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Casualty Newsletter ④7

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FEATURE CASUALTY

Luno

General cargo vessel, Built 1994, 4,635 dwt

Date of Casualty 5 February 2014

Voyage Pasejas, Spain to Bayonne, France

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Grounding

Type of Claim Total loss, wreck removal and clean-up operations

The *Luno*, with a crew of 11, initially suffered an electrical blackout on 4 February 2014 as she was proceeding into Bayonne, south west France to load a cargo of steel. Electrical power was restored by the crew but failed again during the morning of 5 February shortly after the local pilot had boarded. The area was in the grip of severe storms and high winds and the vessel drifted towards the shore. Two local tugs and a pilot boat from Bayonne tried in vain to make fast but the vessel crashed onto the southern

breakwater at Anglet, just along the coast from Biarritz. The impact severely damaged the vessel and it broke into two sections following a battering from waves hitting the breakwater. The crew and pilot were subsequently airlifted from the aft section of the vessel by rescue helicopters and taken to a local hospital.

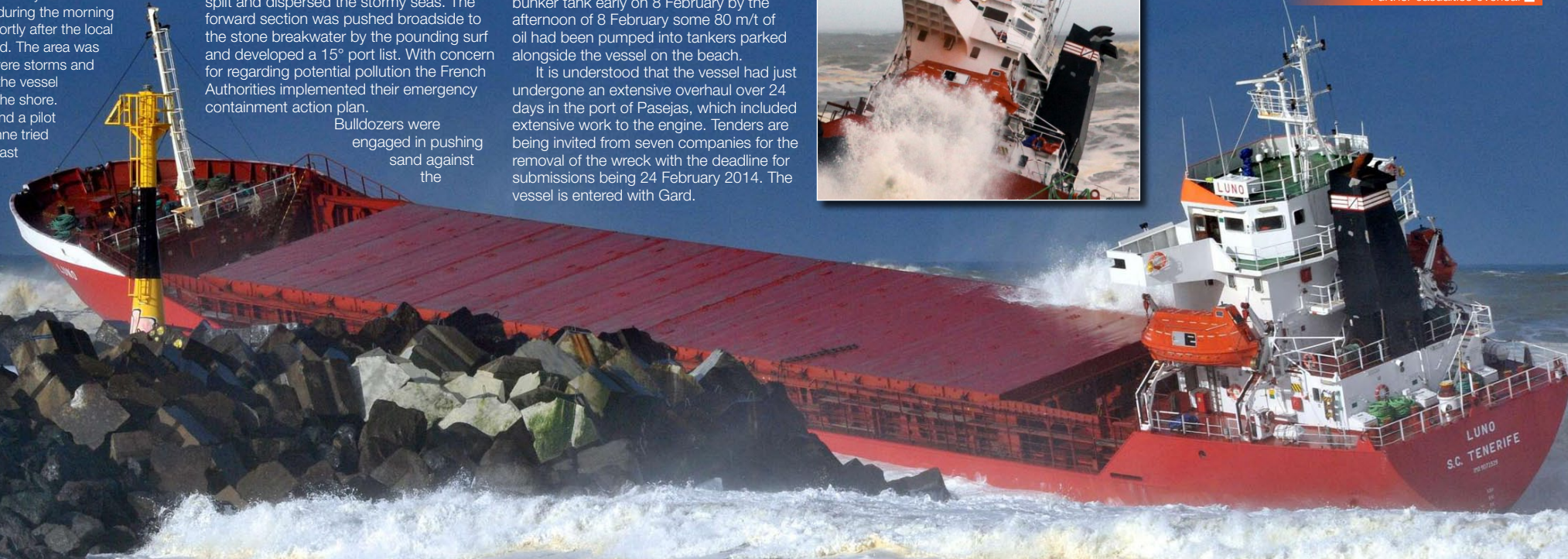
The aft section of the vessel initially remained stuck on the rocky outcrop of the breakwater, and the forward section fetched up on the beach beside the breakwater. Overnight the aft section broke up further and the accommodation sunk and rested onto its starboard side and some 20 m³ of fuel was reported to have spilt and dispersed the stormy seas. The forward section was pushed broadside to the stone breakwater by the pounding surf and developed a 15° port list. With concern for potential pollution the French Authorities implemented their emergency containment action plan.

Bulldozers were engaged in pushing sand against the

forward section of the *Luno* to stabilise it and protect it from the tide and surf and the shipowner contracted professional salvors, Smit Salvage, to remove the remaining bunkers.

Pumping equipment was dispatched by plane from the salvor's base in Rotterdam and delivered to the site on 7 February. An inspection revealed that whilst the bunker tanks had not been breached, there was deformation to the access hatches meaning the hull would have to be punctured to gain access. The removal operation was therefore postponed until the following day. A 14 strong team from Smit Salvage began work to penetrate the bunker tank early on 8 February by the afternoon of 8 February some 80 m³ of oil had been pumped into tankers parked alongside the vessel on the beach.

It is understood that the vessel had just undergone an extensive overhaul over 24 days in the port of Pasejas, which included extensive work to the engine. Tenders are being invited from seven companies for the removal of the wreck with the deadline for submissions being 24 February 2014. The vessel is entered with Gard.



CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

MOL Comfort – editions 14, 15, 16, 17, 19,25 & 34 - Mitsui OSK Lines has commenced an action in the court of Tokyo against Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, who built the five year old containership. The action is to recover losses resulting from the incident which saw the MOL Comfort break in two whilst in the Arabian Sea, as well as to obtain compensation for expenses incurred by MOL to strengthen six similar container ships MHI built for the company.

Esnaad 715 - edition 46 – After a very difficult operation in testing weather conditions, the vessel was finally brought into the safety of El Ferrol by the tug SAR Gavia and two other tugs in the evening of 8 February 2014. The 2014 built vessel had been on its delivery voyage to Abu Dhabi.

Cape Elise – edition 46 - Which was being assisted by Tsavaliris Salvage. Is reported to have arrived at Hunterston at 9.00 pm 11th February 2014.

Further casualties overleaf ▶

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NEW CASUALTIES edition 47

Haji Ali

General cargo vessel, no other details
Date of Casualty 2 February 2014 – late notification
Voyage Kolkata, India to Bangladesh
Cargo Ash
Type of Casualty Grounding, apparently intentional, on Korankhali river, India, after the vessel began to sink
Type of Claim Possible salvage claim and/or General Average declaration



Shiogama, Japan to Nagoya, Japan
Cargo
Type of Casualty Engine breakdown. The vessel was taken in tow by a salvage tug and taken to Nagoya.
Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Volgo-Balt 236/VF Tanker-1

Volgo-Balt 236 – General cargo vessel, Built 1982, 3,209 dwt
VF Tanker-1 – Product tanker, Built 2012, 7,022 dwt
Date of Casualty 7 February 2014
Voyage Yeisk, Russia to Bandirma, Turkey / Yeisk, Russia to Theodosia, Ukraine
Cargo Unknown
Type of Casualty Collision in the Azov sea whilst proceeding in an ice convoy causing damage to both vessels above the waterline and were escorted to Kavkaz port for damage assessment.
Type of Claim Collision damage claim
P&I Club n/a / The Standard Club

Nord Fortune

Bulk carrier – Built 2008, 76,596 dwt
Date of Casualty 7 February 2014
Voyage Unknown
Cargo In ballast
Type of Casualty Grounding on lower Mississippi river following steering problems. The vessel has been refloated and anchored for inspection.
Type of Claim Possible hull damage claim

Batouwe

Self-propelled barge, no other details
Date of Casualty 7 February 2014
Voyage Unknown
Cargo Ore
Type of Casualty Collision off Millingen on the Waal between two barges. The hull was breached and the barge

suffered some water ingress.
Type of Claim Collision damage claim

Elland

General cargo vessel, Built 1982, 2,864 dwt
Date of Casualty 7 February 2014
Voyage Constanta, Romania to Izmir, Turkey
Cargo Plywood
Type of Casualty List and subsequent sinking following a cargo shift. The vessel had anchored off the Bulgarian coast following an engine failure and developed a list following a shift of its cargo, possibly as a result of rolling whilst at anchor. The list was initially 15° but increased to 30° despite efforts by the crew to right the list. Fearing the vessel may capsize, the crew abandoned the vessel on 8 February and shortly afterwards the vessel sank.
Type of Claim Total loss claim

Nordertor/Geestemunde

Nordertor – Ferry, Built 1975, 44 dwt
Geestemunde – Pilot ship, Built 1982, 38 gt
Date of Casualty 7 February 2014
Voyage Swinoujscie, Poland to Bremerhaven, Germany / n/a
Cargo n/a
Type of Casualty Allision with moored pilot ship and quay at Bremerhaven. Some passengers were injured and damage was sustained to both vessels and quay.
Type of Claim Allision damage claim

Straitview

Chemical tanker, Built 2007, 3,550 dwt
Date of Casualty 8 February 2014
Voyage Liverpool, UK to Brest, France
Cargo 1,300 m/t of soya oil
Type of Casualty Mechanical failure off Pointe Sain Mathieu in the approaches to Brest. The offshore supply tug *Alcyon* proceeded to the assistance of the tanker and towed her into Brest in difficult weather

conditions, arriving on 9 February 2014.
Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Zoey/Hammonia Thracium

Zoey – Chemical tanker - Built 2011, 12,124 dwt,
Hammonia Thracium – Containership, Built 1997, 34,705 dwt,
Date of Casualty 10 February 2014
Voyage Singapore to Tanjung Pelepas, Malaysia / As Zoey
Cargo LNG / General containerised cargo
Type of Casualty Collision in the Singapore Strait leading to damage to one of the containership's bunker tanks and the loss of 80 m/t fuel oil.
Type of Claim Collision damage claim and clean-up operations
P&I Club Japan Ship Owners / The Standard Club



Just Mariam

General cargo vessel with container capacity, built 1971, 1,278 dwt
Date of Casualty 10th February 2014
Voyage Hafnarfjordur, Iceland to Tripoli, Lebanon
Cargo Scrap metal
Type of Casualty Electrical blackout and drifting without power 19nm south west of the Belle-Isle in adverse weather. French salvage tug *Abelie Bourbon* took the vessel in tow on 11th February, arriving in Lorient this morning.
Type of Claim Possible salvage claim and/or general average declaration

Hua Yun 2/Sheng An Da 7

Hua Yun 2 – Chemical tanker, Built 1984, 3,674 dwt

Sheng An Da 7 – Containership, Built 2009, 2,373 dwt
Date of Casualty 10 February 2014
Voyage Dongguan to Beihai, China / Unknown
Cargo Unknown
Type of Casualty Collision in the Perles River estuary, Guangdong Province, China leading to the sinking of the containership and loss of five crew.
Type of Claim Collision damage and total loss claim, loss of life claims
P&I Club Both n/a

Ul Jibong

General cargo vessel, Built 1983, 2,864 dwt
Date of Casualty 10 February 2014
Voyage Dandong to Yantai, China
Cargo Unknown
Type of Casualty Ran aground in Shandong Penlai after dragging at anchor during bad weather. Shanghai based East China Sea Rescue Bureau have dispatched a salvage tug. The grounding site is flat and sandy.
Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Fueltrans 7

Tanker, Built 1994, 1,266 dwt
Date of Casualty 11 February 2014
Voyage Unknown
Cargo Unknown
Type of Casualty Allision with the southern bridge of East Lock in Terneuzen. The vessel, which suffered significant damage, was stuck under the bridge and was assisted by two tugs operated by salvors Multiraship.
Type of Claim Allision damage claim
P&I Club n/a



Spirit One

Yacht, no other details
Date of Casualty 4 February 2014 – late notification
Voyage Cascais, Portugal to the Canary Islands
Cargo n/a
Type of Casualty Grounding on Castelo Beach near Lagos, Portugal. The crew were safely evacuated.
Type of Claim Possible salvage claim, wreck removal

Autoprestige

Car carrier, Built 1999, 4,311 dwt
Date of Casualty 6 February 2014
Voyage Gdynia, Poland to Zeebrugge, Belgium
Cargo Cars
Type of Casualty Fire in smokestack. The fire was extinguished by the crew and the vessel immediately proceeded to the port of Hanstholm.
Type of Claim Fire damage claim

Virma 2

General cargo vessel, Built 1981, 3,510 dwt
Date of Casualty 6 February 2014
Voyage Lubeck, Germany to Roomassaare, Estonia
Cargo Unknown
Type of Casualty Grounding in Riga bay.
Type of Claim Possible hull damage, salvage claim and/or General Average declaration

Eiyu Maru No.1

Product tanker, Built 1993, 5,552 dwt
Date of Casualty 6 February 2014
Voyage Sendai-

Amur-2537

General cargo vessel, Built 1991, 3,332 dwt
Date of Casualty 5 February 2014
Voyage n/a
Cargo n/a
Type of Casualty Fire whilst docked in a repair yard in Svetoye, Kaliningrad.
Type of Claim Fire damage claim

