

FEATURE CASUALTY

X-Press Godavari

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9353735, Built 2008, 10,662 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 September 2020

Voyage Port Klang, Malaysia to Kolkata, India

Cargo General containerised cargo

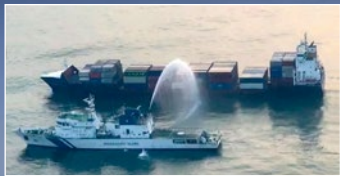
Type of Casualty Fire

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

P&I West of England

Late in the evening of 27 September 2020 a fire erupted in cargo loaded on board the fully cellular containership *X-Press Godavari* which was moored at the anchorage off Sandheads, West Bengal, India.

The 2008 built containership was loaded with 506 containers of general cargo. She was bound for Kolkata, having previously loaded cargo at Port Klang, departing there on 23 September 2020. She was due to arrive at Kolkata on 29 September 2020 and was moored at Sandheads awaiting clearance to enter Kolkata port. The fire was located on deck and smoke was observed



billowing from a deck container stowed on the vessel's port side.

After an emergency message was issued by the vessel, the Indian Coast Guard immediately mobilised three of their vessels to the anchorage together with a Dornier aircraft tasked to carry out an aerial survey and assessment of the situation on board. The ICGS *Amogh* was the first vessel on site, followed by the *Amrit Kaur* and *Varad* and the tugs immediately commenced fire-fighting. A fourth Coast Guard tug arrived on Monday evening and joined the operation. After 16 hours the fire was reported to have been extinguished. Boundary cooling operations continued throughout the night into to prevent any possible reignition of the fire.

After it was determined the vessel was in a safe condition and there was no risk of reignition, permission was granted for the *X-Press Godavari* to enter Kolkata port. Proceeding under her own power, she was escorted into the port and berthed at 1045 hours yesterday.

At the time of the fire the ship had 15 crew members. There have no reports of any injuries to the crew. Her next port of call after Kolkata is Colombo, Sri Lanka.

An investigation into the cause of the fire is underway.

NEW CASUALTIES

Duckyang Gas/Nanei Maru

Duckyang Gas – LPG carrier, IMO 8921884, Built 1990, 1,300

Nanei Maru – Tanker, Built 2008, 1,508 dwt

Date of Casualty 20 September 2020 – Late Notification

Voyage Osaka to Tanoura, Japan / Tsukumi to Moji, Japan

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty The vessels were in collision in the Kanmon Straits whilst sailing westbound. The port bow of the *Duckyang Gas* contacted the starboard stern of *Nanei Maru*. Both vessels were able to proceed.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I Korea Shipowners

Farndale H

Product tanker, IMO 8635332, Built 1967, 480 dwt

Date of Casualty 21 September 2020 – Late Notification

Voyage to Leeds, UK

Cargo 400 m³ of grit sand

Type of Casualty Grounded whilst transiting the River Aire close to the Allerton Bywater, UK. The vessel was refloated after the water levels were raised by the lock-keeper. She was then lightered by 80 m³ in order to be able to proceed to Leeds.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage

P&I MS Amlin

Belomorskiy 21/ST-791

Belomorskiy 21 – General cargo vessel, IMO 8935847, Built 1962, 1,083 dwt

ST-791 – Barge, No other details

Date of Casualty 21 September 2020 – Late Notification

Voyage Salekhard to Gyda, Russia

Cargo Reinforced concrete products

Type of Casualty The barge sank during stormy weather in the Gulf of Ob whilst being towed by the *Belomorskiy 21*.

Type of Claim Total loss claim

Midas/Gaz Serenity

Midas – Tug, IMO 8216851, Built 1983, 89 dwt

Gaz Serenity – LPG tanker, IMO 9448499, Built 2010, 17,022 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 September 2020

Voyage Yuzhnyy, Ukraine to Varna, Bulgaria / Pivdennyi, Ukraine to Samsun, Turkey

Cargo n/a / 15,000 m³ of ammonia

Type of Casualty The vessels were in collision near Odessa whilst the *Midas* was assisting the tanker.

Type of Claim Collision claim

P&I No details / UK Club

Imagine of Liverpool

Yacht, No other details

Date of Casualty 23 September 2020

Type of Casualty Grounded at Avlaki beach, Kassiope on the island of Corfu. The vessel was refloated with the assistance of the tug *Dias* and towed to the marina in Gouvia.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim



Ice Rose/Kazanets

Ice Rose – Reefer, IMO 8311106, Built 1985, 14,567 dwt

Kazanets – Russian Navy Corvette, No other details

Date of Casualty 23 September 2020

Voyage St Petersburg, Russia to Gothenburg, Sweden / No details

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty The vessels were in collision in Danish waters close to Aresund in dense fog. The Corvette, whose AIS was apparently

switched off at the time of the collision, sustained hull breach above the waterline but was able to proceed to the Baltysk Naval Base in Kaliningrad whilst the damaged *Ice Rose* is now under repair at the Lindo Shipyard in Odense, Denmark.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I Gard / No details



Lorelay/Hidden Gem

Lorelay – Pipe layer, IMO 7349807, Built 1974, 8,795 dwt

Hidden Gem – Drill ship, IMO 9445150, Built 2010, 61,041 dwt

Date of Casualty 24 September 2020

Type of Casualty During stormy weather the *Hidden Gem* broke free of her moorings in Kristiansand, southern Norway and struck the *Lorelay*. Both vessels then began to drag towards the rig *COSL Rival*. Emergency assistance was provided and the vessels were brought under control apparently before contacting the rig.

Type of Claim Collision damage and possible salvage claim

P&I Both vessels entered with the Standard Club

Nes

Fishing vessel, IMO 8890243, Built 1994, 414 dwt

Date of Casualty 24 September 2020

Type of Casualty Caught fire whilst undergoing welding works at Murmansk shipyard in Russia. Local fire-fighters attended and extinguished the fire.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

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Majestic Sky

Bulk carrier, IMO 9582520, Built 2014, 81,949 dwt

Date of Casualty 24 September 2020

Voyage San Lorenzo, Argentina to Las Palmas, Spain

Cargo 42,000 m³ of soy meal

Type of Casualty The vessel grounded and suffered a breach of her forepeak ballast tank as she was manoeuvring in the Parana river shortly after leaving the COFCO terminal.

Type of Claim Hull damage claim and possible General Average declaration

P&I Japan Shipowners

Kaya Tuna

Combined chemical and oil tanker, IMO 9340362, Built 2007, 13,027 dwt

Date of Casualty 24 September 2020

Voyage Aliaga to Istanbul, Turkey

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Suffered engine failure at Aliaga, Turkey. The *T Damla 4* was contracted to tow the vessel to Tuzla for repairs after the crew were unable to fix the problem. The vessel was escorted by Coastal Safety tugs during her passage through the Canakkale Strait.

Type of Claim Towage claim

P&I Skuld

Fraternité/Egalité

Fraternité – Tank barge, MMSI 253242387

Egalité – Barge, No other details

Date of Casualty 25 September 2020

Voyage Antwerp to Ghent, Belgium

Type of Casualty The tank barge got into distress during storms whilst on the Westerschelde near De Griete pushing the barge *Egalité*. The crew of the *Fraternité* sought shelter on the barge they were



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towing. The *Multratug 27* was first on site and was joined by the *Multratug 9*, *Multratug 22* and *Multratug 3*. The tug and barge were brought to a safe anchorage.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim



Ocean Ship 2

General cargo vessel, IMO 8614247, Built 1987, 1,000 dwt

Date of Casualty 25 September 2020

Type of Casualty The vessel, which has remained in the port of Tapaktuan in northwest Sumatra, Indonesia since November 2018 after being abandoned by her owners following delivery of a cement cargo, capsized at the pier after suffering water ingress.

Type of Claim Salvage or wreck removal



Vita Beata

Yacht, No other detail

Date of Casualty 25 September 2020

Type of Casualty Capsized of the coast of Miami, Florida, USA. The skipper was rescued from the upturned hull.

Type of Claim Total loss claim



Be Bop

Yacht, No other details

Date of Casualty 26 September 2020

Type of Casualty Broke free of her moorings and grounded in the shallows during storms in the bay of Ajaccio in southern Corsica. Two of the three people on board died.

Type of Claim Damage and loss of life claims

La Rosa Louise

Yacht, No other details

Date of Casualty 25 September 2020

Type of Casualty Grounded on the rocks of Pors Cad in Douarnenez, Brittany, France after her mooring parted. The damaged vessel was refloated and pulled to the port of Tréboul.

Type of Claim Hull damage claim

Agios Stylianos/Tsakis

Agios Stylianos – Pleasure boat, No other details

Tsakis – Yacht, No other details

Date of Casualty 26 September 2020

Type of Casualty The *Agios Stylianos* sank after colliding with the yacht off Konosura, Greece.

Type of Claim Collision claim

RHL Agilitas

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9373486, Built 2007, 23,664 dwt

Date of Casualty 26 September 2020

Voyage Callao, Peru to Guayaquil, Ecuador

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty The vessel was boarded by robbers armed with guns south-west of Guayaquil, Ecuador. They stole cargo from two containers and then escaped.

Type of Claim Cargo loss

P&I Gard



MSV Krishna Sudama

General cargo vessel, No other details

Date of Casualty 26 September 2020

Voyage Mundra, India to Djibouti

Cargo 905 m/t of rice and sugar

Type of Casualty Suffered water ingress and sank in the Arabian Sea 10 nm off the Okha coast in Gujarat, India. The 12 crew members were rescued by the Indian Coast Guard.

Type of Claim Total loss claim

Acacia Ming/Pegasus Zetta

Acacia Ming - Fully cellular containership, IMO 9505522, Built 2010, 8,483 dwt

Pegasus Zetta - Fully cellular containership, IMO 9301304, Built 2005, 13,007 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 September 2020

Voyage Tokyo to Yokohama, Japan / Tokyo to



Shimizu, Japan

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty The vessels were in collision whilst departing Tokyo. Both were able to proceed.

Type of Claim Collision claim

P&I London Club / Japan Shipowners



Hansung

Vehicle carrier, IMO 8513390, Built 1986, 3,611 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 September 2020

Voyage Vladivostok, Russia to Hakata, Fukuoka

Cargo Used cars

Type of Casualty Suffered a fire on board during loading operations. The fire is thought to have started in one of the used cars. A crew member suffered burns.

Type of Claim Fire damage and crew injury claims

Nuevo Cielo Azul

Fishing vessel, Built 1999, 54 gt

Date of Casualty 29 September 2020

Type of Casualty Disabled 50 nm off Bermeo, Spain. The search and rescue vessel *Salvamar Monte Gorbea* was deployed and towed the fishing vessel into Bermeo.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

LOF NEWS

Amorella – edition 391 – in the afternoon of 23 September 2020 after divers patched leaks in the vessel's hull she was refloated by the tugs *Kraft*, *Jupiter*, and *Neptune*. The salvage services were completed under the terms of a LOF Salvage Agreement with Finnish salvors Alfons Håkans. The ferry was then towed to Langnasudd where the trucks and cars on board were discharged. She is now under repair in Turku, Finland.

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP



Vienna N Wood – editions 379, 380, 382 & 387 – the Mamburao Regional Trial Court in Occidental Mindoro, Philippines has dismissed the charges filed against the bulk carrier relating to the collision with the *Liberty V* after her owners reached a settlement with the relatives of the deceased crew. The vessel was subsequently given permission to depart and is now expected to arrive in Shanghai on 1 October 2020.

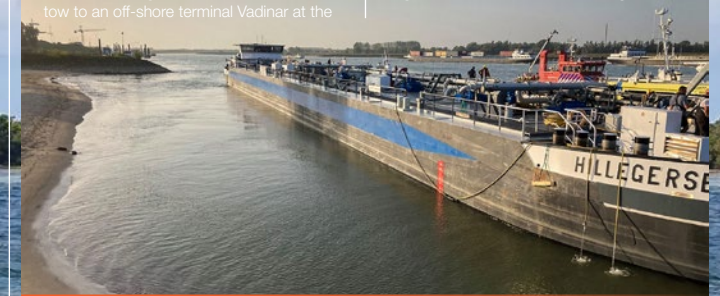
Wakashio – editions 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389 & 390 – Smit Salvage and Nippon Salvage are the favourites to secure the joint contract to dismantle the remains of the bulk carrier following the tender process which is now under review by the Japan P&I Club. Three other companies submitted tenders including Resolve Marine and the China Rescue and Salvage Company. The authorities have requested that the wreck, estimated to be 8,000 m/t, is removed before the end of November before the onset of poor weather particularly given the exposed position where the wreck is located, but the operation is expected to take at least three months. The contractors are also required to take steps to protect the environment and the local coral reefs from pollution.

New Diamond – editions – 389, 390 & 391 – the fire damaged tanker is now under tow to an off-shore terminal Vadinar at the

Kandla Port trust in Gujarat, India where her cargo of crude oil will be discharged. In the meantime the Master of the *New Diamond* has been refused permission to travel by Colombo's Chief Magistrate after he appeared before the Court at Hulftsdorp on 28 September 2020. The Attorney General instructed the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to name the Captain as a suspect for committing offences under the Prevention of Marine Pollution Act No. 35 of 2008. Twenty crew members have been released whilst one remains in hospital.

Sapilo – edition 391 – the Spanish cutter, which ran aground on rocks in front of the beach of Llas, Spain on 20 September 2020, was recovered on 24 September 2020 after divers secured lifting bags to the vessel. She was taken into Burela port under tow by the search and rescue boat *Salvamar Alioth* and lifted onto the quayside by a mobile crane.

Hillegersberg – edition 391 – the Dutch barge, which was damaged on 22 September 2020 whilst underway to Emmerich, Germany loaded with a cargo of palm oil, was thought to have grounded as a consequence of being overloaded. After being passed by another vessel the water level around the vessel dropped and she grounded and suffered water ingress.



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