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Casualty Newsletter 368

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FEATURE CASUALTY

Bellatrix

General cargo vessel, IMO 8230405, Built 1978, 2,893 dwt

Date of Casualty 8 April 2020

Voyage Khoms, Libya to Samsun, Turkey

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Fire

Type of Claim Fire damage and salvage claim

At 0500 hours on 8 April 2020 the general cargo vessel *Bellatrix* issued a distress message to the Calabrian Coast Guard reporting a fire on board and requesting assistance.

The Bolivian flagged *Bellatrix*, which was on a ballast voyage from Khoms in Libya to Samsun in Turkey, was transiting the Ionian sea some 180 miles southeast of Catania, Sicily, which was just within the Italian Search and Rescue area, halfway between Sicily and the Peloponnese in Greece, when she suffered a fire

in her engine room. After her distress message was picked up MRCC Rome requested other vessels in the area to proceed to vessel's location and provide assistance where necessary. Despite attempts to extinguish the fire, it quickly got out of control and the decision was taken to abandon the vessel. The 12 crew members were later picked up by the freighter *Arife*.

The patrol boat *Diciotti* was deployed to the area from Roccella Jonica together with various rescue vessels and aircraft were also sent to carry out an aerial assessment of the casualty.

The vessel's owners have contracted the tug *Horoz* to tow the fire damaged vessel to Aliaga, Turkey. The towage operation commenced on 11 April 2020 and the vessel is expected to arrive in Aliaga tomorrow. Click [here](#) and [here](#) for videos.

NEW CASUALTIES

Barrier

Fully cellular container ship, IMO 9151917, Built 1998, 14,357 dwt

Date of Casualty 7 April 2020 – Late Notification

Voyage Beira, Mozambique to Walvis Bay, Namibia

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty The vessel ran aground near Beira. She was assisted by the POSH *Resolve* and was towed to Durban for repairs.

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

P&I Steamship Mutual

Dyphav – T-4-BG

Fishing vessel, No other details

Date of Casualty 8 April 2020

Type of Casualty Sank in the Straumsfjord whilst proceeding to Botnhamn to deliver her catch. The wreck has been recovered by the vessel *Niklas* operated by Finnsnes Dykk & Anleggsservice.

Type of Claim Damage and salvage/wreck removal claim

Kathleen

Fishing vessel, No other details

Date of Casualty 8 April 2020

Type of Casualty The vessel ran aground four miles south of Kingston in front of President Point, USA. The crew were rescued.

Type of Claim Hull damage and salvage claim

Aziz Torlak

Product tanker, IMO 9558763, Built 2010, 8,100 dwt

Date of Casualty 10 April 2020

Voyage Cartagena, Spain to Dakhla, Morocco
Cargo Fuel

Type of Casualty The tanker ran aground on approach to Dakhla port. Tugs have been mobilised from Qatar to assist.

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

P&I Standard Club



Rupanti

Lightering vessel, No other details

Date of Casualty 10 April 2020

Voyage n/a

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty The vessel sank after colliding with an electricity pylon whilst on the Hoogly River, Bangladesh. All the crew were rescued. Click [here](#) for video.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim, total loss and wreck removal

Viknafjord

Fishing vessel, No other details

Date of Casualty 10 April 2020

Type of Casualty Suffered water ingress and sank whilst docked in Rorvik. Some diesel has leaked from the vessel's tanks. The wreck has been dewatered and lifted ashore.

Type of Claim Damage and salvage claim



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Ingenuity

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9790892, Built 2017, 21,768 dwt

Date of Casualty 10 April 2020

Voyage Vung Tau, Vietnam to Ningbo, China

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Ran aground off La Gi in Binh Thuan, Vietnam.

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

P&I Britannia

Epic Burano

LPG carrier, IMO 9251171, 2002, 7,155 dwt

Date of Casualty 11 April 2020

Voyage Aqaba, Jordan to Piraeus, Greece

Cargo LPG

Type of Casualty The vessel ran aground on the Suez canal whilst proceeding in a northbound convoy.

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

P&I North of England



New Assurance

Crude oil tanker, IMO 9799161, Built 2018, 307,524 dwt

Date of Casualty 11 April 2020

Voyage Long Beach, USA to Charco Azul, Panama

Cargo Oil

Type of Casualty Whilst under control of a pilot the vessel allided with the pier at the



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Petroterminal oil terminal at Charco Azul, Charco Azul Bay, Panama. The loading arm on the pier was damaged as well as the port side of the vessel.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim
P&I West of England



Ningda10 ▣

Product tanker, No other details
Date of Casualty 11 April 2020

Voyage to Ningbo, China

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Ran aground on rocks whilst in the East China Sea 11 nm south east of Zhoushan, China. The search and rescue vessel *Dong Hai Jiu 118* was deployed to the site and rescued the seven crew members on board.

Type of Claim Hull damage and salvage claim

Navig8 Sky

Chemical tanker, IMO 9731731, Built 2016, 25,193 dwt

Date of Casualty 11 April 2020

Voyage Onsan to Ulsan, South Korea

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Allided with a pier during mooring operations in Ulsan. Both the vessel and pier were damaged.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

P&I Gard

Serena

Yacht, No other details

Date of Casualty 11 April 2020

Type of Casualty Suffered water ingress and an electrical fire whilst sailing in heavy weather 200 miles south east of Cape May, New Jersey, USA. The lone skipper was rescued by the US Coast Guard.

Type of Claim Total loss claim



Militos ▣

Crude oil tanker, IMO 9607435, Built 2012, 164,751 dwt

Date of Casualty 12 April 2020

Voyage Muara, Brunel to Novorossiysk, Russia

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Suffered engine failure whilst transiting the southern Bosphorus. The vessel was assisted by Coastal Safety tugs and was taken to a safe anchorage.

Type of Claim Possible salvage/towage claim

P&I Gard

Loulette

Yacht, No other details

Date of Casualty 12 April 2020

Type of Casualty Suffered a loss of propulsion and water ingress in the Bay of Biscay, 278 km from Cap Ferret. The skipper was rescued and taken to Portsmouth.

Type of Claim Total loss claim



Terang 302 ▣

Barge, Built 2008, 7,817 dwt

Date of Casualty 13 April 2020

Voyage No details

Cargo Quartz


Type of Casualty The barge suffered structural failure and broke in two during cargo loading operations in Bangka, Indonesia. She had loaded 80% of her cargo, some 5,000 m³ of quartz.

Type of Claim Total loss claim and wreck removal operations

Karl-Jakob K

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9344409, Built 2006, 4,264 dwt

Date of Casualty 13 April 2020

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The chemical tanker *SC Taipei* (IMO 9175535, Built 2001, 22,377 dwt), which was anchored in the Gulf of Oman north east of Fujairah, was boarded by armed men yesterday and taken to Iranian waters of Mobarak. She had been on a voyage from India to the UAE.

Offshore supply ship *Remas* (IMO, Built, dwt) was attacked and boarded by armed pirates on 9 April 2020 in the Gulf of Mexico, some 70 nm north of Puerto Dos Bocas, Mexico. The pirates plundered the vessel taking valuables and equipment whilst they held the crew at gunpoint. The crew are reported to be safe. Click [here](#) for video.

Voyage La Coruna to Marin, Spain

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty The vessel suffered engine failure whilst departing La Coruna. She anchored and was later towed to the port's anchorage. She continued her voyage after completing repairs.

Type of Claim Towage claim

P&I Hydor AS

Bogøy

Ro-ro, IMO 7325459, Built 1973, 215 dwt

Date of Casualty 14 April 2020

Type of Casualty Suffered a technical failure, allided with a terminal structure at Reinoya, Norway and grounded.

Type of Claim Allision damage and possible salvage claim

P&I Gard

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP



YM Efficiency – editions 271, 272, 273, 274, 276, 325, 352 & 360 – a further two containers lost from the vessel have been found during the preparations to lift other containers which had previously been identified. The finding brings the number of containers to be recovered as part of Operation Recovery, to 62, leaving only 14 containers yet to be located. The containers are believed to contain tyres and paper products.

MSC Opera and River Countess ▣ – edition 323 – the collision between the vessels on 2 June 2019 resulted from the incompetence of the Captain of the MSC vessel according to a report issued by the Italian Navy. The report suggests the captain and crew were inadequately trained to deal with an emergency situation. The vessel suffered a steering failure whilst manoeuvring in Venice on the Giudecca Canal shortly before the pilots came aboard. They were not advised of the problem when boarding and neither

did the Captain take action to shut down the vessel's engines.

Ocean Pursuit ▣ – edition 362 – the fishing vessel remains aground on Bodie Island in the Oregon Inlet, USA. A salvage plan has still to be presented by the owner of the vessel to the US Coast Guard.

AG Valor ▣ – edition 366 – the vessel remains anchored on the Parana river near Rosario, Argentina pending provision of security.

Haci Semsettin Dunder – edition 367 – the vessel was assisted under a commercial towage contract and towed to Tuzla.

Milano Bridge – edition 367 - preliminary investigations suggest that the vessel's high speed on approach was the main cause of the allision in Busan. This was likely compounded by the fact that the vessel was free of containers and her crew had failed to account for the fact that her rudder was only partially submerged and her bow thrusters had no effect.

