

FEATURE CASUALTY

ABIS Calais

General cargo with container capacity, Built 2011, 6,050 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 January 2014

Voyage Leixoes, Portugal for Hull, UK

Cargo Wooden pellets

Type of Casualty Adrift with engine problems.

The 2011 built *ABIS Calais*, which is operated by Abis Shipping in the Netherlands, was en-route to Hull in the UK loaded with a cargo of wooden pellets, when in the early morning of 27 January 2014 she encountered problems with her main engine/propeller. At the time of the breakdown the vessel was close to Cape Prior, Ferrol off the northwest coast of Spain. The crew attempted to repair the problem but without success and, having regard for her position off the coast and the prevailing poor weather, a local tug was engaged by the casualty's location arriving in the early hours of 28 January but due to the adverse weather conditions the crew were unable to connect a tow line to the casualty and the *ABIS Calais* continued to drift towards Cape Prior.

With the failure of the *Ria de Vigo*, the Ferrol

authorities intervened and dispatched the rescue vessels *SAR Gavia* and *Sebastian De Ocampo*, from Ferrol to the casualty's location, which had drifted to within seven miles of the coast. Although the weather conditions were difficult, with strong gusting winds and waves of between 6 and 9 meters the *SAR Gavia*, with the *Sebastian De Ocampo* in support, was finally able to establish the towage connection at 15.20 hours yesterday afternoon. The convoy then headed towards the port of Ferrol. However, the high winds and swell made towing the vessel extremely difficult and at 20.30 hours, during the hours of darkness, the tow line parted and the *ABIS Calais* began once again to drift towards the coast. With regard for the position of the vessel and crew safety, local rescue helicopters were dispatched to the casualty's position to effect an evacuation of the crew should this be necessary. However after several attempts, with the vessel only one mile from the coast, the rescue tugs were able to re-establish the connection and the tow towards Ferrol port resumed.

The *ABIS Calais* was brought safely into the outer harbour of Ferrol by the two tugs early this morning where local port tugs took over and towed the vessel to Navantia Docks where she will undergo an inspection and repair.



NEW CASUALTIES

Stadt Freiburg

Fully cellular containership, Built 2010, 54 325 dwt

Date of Casualty January - exact date unknown

Voyage Shanghai to Los Angeles

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty The vessel arrived in Los Angeles on 25 January having suffered the loss of containers and significant damage to cargo and containers stowed on her upper deck.

Type of Claim Cargo damage claims

Cat Tuong 36

General cargo vessel, Built 2008, 3,061 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 January 2014

Voyage Saigon to Quang Ninh, Vietnam

Cargo Clinker

Type of Casualty Disabled in the Gulf of Tonkin. A tug was dispatched to assist.

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

Kurilgeo

General cargo vessel, Built 2007, 450 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 January 2014

Voyage Korsakov, Russia to Busan, South Korea

Cargo Gold ore

Type of Casualty Steering gear failure near the Kuril Islands. Salvage tug *Atlas* was dispatched to assist.

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

Liselotte Essberger

Chemical tanker, Built 1992,

3,750 dwt

Date of Casualty 23 January 2014

Voyage Terneuzen, Netherlands for Porvoo, Finland

Cargo Benzol

Type of Casualty Engine breakdown transiting the Kiel Canal causing the vessel to become disabled. The tanker was taken in tow to Holtenu, Germany.

Type of Claim Possible General Average declaration



Weesam Express 7

Ferry, Built 2006, no other details

Date of Casualty 23 January 2014

Voyage Ormoc for Cebu, Philippines

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Grounding 1.5 nm south east of Laus Ledge, Philippines during bad weather. All passengers and crew were safely evacuated. The ferry was refloated with tug assistance and towed into Cebu for inspection.

Type of Claim Hull damage and possible salvage claim

Coralwater

Chemical tanker, Built 1998, 3,347 dwt

Date of Casualty 24 January 2014

Voyage Dover for Immingham, UK

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Steering problems after departing

the port of Dover. Local tugs towed the vessel back to the port.

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

Sulpicio Express Dos

Ro-ro, Built 1988, 5,186 dwt

Date of Casualty 24 January 2014

Voyage Zamboanga City, Philippines

Cargo Rice

Type of Casualty Grounding whilst manoeuvring into Zamboanga City Port. The vessel refloated with the assistance of a salvage tug and towed into the port.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Seminole

General cargo with container capacity, Built 1995,

Date of Casualty 24 January 2014

Voyage Rostov, Russia to Ambarli, Turkey

Cargo 3,000 m³ grain

Type of Casualty Grounding and stuck in ice on the Azov-Don Sea Canal 9.55 nm from Taganrog. The vessel is awaiting the assistance of the icebreaker *Kapitan Chudinov*.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

Santa Rosa

Fully cellular containership, Built 2011, 93,398 dwt



Date of Casualty 26 January 2014

Voyage Argentina and Brazil to Tilbury, UK, Hamburg, Germany and Antwerp, Belgium

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Fire in a container loaded with charcoal stowed on the upper deck. The fire was extinguished and the vessel continued to Hamburg where local fire-fighters monitored any hotspots.

Type of Claim Cargo damage claims



Fidelity 1

General cargo with container capacity, Built 1992, 4,330 dwt

Date of Casualty 26 January 2014

Voyage Vassilikko Bay, Cyprus to Volos, Greece

Cargo Steel products

Type of Casualty Engine problems and in difficulty off Castelorizo. We understand Five Oceans

Salvage may have been contracted to provide assistance to the vessel which anchored off Finike whilst the crew tried to effect repairs. The salvage tug *Med Fos* has arrived and is reported to be standing by.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Oaktree

Crude oil tanker, Built 1993, 44,999 dwt

Date of Casualty 28 January 2014

Voyage n/a
Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Explosion whilst in dry-dock in Zhoushan. Seven shipyard workers were killed by the blast, thought to be the result of improper degassing of the cargo tanks.

Type of Claim Fire damage and loss of life claims

Clipper Ranger

Ro-ro, Built 1998, 5,758 dwt

Date of Casualty 28 January 2014

Voyage Stornoway to Ullapool, UK

Cargo General cargo

Type of Casualty Allision with a pier in Stornoway.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

Danio - edition 1 - the operator of *Danio* has pleaded guilty to charges of failing to maintain a proper look-out and failing to meet the requirements regarding the vessel's safety-management system. This grounding was the feature casualty in our first Newsletter!
Rich Forest - edition 44 - is being assisted by Nippon Salvage.

Al Gharrafa - edition 42 - the cargo on board the LNG carrier, which was involved in the collision off Singapore with the boxship *Hanjin Italy* on 28 December, will be transferred to another vessel by ship to ship transfer operations.

Karm Viking - edition 44 - the fire is reported to be still smouldering.