

FEATURE CASUALTY

Britannia Seaways

Passenger ro-ro, Built , dwt

Date of Casualty 16 November 2013

Voyage Sørreisa to Bergen

Cargo Military Equipment and ammunition

Type of Casualty Fire whilst 70 nm west of Florø

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

A fire broke out on board the *Britannia Seaways* whilst she was in the course of transporting military equipment and materials for the armed forces, including tanks, ammunition and jet fuel to Bergen in Western Norway. The equipment was to be used in an military exercise which is already underway and due to end on 23 November. The vessel is operated by DFDS of Copenhagen and is part of a scheme called ARK which provides shipping services to the German, Danish and Norwegian military.

At the time the fire occurred the vessel was encountering heavy weather and there is a suggestion that the fire ignited following a shift of tanktainers, some of which were

loaded with jet fuel, which were stowed on the upper weather deck of the ro-ro. Whilst the 20 strong crew attempted to extinguish the blaze, three rescue helicopters were dispatched to evacuate the crew and the 12 military personnel on board but the prevailing weather conditions made it impossible to safely disembark those on board. The vessel altered course for Florø and a specially trained unit of fire-fighters was flown from Bergen to Florø to assist in the operation.

It was thought that the fire had been successfully extinguished by the evening of 16 November but thermal imaging equipment revealed heat spots both in a room below deck with electrical installations and in one of the tanktainers of jet fuel on the deck. The vessel arrived into Bergen under her own power in the afternoon of 17 November and the fire was finally extinguished the following morning. All the fuel which was being transported has been lost together with approximately fifteen vehicles. The vessel will remain docked in Bergen and an investigation is underway.



NEW CASUALTIES

Tala

LPG tanker, Built 1982, 4,852 dwt

Date of Casualty 13 November 2013

Voyage Istanbul, Turkey to Temryuk, Russia

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Engine failure while transiting Bosphorus.

A coastal safety tug assisted and the vessel was towed to Buyukdere Bay.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim



Mercator

Tanker barge, no other details

Date of Casualty 13 November 2013

Voyage Loading

Cargo Gravel

Type of Casualty Broke from her mooring at Liege and drifted perpendicular to the Meuse blocking the river.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

Jette Martha

ZK 48 – Fishing vessel

Date of Casualty 14 November 2013

Voyage n/a

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Fire in engine room off Ameland.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

Stordal Flag

Passenger Ro-ro, Built 1979, 300 dwt

Date of Casualty 15 November 2013

Voyage Tommervag to Seivika, Norway

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Engine failure off Talgsjoen 20m of a rocky coast. The vessel was towed to Seivika.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Performer

General cargo vessel, Built 2007, 6,500 dwt

Date of Casualty 15 November 2013

Voyage Mariupol, Ukraine to Las Palmas, Spain

Cargo Unknown product

Type of Casualty Engine failure in the Mamara Sea. Coastal Safety tug *Kurtarma 7* assisted and towed the vessel to Tuzla.

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



Pacific Viking

Fishing vessel, Built 1974, 193 gt

Date of Casualty 15 November 2013

Voyage n/a

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Fire whilst moored at berth in the Lake Washington Ship Canal near Ballard Bridge

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

Mekhanik Tyulenev

General cargo vessel, Built 1992, 2,650 dwt

Date of Casualty 15 November 2013

Voyage Moored

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Engine room fire whilst anchored off the port of Archangel. The fire spread to the accommodation and upper deck.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

Magsenger 19

Bulk carrier, Built 2012, 115,396 dwt

Date of Casualty 16 November 2013

Voyage Saldanha, South Africa to Hamburg, Germany

Cargo Likely iron ore

Type of Casualty Engine blackout whilst entering Hamburg Port. The vessel dropped her anchor to prevent running aground and thereafter five local tugs attended and secured the vessel.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Undine

General cargo vessel, Built 1931, 82 dwt

Date of Casualty 16 November 2013

Voyage Sylt Island to Hamburg, Germany

Cargo Mineral water and rum

Type of Casualty Water ingress. The vessel is the last German freight carrying sailing ship. The vessel is to be dry-docked for repairs.

Type of Claim Possible cargo damage

CSL Niagara

Bulk carrier, Built 1972, 34,938 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 November 2013

Voyage Sandusky to Hamilton, USA

Cargo 30,000 m³ of coal

Type of Casualty Grounding off Sandusky Bay, Lake Erie. After being hampered by poor weather conditions, salvors successfully refloated the vessel on 19 November and she resumed her voyage.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim



Norstar

General cargo vessel, Built 1996, 9,372 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 November 2013

Voyage Moored in Gibraltar harbour

Cargo 4,000 m³ of sludge from dredging

Type of Casualty The vessel developed a list and was in danger of capsizing. At first she listed to starboard and then the list shifted to port and the vessel rested on the berth.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim



Princess Maria/ Mudyug

Ro-ro passenger vessel, Built 1981, 34,093 gt

Voyage – Icebreaker, Built 1982, 2,920 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 November 2013

Voyage to St Petersburg, Russia

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty The ferry collided with the icebreaker which was moored in St Petersburg port causing damage to the *Mudyug's* lifeboats and bulwark.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

Komati

Fully cellular containership, Built 2007, 25,864 dwt

Date of Casualty 18 November 2013

Voyage Pointe Noire, Congo, to Luanda, Angola

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Engine failure off Walvis Bay. The tug Smit Mudana is attending.

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



CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

Nedlloyd Juliana – edition 35 – Adjusters Stösching Hahn Hilbrich of Hamburg are presently assessing the expenditure in relation to this casualty with a view to assessing the merits of a General Average declaration.

Heung A Dragon – edition 35 – Svitzer Salvage in association with Bien Dep and Hai Van have been contracted under a Lloyd's Open Form Salvage Contract to save the vessel.