

FEATURE CASUALTY

Yusuf Cepnioglu

Fully cellular containership, Built 1995, 6,876 dwt

Date of Casualty 8 March 2014

Voyage Nemrut Bay, Turkey to Bizerte, Tunisia

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Grounding

Type of Claim Wreck removal and cargo loss

P&I Steamship Mutual

In the early hours of 8 March 2014, the containership *Yusuf Cepnioglu* ran aground on the north-west tip of the island of Mykonos in Greece. The vessel was in the course of a voyage to Bizerte in Tunisia laden with 204 containers presumed to be general containerised cargo, when she struck the rocky shoreline. The vessel's hull was holed in her forward ballast tanks as a result of the impact and the containership began taking on water into her forward section. Although she was being held at her forward end, her stern was free to move

under the influence of the swell prevailing around the shoreline. As a consequence the stern section was pushed against the rocks and suffered continued impact damage leading to further breaches in the hull and water ingress into the engine room and cargo holds.

All of the crew were evacuated with the exception of the Master and Chief Officer who initially chose to remain on board and monitor the situation. However they were later airlifted from the vessel by helicopter when it became apparent that there was little they could do to prevent further damage to the vessel. A number of the deck containers were washed overboard and some have fetched up between the vessel and the rocky shore. Reports suggest that the vessel had some 200 m³ of fuel oil on board. Video of the vessel aground can be seen by clicking [here](#).

Tsavliris Salvage have been contracted to salvage the vessel and cargo under the terms of a Lloyd's Open Form of Salvage Contract. Whilst we have had no confirmation, having regard to the damage to the vessel and cargo, the assumption is

that the LOF salvage contract incorporates the SCOPIC clause and that the salvors will have invoked SCOPIC immediately. In the meantime, the Greek authorities are conducting an investigation into the cause of the grounding.

We understand weather conditions at the grounding site, with winds of force 7-8, may have hampered the salvor's attempts to access the casualty but it is hoped conditions will improve today. Reports suggest that whilst there may have been a leak of fuel, this has been limited and anti-pollution measures are in place.



CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

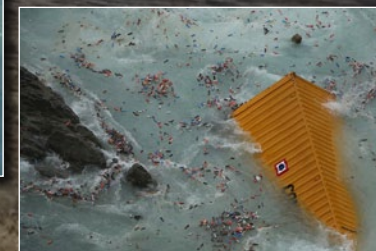
Ocean Countess - editions 38 & 43 - the fire gutted cruise ship is currently under tow to breakers in Aliaga having been declared a total loss.

Luno - edition 47 - Svitser have been awarded the contract to remove the wreck from the coast near Anglet on the South West coast of France.

Svendborg Maersk - editions 48 & 49 - Clear up operations on the south west coast of England continue with reports from the Dorset Waste Partnership that they have collected and disposed of approximately 8 to 10 m³ of cargo lost from the containership.

Amgu - edition 50 - ran aground whilst transiting the Kiel Canal during the morning of 8 March 2014. She was able to refloat by her own means and proceeded to Brunsbuettel for survey and later departed for Port Said. We merely mention this grounding because it is the second grounding incident involving this vessel on this voyage.

Further casualties overleaf ▶



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NEW CASUALTIES edition (51)



Wilson Fedje/Jade ▣

Wilson Fedje - General cargo vessel, Built 2012, 4,501 dwt

Jade - Self-propelled barge, no other details

Date of Casualty 5 March 2014

Voyage Rotterdam, Netherlands to Hamburg, Germany / Unknown

Cargo 1,000 m³ of soy

Type of Casualty Collision in fog whilst both vessels were transiting the Elbe. The barge suffered significant damage and was intentionally run aground to prevent it sinking. The barge was lightered and patched before she was refloated on 9 March 2014.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I Gard / n/a

Ginaldag/Arklow Muse

Ginaldag - Chemical tanker, Built 2002, 19,800 dwt

Arklow Muse - General cargo vessel, Built 2013, 14,450 dwt

Date of Casualty 5 March 2014

Voyage Hamburg, Germany to Gdansk, Poland / Bremen to Kiel, Germany

Cargo LNG / Unknown

Type of Casualty The *Ginaldag* made contact with the stern of the *Arklow Muse* and the lock walls as she entered the Southern Lock of the Kiel Canal in Brunsbüttel. The tanker had to be towed out of the lock by local tugs as was docked at the oil terminal in Brunsbüttel.

Type of Claim Collision and allision damage claim

P&I The Standard Club / North of England

Star Standard ▣

Reefer containership, Built 2009, 13,201 dwt

Date of Casualty 5 March 2014

Voyage Santa Maria, Colombia to Antwerp, Belgium

Cargo Bananas

Type of Casualty Loss of 17 containers overboard, reportedly in adverse weather while crossing the Bay of Biscay. Other containers were damaged and crushed.

Type of Claim Cargo loss claim



Bogdan/Tao Star

Bogdan - Bulk carrier, Built 1997, 13,898 dwt

Tao Star - Bulk carrier, Built 2010, 25,065 dwt

Date of Casualty 6 March 2014

Voyage Durban, South Africa to Beira, Mozambique / Port Elizabeth, South Africa to Beira, Mozambique

Cargo Unknown / Railway wagons

Type of Casualty Collision in Beira port.

The *Bogdan* struck the starboard quarter of the *Tao Star* which was, at the time, berthed and discharging cargo. The *Tao Star* suffered a hole in her engine room

and there was an escape of cylinder oil. The quay was also damaged.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim
P&I West of England / Skuld

Volstad Viking

Supply vessel, Built 2007, 5,000 dwt

Date of Casualty 6 March 2014

Voyage from Aberdeen

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Engine room fire. The fire was extinguished by the crew and the vessel was towed to Aalesund by the tug *Kestrel*.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim



Yakamoz-5 ▣

Tanker, Built 1961, 598 dwt

Date of Casualty 6 March 2014

Voyage At anchor

Cargo Oil

Type of Casualty Fire whilst at anchor in Yenikapi roads near Istanbul in the Marmara sea. Local coastal safety tugs responded and assisted with fire-fighting operations. The tanker had some 240 m³ of diesel fuel on board.

Type of Claim Fire damage and possible salvage claim

Quant Cement II

Bulk cement carrier, Built 1973, 7,174 dwt

Date of Casualty 6 March 2014

Voyage Gallipoli, Turkey to Bijela, Montenegro

Cargo In ballast

Date of Casualty Engine breakdown.

The vessel was towed to Bijela by the tug *Boka Bay* where she has entered drydock.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Tisza

Pusher tug, 191 dwt, no other details

Date of Casualty 6 March 2014

Voyage Straubing to Pischelsdorf, Germany
Cargo Two loaded barges with 2,070 m³ of coal

Type of Casualty Grounding on the Danube near Mülheim, Germany. The vessel grounded twice and investigations are underway into the cause. Salvage operation continue.

Type of Claim Salvage claim



Patriarch ▣

Tug, Built 1976, 538 gt

Date of Casualty 6 March 2014

Voyage Jacksonville, USA to San Juan, Puerto Rico

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Fire in unmanned container barge under tow of the tug whilst en-route to the Bahamas. Fire-fighting operations are underway.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim



Mito Strait ▣

Fully cellular containership, Built 2006, 13,760 dwt

Date of Casualty 7 March 2014

Voyage Hamburg, Germany to Copenhagen, Denmark

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Allision with the Southern lock of the Kiel Canal in Brunsbüttel causing significant damage to the walls and bollards.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

P&I The Swedish Club

Seapride

Product tanker, Built 2013, 50,908 dwt

Date of Casualty 7 March 2014

Voyage Portsmouth to Portland, USA

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Allision with the Memorial Bridge between Portsmouth, New Hampshire and Kittery, Maine. This is the second time in a year that this bridge has been struck. Readers may recall the *Harbour Feature* which was our feature casualty in edition 4 of the Newsletter and resulted in a General Average declaration.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

P&I The Standard Club



Sea Breeze ▣

General cargo with container capacity, Built 1989, 2,98 dwt

Date of Casualty 9 March 2014

Voyage Liverpool to Shoreham, UK

Cargo 2,750 m³ of limestone

Type of Casualty The vessel began taking on water into her engine room when she was some 10 nm off the Lizard peninsula in Cornwall. Coastguard vessels responded and their personnel placed pumps on board but these were unable to cope with the water ingress. The vessel's crew were safely evacuated and the vessel was finally towed into the St. Austell Bay where she is undergoing surveys. Divers have fitted a magnetic patch and dewatering is being carried out.

Type of Claim Salvage and/or General Average claim

Langsund

Fish carrier, Built 2002, 650 dwt

Date of Casualty 9 March 2014

Voyage n/a

Cargo Fish

Type of Casualty Loss of power during bad

weather and drifting towards the coast near Orta, Norway. Various vessels went to the carrier's assistance and a line was finally connected and the fish carrier was towed away from the shore.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Milano Sky

General cargo vessel, Built 1985, 3,177 dwt

Date of Casualty 10 March 2014

Voyage Mariupol Ukraine to Bandirma Turkey

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Engine breakdown. The vessel was towed to Tuzla for repairs.

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



Santa Ana ▣

Trawler, Built 1980, 425 dwt

Date of Casualty 10 March 2014

Voyage n/a

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Sinking near Cabo Peñas having run aground on Erbosa island. Only one of the nine crew members on board survived.

Type of Claim Total loss and loss of life claims

Fosenbult

General cargo vessel, Built 1979, 965 dwt

Date of Casualty 12 March 2014

Voyage Namsos to Kvithylla, Norway

Cargo Unknown but possibly hazardous

Type of Casualty Engine failure off

Smavaeret, Norway. The vessel was only 200m from the shallows and dropped anchor to prevent grounding. Four of the crew were evacuated but the vessel remains at anchor in difficult weather conditions.

Type of Claim Salvage claim