

FEATURE CASUALTY

Else

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9006320, Built 1993, 3,729 dwt

Date of Casualty 29 August 2020

Voyage Klaipeda, Lithuania to Les Sables, France

Cargo Ammonium nitrate

Type of Casualty Allision

Type of Claim Allision damage and possible General Average declaration

P&I Carina

On 29 August 2020 the general cargo vessel *Else* allided with the lock of the Kiel Canal in Germany causing serious damage to both the lock and the vessel.

The 1993 built cargo vessel was transiting the Kiel Canal en route from Klaipeda to Les Sables when she crashed into the closed lock gate on the Canal in Kiel-Holtenau at 0500 hours. The impact caused severe damage to the lock gate and the *Else* suffered a leak forward. The vessel remained embedded in the lock gate for some six hours but she was finally freed after tugs *Holtenau* and *Stein* pulled her away from the structure. She was

then taken to the Lindenau Yard in Kiel-Friedrichsort for assessment.

The *Else* did not have a pilot on board at the time of the accident. It is usual for vessels to stop shortly before the locks to take on a pilot but whilst a pilot had been requested by the vessel, she did not stop and continued on the Canal without any reduction in speed. She reportedly hit the lock gate at a speed of six knots.

The lock has been closed whilst the damaged gate is removed and only one of the four locks in Holtenau are in full operation which will probably lead to delays on the Canal. Other locks are also under repair having been damaged by other vessels. Damage assessment to determine whether the underwater tanks have been damaged was completed on 31 August 2020 and fortunately they remain intact. As such it is expected that temporary repairs to facilitate the opening of the lock will be completed by next weekend with the 16 ton replacement gate due on site yesterday.

An investigation into the accident is of course underway. Initial thoughts are that the master of the vessel may have fallen asleep.



NEW CASUALTIES

Yasa Unity

Bulk carrier, IMO 9296262, Built 2006, 75,580 dwt

Date of Casualty 21 August 2020 – Late Notification

Voyage Krishnapatnam, India to Port Elizabeth, South Africa

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Disabled in the Indian ocean east of Madagascar. The tug *Boka Expedition* was contracted to provide assistance and tow the bulk carrier to Durban.

Type of Claim Towage/salvage claim

P&I Gard

Schelde Confidence

Bulk carrier, IMO 9589762, Built 2011, 38,225 dwt

Date of Casualty 24 August 2020 – Late Notification

Voyage Nghi Son, Vietnam to Gwangyang, South Korea

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty The vessel was in collision with a fishing vessel in Chinese territorial waters. Both vessels were damaged.

Type of Claim Collision claim

P&I Skuld

Seba

General cargo vessel, IMO 8505939, Built 1985, 1,529 dwt

Date of Casualty 26 August 2020

Voyage Novorossiysk, Russia to Tripoli, Libya

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Suffered engine failure in the Marmara sea. The coastal safety tug *Kurtarma 2* was contracted to assist the vessel to Silivri where she was anchored to effect repairs.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

P&I Hanseatic



Yingara

General cargo vessel, MMSI 667001774

Date of Casualty 26 August 2020

Type of Casualty Caught fire whilst berthed in Taipei, Taiwan undergoing maintenance and repairs after chemicals on deck reportedly ignited. Local fire-fighters attended and extinguished the fire after 1.5 hours. The crew were all safe.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

Ilyas Efendiye

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9338670, Built 2005, 6,933 dwt

Date of Casualty 26 August 2020

Voyage Alexandria, Egypt to Tuzla, Turkey

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Suffered engine failure south of the Canakkale Strait. The tug *RM 1002* took the vessel in tow to Tuzla arriving on 30 August 2020.

Type of Claim Towage/salvage claim

P&I West of England

Nordindependence

Crude oil tanker, IMO 9783019, Built 2018, 112,038 dwt

Date of Casualty 26 August 2020

Voyage Primorsk, Russia to Rotterdam, Netherlands

Cargo Crude oil

Type of Casualty Allided with a berth during unmooring operations at the oil terminal in Primorsk. The pier was damaged.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

P&I Gard



Sabuk Nusantara 109

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 9812858, Built 2017,

Date of Casualty 26 August 2020

Type of Casualty Ran aground near Bukide Port in North Sulawesi, Indonesia during poor weather. The vessel, which had 91 people on board, was refloated in the evening of 27 August. Her passengers were evacuated beforehand onto an Indonesian Navy patrol boat.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

Rubina

Bulk carrier, IMO 9725512, Built 2018, 39,959 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 August 2020

Voyage Bremen, Germany to Houston, USA

Cargo Steel

Type of Casualty Ran aground on the eastern

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bank of the Weser off Sandstedt. The bulk carrier was refloated with tug assistance and berthed in Brake for inspection.

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

P&I UK Club

Neptune

Offshore support vessel, IMO 9616864, Built 2012, 4,112 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 August 2020

Type of Casualty Suffered a loss of propulsion 73 km west off Breton, France whilst en route to Saint-Nazaire from Falmouth, UK. The vessel was assisted by the tug *Abelle Bourbon* and towed into Brest.

Type of Claim Towage/salvage claim



Messila

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9294953, Built 2004, 10,585 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 August 2020

Voyage Mersin to Haydarpaşa, Turkey

Cargo Wind turbine blades

Type of Casualty Ran aground on Tilos, Greece. The vessel was refloated on 29 August 2020 and anchored for inspection.

Type of Claim Hull damage and salvage claim

Zhong Chang He Sheng

Bulk carrier, IMO 9603879, Built 2010, 53,171 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 August 2020



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Voyage Surigao, Philippines to Lianyungang, China

Cargo Nickel ore

Type of Casualty Issued a distress signal whilst in the East China Sea after the cargo of nickel ore began liquefying. The vessel altered course towards the coast and eventually proceeded to Ningde where she remains.

Type of Claim Possible General Average declaration

P&I Skuld

Isle of Capri ▣

Casino ship, No other details

Date of Casualty 27 August 2020

Type of Casualty Broke free from its mooring on the Calcasieu River in Louisiana, USA during the passage of Hurricane Laura. The vessel drifted into a road bridge.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

Rix Explorer

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9167356, Built 1998, 4,217 dwt

Date of Casualty 29 August 2020

Voyage Kalmar, Sweden to Kolding, Denmark

Cargo Loaded, no details

Type of Casualty Ran aground in Kolding Fjord near Drejens. The vessel was refloated on 30 August 2020.

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

Min Jin Yu 05119

Fishing vessel, No other details

Date of Casualty 30 August 2020

Type of Casualty Sank in the Taiwan Strait after a collision with an unnamed commercial vessel. Two of the crew have been rescued by twelve remain missing.

Type of Claim Collision damage and loss of life claim



Immensity ▣

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9171395, Built 2002, 9,766 dwt

Date of Casualty 30 August 2020

Voyage Mariupol, Russia to Barcelona, Spain

Cargo Steel

Type of Casualty Ran aground in Kerch Strait. The vessel was refloated with tug assistance.

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

Nabarima

Floating storage tanker, IMO 9316567, Built 2005, 207,700 dwt

Date of Casualty 31 August 2020

Voyage n/a

Cargo 173,000 tons of oil

Type of Casualty Suffered water ingress and began sinking in the Gulf of Paria, Venezuela.

Type of Claim Salvage claim and clean-up operations

Sir Gaetan

Tug, IMO 9065340, Built 1993, 85 dwt

Date of Casualty 31 August 2020

Type of Casualty Sank off Poudre d'Or on the

northeast coast of Mauritius after contacting a barge which it was towing. The barge was loaded with oil recovered from the *Wakashio*. Two crew members died in the accident and two are missing. Four of the crew survived.

Type of Claim Total loss and loss of life claims

Tejo Alges

General cargo vessel, IMO 9240251, Built 2001, 4,247 dwt

Date of Casualty 1 September 2020

Voyage Ferrol, Spain to Greenore, Ireland

Cargo Steel products

Type of Casualty Disabled in the Bay of Biscay following an engine room fire. The fire was extinguished by the crew. A tug will tow the vessel back to Ferrol.

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


P&I standard Club



Else Marie Theresa/Smit Yare ▣

Else Marie Theresa - Combined chemical and oil tanker, IMO 9237864, Built 2001, 4,307 dwt

Smit Yare - Training boat, IMO 9266621, No other details

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Date of Casualty 1 September 2020

Voyage Falmouth, UK to Rotterdam, Netherlands / n/a

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty The tanker suffered a loss of control during unmooring operations at Falmouth. She struck the *Smit Yare* and ran aground. The tanker was pulled free and returned to her berth.

Type of Claim Collision claim

P&I Gard / No details

Blake

Bunkering tanker, IMO 9295610, Built 2003

Date of Casualty 1 September 2020

Type of Casualty Caught fire during bunkering operations at Kallo Belgium. The tanker was bunkering the container ship *Maersk Serangoon* at the time.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

Gulf Livestock 1

Livestock carrier, IMO 9262883, Built 2002, 8,372 dwt

Date of Casualty 2 September 2020

Voyage New Zealand to China

Cargo Livestock

Type of Casualty Issued a distress signal whilst in the East China sea, some 100 nm west of the Amami Archipelago. There is concern the vessel, with 43 crew members and live animals on board, may have sunk during the passage of Typhoon Maysak.

Type of Claim Possible total loss

P&I West of England

PIRACY NEWS

The product tanker *Pike* (IMO 9396672, Built 2008, 73,723 dwt, UK Club), which was proceeding from Lagos for Rotterdam, was approached by pirates 125nm south of Lome in the Gulf of Guinea on 28 August 2020. The vessel was able to thwart the attack by carrying out anti-piracy manoeuvres.

The fishing vessel *AP 703* (IMO 7419731, Built 1974, 674 dwt) was boarded by pirates whilst proceeding some 100 nm south of Lome, Togo. The vessel took two of the 50 crew hostage.

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP



Delfi ▣ - edition 348 - the first stage in lifting the wreck of the tanker from her resting position in the port of Odessa was completed on 26 August 2020. After the wreck was brought onto an even keel an inspection revealed a large hole on the vessel's starboard side and work will have to be undertaken to patch the hole and make the vessel watertight before she can be taken for repairs.

Hoegh Xiamen ▣ - editions 376 & 377 - on 30 August 2020 the fire ravaged car carrier was towed from the port of Jacksonville by the offshore tug *Alp Striker* bound for Aliaga in Turkey where she will be scrapped. She is expected to arrive at the end of September 2020.

Wakashio - editions 384, 385, 386 & 387 - Mangrove trees affected by the loss of oil from the bulk carrier may have to be cleaned by hand in a system proposed by Japanese experts as the use of high

pressure jet washers and chemicals would potentially harm the sensitive mangroves and environment. The Indian naval ship *Nireekshak*, a specialised diving support vessel, has arrived in Port Louis, Mauritius to assist with efforts to contain the oil and help in efforts to contain an oil spill, Indian Navy said on Tuesday.

Raka 4 - editions 384, 385 & 386 - MS Service have been contracted by the Raja Ferry Port company to raise the ferry, which sank on 1 August 2020 off Koh Samui after three trucks shifted in poor weather. The three trucks were carrying rubbish which has washed up on local beaches and steps will be taken during the operation to cover the vessel and trucks in netting to prevent the further release of rubbish. The salvage plan is being considered by the local authorities.

Lady MM - edition 387 - the luxury yacht sank was confirmed as having sunk off Sardinia after being destroyed by fire.

