

#### Dick/Dick 1

*Dick* – Self-propelled barge, 1,199 ts

*Dick 1* – Self-propelled barge, 838 ts

**Date of Casualty** 25 September 2019

**Voyage** Magdeburg to Rotterdam, Netherlands

**Cargo** Wheat

**Type of Casualty** The barges allided with the gate of the Ahsen lock on the Wesel-Datteln-Canal whilst exiting the lock.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage claim



#### Express 4

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 9824564, Built 2019, 1,070 dwt

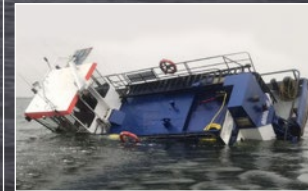
**Date of Casualty** 26 September 2019

**Type of Casualty** Allided with the quay

in Sjællands Odde, Denmark, during berthing operations. The vessel proceeded to the Orskov Yard in Frederikshavn for repairs.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage and possible passenger injury claims

**P&I** Skuld



#### Devotion

Tug, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 26 September 2019

**Type of Casualty** Suffered water ingress and capsized whilst in the IJssel Sea off Lelystad.

**Type of Claim** Salvage claim

#### One Blue Jay/Guneece

*One Blue Jay* – Fully cellular containership, IMO 9741372, Built 2016, 139,335 dwt

*Guneece* – Chemical tanker, IMO 9140841, Built 1998, 6,285 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 26 September 2019

**Voyage** Singapore to Perama, Greece / Perama to Turkey

**Cargo** General containerised cargo / 3,200 m<sup>3</sup> of fuel oil

**Type of Casualty** On arrival at Perama, Greece the containership collided with the berthed chemical tanker *Guneece* which was undergoing cargo operations. One person on the tanker was injured. The tanker suffered serious damage.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage claim

**P&I** Japan Shipowners / Standard Club

Further casualties overleaf ▶

#### Montelaura/Al Akhawayan

*Montelaura* – Reefer, IMO 7625500, Built 1977, 3,429 dwt

*Al Akhawayan* – Fishing vessel, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 26 September 2019

**Voyage** Caraminal, Spain to Gabon / n/a

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** The vessels were in collision west of Dakhla port, Morocco. The fishing vessel sank and 11 of her 16 crew are missing.

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

**P&I** Britannia

#### Bourbon Rhode

Fire-fighting tug, IMO 9356359, Built 2006, 650 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 26 September 2019

**Type of Casualty** Sunk in the Atlantic Ocean after suffering water ingress. Only three crew members have been rescued and 11 remain missing despite huge search and rescue efforts. The tug which was en route from the Canary Islands to Guyana issued a distress signal in the morning of 26 September 2019.

**Type of Claim** Total loss and loss of life claims

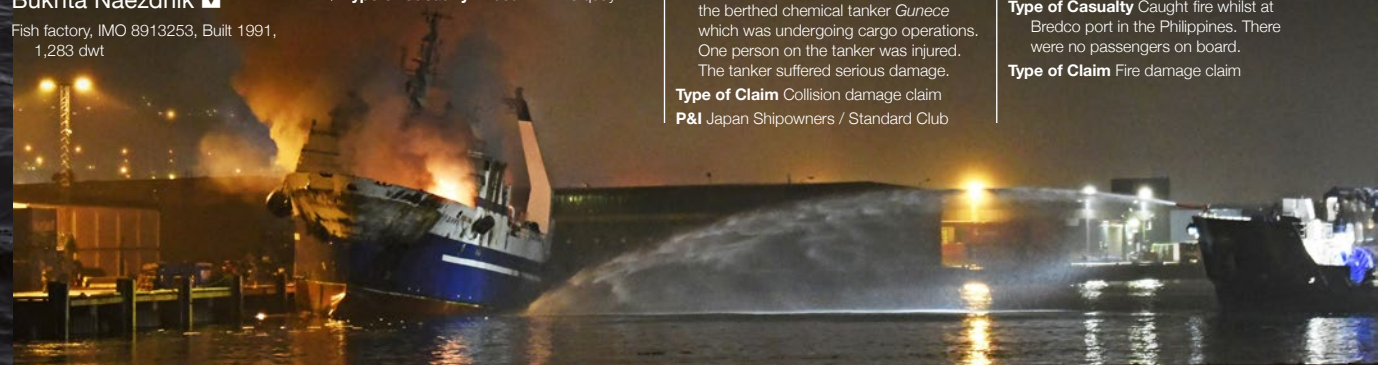
#### Millenium Uno

Passenger ferry, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 27 September 2019

**Type of Casualty** Caught fire whilst at Breddo port in the Philippines. There were no passengers on board.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage claim



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## Volgo-Balt 205 ▣

General cargo vessel, IMO 8230338, Built 1977, 3,587 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 27 September 2019

**Voyage** St Petersburg to Astrakhan, Russia

**Cargo** 300 m/t of steel constructions

**Type of Casualty** Caught fire whilst moored on the Volga river near Tol'yatti city. All 12 crew were safe. Click [here](#) for video.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage claim and possible General Average declaration

## Olympic Champion ▣

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 9216028, Built 2000, 6,524 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 28 September 2019

**Type of Casualty** A fire broke out on one of the ferry's car deck whilst off the port of Igoumenitsa. There were 538 passengers, 79 crew members and 293 vehicles on board. The fire was brought under control by the vessels automated fire-fighting system. returned to Igoumenitsa where passengers were evacuated. Two passengers were reported as suffering from smoke inhalation.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage and passenger claims

**P&I** UK Club



## Celina

Self-propelled barge, 1,324 ta

**Date of Casualty** 28 September 2019

**Voyage** Osnabrück to Brunsbüttel, Germany

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Allided with a railway bridge in Wittlingen whilst transiting the Elbe-Side-Canal. The wheelhouse was destroyed.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage claim

## Prevelis

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

**Date of Casualty** 28 September 2019

**Type of Casualty** Allided with the pier on arrival at the port of Sitia, Greece.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage claim

**P&I** UK Club

## Keani Kai

Yacht, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 28 September 2019

**Type of Casualty** Grounded on Magic Island, Waikiki, Hawaii.

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

## Wugang Atlantic/Berge Phan Xi Pang

*Wugang Atlantic* – Bulk ore carrier, IMO 9085352, Built 1995, 281,226 dwt

*Berge Phan Xi Pang* – Bulk carrier, IMO 9806299, Built 2017, 37,800 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 29 September 2019

**Voyage** Singapore to Itaquí, Brazil / Itaquí to Vila do Conde, Brazil

**Cargo** In ballast / Manganese ore

**Type of Casualty** The vessels were in collision in the Bay of São Marcos off São Luis, Itaquí near the Ponta da Madeira terminal.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage claim

**P&I** Both entered with the London Club

## Giskoev

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 9832303, Built 2019, 1,000 gt

**Date of Casualty** 30 September 2019

**Type of Casualty** Allided with the ferry dock at Hareid, Norway.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage claim

## Jyden ▣

Fishing vessel, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 30 September 2019

**Type of Casualty** Suffered water ingress and sank at the Marina Seaport in IJmuiden aan Zee

**Type of Claim** Damage and salvage claim

## Maria Veronica

Fishing vessel, IMO 8030075, Built 1983, 1,683 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 1 October 2019

**Type of Casualty** Caught fire whilst docked at Manzanillo, Mexico. The vessel capsized and sank.

**Type of Claim** Total loss and clean-up operations

## Bunan Ace

Bulk carrier, IMO 9628570, Built 2013, 37,744 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 1 October 2019

**Voyage** Patillos, Chile to Imitubá, Brazil

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Allided with a pier during mooring operations at Imitubá. Click [here](#) for video.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage claim

**P&I** Swedish Club



## Eiltank 65/Avalon Illumination ▣

*Eiltank 65* – Tank barge, 2,482 ts

*Avalon Illumination* – River cruise vessel, Built 2014, 2,775 gt

**Date of Casualty** 1 October 2019

**Voyage** Rotterdam, Netherlands to Wesel, Germany / Cologne, Germany to Amsterdam, Netherlands

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** The vessels were in collision on the Rhine in Wesel. Seven of the 160 passengers were injured.

**Type of Claim** Collision and passenger injury claims

**P&I** Noord Nederlandsche

## LOF NEWS

During the third quarter of 2019 only 8 LOF salvage contracts were reported to Lloyd's Salvage Arbitration Branch. This brings the total number of LOFs reported for 2019 to 29, a figure which is down on last year's figures of 39 LOFs reported in the same period which itself was down from the 2017 figure of 47. The newly reported *Habib Express* (see below) is included in the figures with the LOF contract being agreed on 30 September 2019.

## Habib Express

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9196230, Built 1999, 2,780 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 12 September 2019 – Very late notification

**Voyage** Miami, USA to Puerto de Haina, Dominican Republic

**Cargo** General containerised cargo

**Type of Casualty** Grounded off the island of Alto Velo southwest of La Beata on the southern coast of the Dominican Republic. The vessel remains aground. T&T Salvage have been contracted to provide salvage services under a Lloyd's Open Form salvage contract.

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

## CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP



**Northguider** – editions 301, 302, 303, 310, 327, 329, 332, 334, 335 & 338 – the wreck of the fishing vessel may be left in the Hinlopen Strait for another year following a further stoppage in the salvage operation caused by heavy winds and ice build-up. It was hoped to complete the operation by the end of September. The original plan was to get the trawler into a condition where she can be towed to Bergen to be broken up. It is now likely she will be temporarily patched and taken to a more sheltered location for further work.

**Coelleira** – editions 332 & 333– debris which has been found washed up on beaches on Papa Little, an uninhabited island north of Aith in the Shetland Islands, is thought to have come from the trawler which ran aground off Shetland in August. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) started monitoring the vessel and the surroundings in early September. If the debris is shown to be from the trawler, the owner will have to arrange the clean-up and recovery operation.

**Nur Aliya** – editions 335, 336 & 337– the location of the missing vessel has been detected north of Buru Island in the Halmahera Sea. The vessel sank during heavy weather on 20 August 2019 with the loss of her crew.

**Kelly** – edition 337 – the general cargo vessel has been towed to Tallin, Estonia for repairs

after investigations into the fire which occurred whilst the *Kelly* was transiting the Elbe river near Brunsbüttel.

**Golden Ray** ▣ – editions 337, 338 & 339 – on 27 September 2019 there was a release of oil from the vehicle carrier. Skimming operations were conducted by the Unified Command and the discharge has been stopped. Work continues to remove oil from the vessel.

**Baltic Carrier** ▣ – edition 339 – the vessel was refloated in the night of 27 September 2019 with the assistance of three tugs and was later towed into the port of Helsingborg. 25 m<sup>3</sup> of gas oil was removed from the vessel prior to the operation following instruction from the Swedish Transport Agency. The grounding area was sandy and the hull was found to be intact. The vessel's Master, who was alone on the bridge, has been arrested for gross negligence having been found to have excess alcohol in a breathalyser. He denies the charge and claims he simply fell asleep. He has been detained for two weeks after a hearing in Malmö.

**Ocean Porpoise (Ji Shun)** – edition 339 – was towed to the Ching Fu Shipbuilding shipyard in Kaohsiung on 24 September 2019 for repairs.



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