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Casualty Newsletter 363

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FEATURE CASUALTY

Aeolian Grace

Bulk carrier, IMO 9298258, Built 2007, 76,525 dwt

Date of Casualty 4 March 2020

Voyage São Francisco do Sul, Brazil to Singapore and China

Cargo 65,804 m/t of soya beans

Type of Casualty Grounding

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

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In the early hours 4 March 2020 the bulk carrier *Aeolian Grace* ran aground near the Brazilian port of São Francisco do Sul in the southern state of Santa Catarina.

The *Aeolian Grace* had loaded a cargo of soya beans at the port of Sao Francisco do Sul and was in the process of manoeuvring to depart when at 1237 hours on 4 March 2020 she grounded on a stone slab at Laje da Barata. The accident happened at low tide and left the vessel some 500 metres from the port.

Following the grounding two tugs, the *Svitzer Genaro* and *Svitzer Irlanda*

D, were despatched to the vessel. Initial assessment of the vessel confirmed she was not suffering any water ingress and there was no environmental concerns although a specialised team was sent to the location as a preventative measure should the situation change. A pilot was ordered to remain on the vessel throughout the operation.

A number of vessels were waiting to enter to port to load cargo at the time and all port movements were stopped. The restrictions initially imposed on other vessels using the port have now been partially lifted with the entry and exit of ships being assessed on a case-by-case basis by the Port Authorities and pilots.

Smit Salvage Americas have been contracted to save the vessel under a Lloyd's Open Form salvage contract and have been working under the watchful eye of the Brazilian Navy and Port State Captaincy. The vessel was refloated on 9 March 2020 with the assistance of four tugs. She was redelivered to her owners by the salvors yesterday and is presently undergoing a diving inspection and survey.

NEW CASUALTIES



Vågøy

Fishing vessel, 17 gt

Date of Casualty 4 March 2020

Type of Casualty Ran aground on the rocks in the Hårmsfjord, north west of Lepsoya, Ålesund, Norway. The vessel was pulled off the rocks with the assistance of a local lifeboat and a tug and was taken to the Kystvågen Slip & Mek AS Kristiansund.

Type of Claim Hull damage and possible salvage claim

Brave Warrior/Celine

Brave Warrior – General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 7208728, Built 1972, 6,336 dwt

Celine – General cargo vessel, IMO 9508653, Built 2011, 4,757 dwt

Date of Casualty 4 March 2020

Voyage No details

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Whilst manoeuvring in Nemrut Bay the bulk carrier *Brave Warrior* collided with the *Celine* which was berthed at the Habas pier.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I No details / Carina

Duc Minh 555

General cargo vessel, IMO 9601508, Built 2010, 1,805 dwt

Date of Casualty 5 March 2020

Voyage Unknown to Quang Ngai, Vietnam

Cargo Limestone

Type of Casualty The vessel was pushed aground near Ky Khang, Vietnam during poor weather whilst sailing in the Gulf of Tonkin. Her nine crew members were safely evacuated. The vessel was reported as partially submerged. Salvage operations have been hampered by poor weather.

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

San Matias I

Product tanker, IMO 9298789, Built 2005, 69,648 dwt

Date of Casualty 5 March 2020

Voyage Caleta Olivia to Puerto Rosales, Argentina

Cargo 65,000 m/t of crude oil

Type of Casualty The vessel grounded in the fairway approaching Bahia Blanca. The tanker was refloated the following day with tug assistance and anchored close to the grounding site for inspection.

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

P&I Steamship Mutual

Jian Gong 8

General cargo vessel, Built 2005, 3,817 dwt

Date of Casualty 5 March 2020

Voyage No details

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty The vessel suffered a main

engine breakdown whilst in the Taiwan Strait. The anchors were deployed but the vessel began dragging towards the reefs on the western coast of Quanzhou Bay, Fujian, China. The crew were evacuated because tugs were unable to connect to the vessel in the poor weather conditions.

Type of Claim Salvage claim



Blackbear

Tank barge, Built 1958, 1,333 ts

Date of Casualty 6 March 2020

Voyage Rotterdam to Vlaardingen, Netherlands

Cargo Bio diesel

Type of Casualty Suffered an engine room fire whilst sailing on the Nieuwe Waterweg in Vlaardingen, Rotterdam. The fire was extinguished with the help of a port authority boat and later towed to the quay in the Koningin Wilhelmina Port.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

Synne

Fishing vessel, Built 1987, 49 gt

Date of Casualty 6 March 2020

Type of Casualty The vessel ran aground off Flekkeroy in Kristiansand, Norway. She came to rest with a heavy port side list.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

Erisort/Kumpula

Erisort – Bulk carrier, IMO 9681895, Built 2014, 39,763 dwt

Kumpula – Bulk carrier, IMO 9590802, Built 2012, 56,348 dwt

Date of Casualty 6 March 2020

PIRACY NEWS

Crude oil tanker *Gladiolus* (IMO 9169548, Built 1998, 107,261 dwt, North of England) came under attack in the Gulf of Aden whilst 90 nm south east of Nishtun, Yemen on 4 March 2020. The attack was from four speedboats and also involved a remote controlled explosive device. Saudi forces intervened and prevented contact with the vessel.

Combined chemical and oil tanker *Minerva Virgo* (IMO 9307827, Built 2006, 50,922 dwt, Standard Club) was attacked by pirates on 5 March 2020 whilst in the Gulf of Guinea 43 nm south of Cotonou, Benin. All but one of the crew were able to retreat to the citadel. The remaining crew member has been kidnapped. The tanker was on a voyage from the Netherlands to Lagos, Nigeria.

General cargo ship *Huanghai Glory* (IMO 9458432, Built 2012, 28,287 dwt, American Club) with 23 crew on board was also attacked and boarded by pirates on 5 March 2020 whilst in the Gulf of Guinea some 85 nm south of Lagos, Nigeria. Communication with the vessel has been lost and the Nigerian Navy have dispatched a patrol vessel to investigate.

Meanwhile the product tanker *STI Bosphorus* (IMO 9785691, Built 2017, 51,546 dwt, Britannia Club) reported being approached by a skiff whilst 45 nm south of Lome, Togo on 5 March 2020. The tanker was able to prevent being boarded after taking evasive action by course alteration and using her fire hoses.

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Voyage Blexen to Nordenham, Germany / Bremen, Germany to Kookola, Finland

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty The vessel broke free from her mooring at the Rhenus pier in Nordenham after the *Kumpula* reportedly passed at 13 knots. The pier suffered damage.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

P&I Standard Club / Gard



Singapore Express ▣

Fully cellular containership, IMO , Built 2000, 66,793 dwt

Date of Casualty 6 March 2020

Voyage Leghorn to Genoa, Italy

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Broke free from her moorings at the Darsena Toscana Terminal, Leghorn during poor weather. Tugs brought her under control and back to the berth.

Type of Claim Possible salvage type claim

P&I Swedish Club

Red Duchess

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 6919851, Built 1969, 2,180 dwt

Date of Casualty 7 March 2020

Voyage Moin, Costa Rica to San Andres Island, Colombia

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Grounded on approach to San Andres Island.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

P&I MS Amlin

Containerships VI

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9188518, Built 1999, 13,520 dwt

Date of Casualty 8 March 2020

Voyage Rotterdam, Netherlands to Helsinki, Finland

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Allided with the middle wall of the New Southern Lock in Brunsbüttel, Germany whilst transiting the Kiel Canal.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

P&I Hydor AS

Starmi

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9128336, Built 1995, 4,198 dwt

Date of Casualty 8 March 2020

Voyage Slite, Sweden to Randers, Denmark

Cargo Cement

Type of Casualty Ran aground whilst entering the Randers Fjord. The vessel was refloated with assistance and towed to Gudenå.

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

P&I Gard



Nourah of Ryad ▣

Mega yacht, IMO 9534822, Built 2008, 352 dwt

Date of Casualty 8 March 2020

Type of Casualty Capsized at a repair yard in Perama, Greece during an operation to lift the vessel readying for hull work.

Type of Claim Hull damage

P&I Steamship Mutual

Glovis Champion

Vehicle carrier, IMO 9651113, Built 2013, 20,661 dwt

Date of Casualty 8 March 2020

Voyage Emden to Bremerhaven, Germany

Cargo Vehicles

Type of Casualty The vessel ran aground near the entrance to Emden whilst departing the port. Tugs were initially unable to refloat the vessel due to the currents but they succeeded later in the day with the assistance of the rising tide.

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

P&I North of England

Godspeed/Yonghua Lu

Godspeed – Fully cellular containership, IMO 9426738, Built 2007, 7,990 dwt

Yonghua Lu – Pilot boat, No other details

Date of Casualty 9 March 2020

Voyage Taichung to Taipei, Taiwan

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty The *Godspeed* collided with the pilot boat whilst entering the port of Taipei. The pilot boat capsized. Both crew on board the pilot boat were killed. A mobile crane recovered the wreckage of the pilot boat in the evening.

Type of Claim Collision and loss of life claims


P&I West of England

Thekla ▣

Tank barge, 1,771 ts

Date of Casualty 9 March 2020

Voyage Buetzfleth to Cologne, Germany

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Cargo Aluminium hydroxide

Type of Casualty Allided with a jetty on the Rhine at Niehl in Cologne. The vessel suffered a breach at her bow with resulting water ingress. She proceeded to the port of Niehl where her cargo was to be unloaded to raise the vessel higher in the water.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

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Fishing vessel, No other details

Date of Casualty 9 March 2020

Type of Casualty Sank in the Bay of Saint-Brieuc near the Grand Léjon lighthouse off the coast of Brittany, France. The two crew members were rescued.

Type of Claim Total loss claim

Stadt Dresden/Ibrahim Simsek

Stadt Dresden – Fully cellular containership, IMO 9320049, Built 2006, 37,938 dwt

Ibrahim Simsek – General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 7504653, Built 1983, 5,586 dwt

Date of Casualty 10 March 2020

Voyage Gemlik to Izmit, Turkey / Derince to Aliaga, Turkey

Cargo General containerised cargo / In ballast

Type of Casualty The vessels were in collision in the eastern Marmara sea off Senkoy, Turkey. The containership was struck on the port side and suffered breaches above the waterline.

Type of Claim Collision claim and possible General Average declaration

P&I Gard / Hanseatic

Darya Aum/Tatiana Y Manuel - 3-CA-5-2-18

Darya Aum – Bulk carrier, IMO 9768605, Built 2018, 81,109 dwt

Tatiana Y Manuel - 3-CA-5-2-18 – Fishing vessel, No other details

Date of Casualty 10 March 2020

Voyage Norfolk to Suez / n/a

Cargo No details / n/a

Type of Casualty The vessels were in collision 12 miles off Cape Espartel. Both vessels suffered limited damage and were able to proceed.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I Standard Club / No details

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP



Blue Star – editions 348, 349, 350, 352 & 360 – the tug *VB Hispania* arrived in El Ferrol on 7 March 2020 having been contracted to tow the *Blue Star* to Turkey.

Jumbo Vision ▣ – editions 358, 359 & 361 – the sheerleg *Hebo Lift 9* finally arrived in Rostock on 5 March 2020 to participate in the recovery of the two Liebherr-cranes which were lost overboard from the *Jumbo Vision*. An investigation into the accident continues. It is no longer thought there was any contact between the ship's cranes and the shoreside crane.

Pampero – editions 361 & 362 – the lightering of the cargo of vinyl chloride from the barge to the *Samoen* is due to be completed this week. Some of the cargo has been lost into the Rhône river but the leak has been contained. Navigation between the ports of Valence and Salaise-Sablons remains closed.

Clavigo ▣ & **Dede** – edition 362 – underwater surveys were completed on both vessels on

4 March 2020. Both vessels have suffered serious damage with water ingress into their cargo compartments, engine room, accommodation and ballast tanks. Focus will be on fuel removal before steps are taken to remove the vessels. Fines have been imposed on both vessels.

Stellar Banner – edition 362 – an underwater inspection has shown that the VLOC has damage on her starboard side towards the bow spanning 25 metres. Investigators are looking into whether the vessel did strike an underwater object or touch the ground, causing the damage and subsequent intentional grounding, or if she was somehow carrying damage prior to leaving the port. Work to remove the 3,500 m³ of bunkers on the vessel was scheduled to begin yesterday. One of the salvage team was injured on 7 March 2020 and admitted to hospital.

