

### FEATURE CASUALTY

## Ligari/DL Sunflower

*Ligari* - Bulk carrier, Built 2004, 75,583 dwt

*DL Sunflower* - Products tanker, Built 1998, 44,998 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 11 January 2014

**Voyage** Washington, USA to China / Ulsan, South Korea to Philippines

**Cargo** 65,680 m/t of yellow corn / 40,000 m/t of gasoil

**Type of Casualty** Collision.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage claim, LOF salvage claim and possible

On the evening of 9 January 2014, the Bulk carrier *Ligari* was in collision with the products tanker *DL Sunflower* whilst the vessels were some 20 nm off Busan, South Korea. As a result of the collision the *Ligari* reportedly began taking on water to her engine room tanks, and the vessel's owners subsequently contracted professional salvors, Tsaviris Salvage, to provide salvage assistance to the

vessel under the terms of a Lloyd's Open Form of Salvage Contract (LOF). The *DL Sunflower* was not thought to have been significantly damaged and reportedly continued with her voyage.

The salvors initially mobilised a local tug to stand by the *Ligari* and then towed her into Busan. She arrived into Busan port on 14 January 2014. We await further news as regards the continuation of the salvage services, the extent of damage to the vessel and whether she will be able to undergo repairs and complete her voyage to China without the requiring the discharge of her corn cargo. There is a strong likelihood that the shipowner will declared General Average. In this event, cargo owners will be required to provide both salvage and General Average security before their cargo will be released to go forward.

The cargo was being shipped by Nidera U.S. LLC and is consigned to Shandong New Hope Liuhe Group co Ltd of Qingdao. The *Ligari* is entered with Gard P&I.



### NEW CASUALTIES



#### Maersk Stepnica ▣

Fully cellular containership, Built 2008, 107,978 dwt - and others

**Date of Casualty** 6/7 January 2014

**Voyage** Port Said, Egypt to Zeebrugge, Netherlands

**Cargo** General containerised cargo

**Type of Casualty** Loss of 33 containers overboard in the Bay of Biscay with a further 26 damaged. The vessel called into Felixstowe as a port of refuge to restow the load.

**Type of Claim** Cargo loss/damage claims



#### Nuevo Rio Verde ▣

Fishing vessel, no other details

**Date of Casualty** 8 January 2014

**Voyage** n/a

**Cargo** n/a

**Type of Casualty** Grounding and partial sinking off the Formigues Islands. The vessel was refloated on 12 January and towed to Puerto Palamos where she was dewatered. There was some pollution arising from the incident.

**Type of Claim** Hull damage and possible salvage claim

#### Merita

General cargo with container capacity, Built 1985, 4,496 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 9 January 2014

**Voyage** Skulte, Latvia to Rostock, Germany

**Cargo** General cargo

**Type of Casualty** Grounding following a reported failure of the vessel's engine.

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage and salvage claim

#### Limestone Lady

Tug, Built 1973, 946 gt

**Date of Casualty** 10 January 2014

**Voyage** Unknown

**Cargo** Pushing 15 barges

**Type of Casualty** Grounding on the upper Mississippi River causing a blockage of the waterway.

**Type of Claim** Hull damage and possible salvage claim

#### Ceylan

General cargo vessel, Built 1985, 1,394 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 10 January 2014

**Voyage** Gemlik, Turkey to Ashdod, Israel

**Cargo** Unknown

**Type of Casualty** Engine failure causing the vessel to seek shelter at Fethiye. Repairs were effected and the vessel has since sailed to destination.

**Type of Claim** Possible General Average declaration

#### Susan

General cargo with container capacity, Built 1999, 5,047 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 11 January 2014

**Voyage** Ceuta, Spain to Rotterdam, Netherlands

**Cargo** General containerised cargo

**Type of Casualty** Grounding on the Nieuwe Maas River near Schiedam, Netherlands. The vessel was refloated by two local tugs the same day and proceeded to Rotterdam for inspection.

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage and salvage claim

#### Rickmers Dubai/Kingston

*Rickmers Dubai* - General cargo with container capacity, Built 2011, 19,404 dwt

*Kingston* - Tug, Built 1962, 113 gt

**Date of Casualty** 11 January 2014

**Voyage** Hamburg, Germany to Genoa, Italy / Ipswich to Southampton, UK

**Cargo** General cargo / Towing crane barge

**Type of Casualty** The *Rickmers Dubai* came into contact with the tow line of the tug whilst she was towing a barge.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage claim

#### Utashud

Fishing vessel, Built 1989, 448 gt

**Date of Casualty** 12 January 2014

**Voyage** n/a

**Cargo** n/a

**Type of Casualty** Engine failure in the Avacha Gulf, Kamchatka. The vessel was towed by the salvage tug *Suvorovets* to the port of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim

#### Hellespont Charger

Chemical tanker, Built 2009, 17,000 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 12 January 2014

**Voyage** Corpus Christi, USA to Aughinish, Ireland

**Cargo** 15,000 m/t of caustic soda

**Type of Casualty** Loss of power during poor weather whilst 100 nm west of Loop Head, Ireland. Spare parts were sent by helicopter but the vessel was subsequently taken in tow to Shannon.

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

#### Nedlloyd Juliana

Fully cellular containership, Built 2003, 34,273 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 13 January 2014

**Voyage** n/a

## CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

**Ocean Countess** - edition 39 - the cruise ship has been declared a constructive total loss. The vessel was moored with a number of other vessels including the ferry *Megajet*, all of which are subject to salvage claims by the local salvors who initially responded to assist the *Ocean Countess*. Roose+Partners are appointed to defend the alleged salvage claim

submitted against the *Megajet*.

**Boston Express** - edition 40 - the majority of the cargo was loaded on the Rotterdam Express and is now heading to destination.

**Silver** - edition 41 - was refloated by the salvors Smit Salvage on 14 January 2014.

**MSC Monterey** - edition 41 - is en route to Boston after repairs were completed in Newfoundland.

**Cargo** n/a

**Type of Casualty** Allision damage whilst departing dry dock.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage claim



#### West ▣

Tug, Built 2008, 259 gt

**Date of Casualty** 14 January 2014

**Voyage** Odessa, Ukraine to Riga, Latvia

**Cargo** Unknown

**Type of Casualty** The tug's propeller fouled its tow line leading to the grounding of the barge *Prima 105* off Cabo Trece, Spain. The tug was towed to La Coruna.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim

#### KM BJJ 1

Passenger ro/ro, Built 1980, 635 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 14 January 2014

**Voyage** Tanjung Priok to Bangka Belitung, Indonesia

**Cargo** n/a

**Type of Casualty** Water ingress, capsized and sinking.

**Hanjin Italy** - edition 42

- Roose+Partners are appointed to protect the interests of part cargo on board the *Hanjin Italy* and investigate the casualty with a view to the defence of the shipowner's General Average claim and pursuing claims arising against both the carrying and colliding vessel. We are also coordinating survey requirements in respect of damaged cargo.