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Casualty Newsletter ④9

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FEATURE CASUALTY

Rapallo

Bulk carrier, Built 2009, 75,123 dwt

Date of Casualty 21 February 2014

Voyage Ventspils, Latvia to Civitavecchia, Italy

Cargo Russian steam coal

Type of Casualty Grounding

Type of Claim Salvage claim and possible General Average declaration

In the afternoon of 21 February, as the bulk carrier *Rapallo* was in a position east of Anholt, Denmark, she ran aground and despite efforts was unable to refloat under her own means. The vessel had loaded a cargo of coal at Ventspils in Latvia and was heading to her discharge port in Italy when she grounded. The local pilot had reportedly departed the vessel shortly before. A coastguard vessel, *Mickey A* initially attended but later in the day tugs *Mette Miljo* and *Svitzer Trym* arrived at the grounding location having proceeded from their bases in Kalundborg and Bremerhaven.

Tsavliris Salvage were appointed by the vessel's owners to provide assistance to the grounded vessel under the

terms of a Lloyd's Open Form of Salvage Contract. They in turn arranged for the tug *Fairplay 33*, owned and operated by Fairmount Marine, to attend at the grounding site to assist with the refloating operation. The tug proceeded from Bremerhaven during the evening of 21 February and arrived at the grounding site the following evening, 22 February. In the early hours of 23 February, after preparations had been completed for the refloating attempt, and with the two tugs *Fairplay 33* and *Svitzer Trym* connected, the *Rapallo* was successfully pulled free of the ground. Provisional inspections determined the hull had not suffered any significant bottom damage and later that afternoon she proceeded to a safe anchorage off Frederikshavn, some four miles away, for an inspection by Class. The vessel has since obtained the approval of Class to proceed and has continued with her voyage to Italy.

We are now a little over eight weeks into 2014 and, including this latest casualty, Tsavliris Salvage have provided salvage assistance to four separate vessels under the LOF contract, the *Cassiopia Star*, *Ligari*, *Cape Elise* and now the *Rapallo*.

NEW CASUALTIES



Bold Voyager ▣

Bulk carrier, Built 1991, 43,469 dwt

Date of Casualty 15 February 2014 - late notification

Voyage Milaki, Greece to Douala, Cameroon

Cargo Clinker and petcoke

Type of Casualty Grounding entering Douala. Roose+Partners are appointed to protect the interests of cargo.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and General Average declaration

Shirase ▣

Research icebreaker, Built 2009, dwt

Date of Casualty 16 February 2014 - late notification

Voyage South Pole to Japan

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty The vessel grounded and was holed 700 meters off the unmanned Russian Molodyozhnaya Station

Type of Claim Hull damage claim

Mui Wo/Jin Xing

Mui Wo - General cargo vessel, Built 1998, 659 dwt

Jin Xing - High-speed ferry, Built 1993, 267 gt

Date of Casualty 18 February 2014 - late notification

Voyage Operating in Hong Kong /Hong Kong to Shekou, China

Cargo General cargo / n/a

Type of Casualty Collision in fog off Tuen



Mun, west of Hong Kong.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

Popidio

Tanker, Built 1996, 55,067 dwt

Date of Casualty 19 February 2014

Voyage Montevideo Alpha Zone, Uruguay to Port Louis, Mauritius and on to Bavnagar, India

Cargo Likely scrapping voyage

Type of Casualty Engine failure in South Atlantic, off Cape Town. The tanker was towed away from the coast by the tug *Smit Amandla* whilst the crew attempted to effect repairs.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Parin/VF Tanker-14

Parin - General cargo vessel, Built 1993, 5,885 dwt

VF Tanker-14 - Tanker, Built 2012, 7,025 dwt

Date of Casualty 20 February 2014

Voyage Astrakhan, Russia to Baku, Azerbaijan / Makhachkala to Astrakhan,

[Further casualties overleaf ▣](#)

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

Baltic Ace - Prior to issue - Mammoet and Boskalis have been awarded the contract to remove the wreck of the vehicle carrier which sank in the North Sea following a collision with the containership *Corvus J*. The vessel was loaded with 540 tons of bunker oil.

Svendborg Maersk ▣ - edition 48 - Seven days since the huge loss of containers, the tug *Abella Liberté* was dispatched to recover another container which fell from the *Svendborg Maersk* on 14 February 2014. This was the thirteenth container recovered so far. Most of the estimated 540 containers lost are thought to have sunk.



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Russia
Cargo Unknown
Type of Casualty Allision whilst the vessels were at anchor. The tanker suffered dents over 3 metres.
Type of Claim Allision damage claim

Chikusa

Bulk carrier, Built 2006, 17,367 dwt
Date of Casualty 20 February 2014
Voyage Vostochnyy, Russia to Sakaide, Japan
Cargo Unknown
Type of Casualty Grounding near Sakaide Port. The vessel refloated under her own means.
Type of Claim Possible hull damage

Mel jes Harwen

Fishing vessel, no other details
Date of Casualty 20 February 2014
Voyage n/a
Cargo Fish
Type of Casualty Grounding on rocks off Vallieres, southeast of Royan, France. The crew abandoned the vessel which was subsequently refloated and towed to Port Médoc by local lifboats.
Type of Claim Possible hull damage claim



Orient Crusader

Bulk carrier, Built 2010, 114,861 dwt
Date of Casualty 21 February 2014
Voyage Norfolk, USA to Yuzhnyy, Ukraine
Cargo 107,999 mt of coal
Type of Casualty Engine failure whilst transiting the Bosphorus. Coastal Safety tugs attended and towed the vessel to a safe anchorage to effect repairs.
Type of Claim Possible salvage claim or fee.

Sunrise Orient

General cargo vessel, Built 2011, 4,244 dwt
Date of Casualty 21 February 2014
Voyage Nansha, China to Indonesia

Cargo 2,800 mt of cement
Type of Casualty The vessel, which was reportedly suffering a steering gear failure, suddenly developed a 45° port list after her cargo of cement shifted. She was immediately abandoned by her crew who, in the process, left the engine running. The abandoned vessel then ran aground on rocks off Cheung Chau island, Hong Kong leading to a spillage of oil.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim and/or General Average declaration, clean-up operations



Cape Dorset

Trawler, Built 1999, 673 gt
Date of Casualty 22 February 2014
Voyage n/a
Cargo Fish
Type of Casualty Water ingress leading to the loss of the trawler off Burin Peninsula, south coast of Newfoundland, Canada. All the crew were rescued by a nearby fishing vessel.

Type of Claim Total loss claim



Starkad

Tug, Built 1991, 65 dwt
Date of Casualty 22 February 2014
Voyage Towage services in Fitjarvika, Norway
Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Capsize leading to the loss of one of the crew.

Type of Claim Wreck removal and loss of life claim

Till

General cargo vessel, Built 2008, 2,639 dwt
Date of Casualty 24 February 2014
Voyage Varna, Bulgaria to Aliaga, Turkey
Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Engine breakdown whilst transiting the Bosphorus. The vessel anchored but continued to drift shorewards. Coastal safety tugs attended and took the vessel in tow to a safe anchorage. Interestingly the *Till* suffered a similar incident earlier this month - see edition 46.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim or fee



Hannah C. Settoon/Lindsay Ann Erickson

Hannah C. Settoon - Tug, Built 2006, 48 gt
Lindsay Ann Erickson - Tug, Built 1982, 1,079 gt

Date of Casualty 22 February 2014

Voyage n/a

Cargo Pushing barges

Type of Casualty Collision between a tank barge being pushed by the *Hannah C. Settoon* and the tug *Lindsay Ann Erickson* resulting in the discharge of approximately 31,500 gallons of light crude oil into the Mississippi River causing the river to be closed for two days leading to severe delays for traffic using the river.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim and clean-up operations



Trans Future 2

Car carrier, Built 1999,
Date of Casualty 23 February 2014
Voyage to Muara, Northern Borneo
Cargo Cars

Type of Casualty Steering gear failure resulting in a collision with two Brunei Navy ships as the car carrier was entering the port of Muara.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim



Kwang Ja Ho

Trawler, Built 1985, 2,522 dwt
Date of Casualty 24 February 2014
Voyage Callao, Peru to Cn/a
Cargo 817 m/t of krill

Type of Casualty Grounding in the Antarctic. The vessel refloated under its own power but suffered damage to its hull.

Type of Claim Hull damage claim

Hizir/Sener 1

Hizir - General cargo vessel, Built 2007,



7,690 dwt
Sener 1 - General cargo vessel, Built 1985, 8,150 dwt

Date of Casualty 25 February 2014

Voyage Mersin to Yuzhnyy, Ukraine / Constanta, Romania to Haifa, Israel

Cargo In ballast / Unknown

Type of Casualty Collision 17 nm off Gallipoli, whilst the vessels were transiting the Dardanelles. The *Hizir* came into contact with the *Sener 1*'s starboard side and both vessels were damaged. Both vessels are presently at anchor awaiting for surveys to be completed.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

Yuh Chang No.16

Tuna long liner, Built 2000, no other details
Date of Casualty 25 February 2014

Voyage n/a

Cargo Tuna

Type of Casualty Grounding in the Coral Sea, near the Solomon Islands.

Type of Claim Hull damage claim and possible salvage claim



Arikan Dadayli

General cargo vessel, Built 1992, 4,591 dwt
Date of Casualty 25 February 2014
Voyage Aviles, Spain to Ashdod, Israel
Cargo 3,890 m/t of steel bobbins

Type of Casualty Engine failure. The vessel was towed to Vigo arriving today.

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