

FEATURE CASUALTY

Hansa Constitution

Fully cellular containership, Built 1997, 34,954 dwt

Date of Casualty 6 April 2014

Voyage Hong Kong, China and Japan

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Grounding

Type of Claim Possible hull damage claim

The weather and an engine breakdown are being cited as the causes of the grounding of the Hansa Constitution, which ran aground on the western side of Hong Kong Island in the residential district of Pok Fu Lam in the afternoon of 6 April 2014. The containership, which has a capacity of 2,758 teu (twenty foot equivalent units) and is owned and operated by the Hansa Treuhand Grupp of Hamburg, is on a liner service between mainland China, Hong Kong and the Japanese ports of Hakata, Kobe, Nagoya, Omaezaki, Yokkaichi and Yokohama. She was enroute to Chiwan from Yokohama when she hit the shore, just a short distance from a local sports facility.

News reports on the grounding suggested the vessel was forced aground as a result of poor weather, with monsoon conditions having been forecast for the area, but there is also a suggestion that she had suffered an engine failure. Visibility was also said to be down to less than two miles. Unusually, the actual grounding incident was filmed by a number of local residents and these videos have been since posted online which can be viewed by clicking on the links [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#). Local residents also reported that the Master of the containership

deployed his anchors to slow the vessel's approach to the shore. There were no reports of water ingress or pollution which may well have been down to the fact that the anchor was released.

The vessel was quickly refloated with the assistance of two local tugs and, after anchoring to try to resolve issues with her engine, she was subsequently escorted to the North Lama Anchorage where she remains.



CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

CN Jumbos - edition 54 - the vessel is unlikely to complete her voyage as a consequence of the collision which occurred on 30 March off Pattaya. The Anton Topic has resumed her voyage.

Summer Wind - edition 53 - audio tapes have been released by federal investigators provide background on

the cause of the collision between the bulk carrier and the tanker barge under tow of the tug Miss Susan, with suggestions that the tug was primarily responsible.

Baltic Breeze - edition 54 - has undergone repairs after the collision with the Mar de Marin and has been given permission to load cargo and resume her voyage.

NEW CASUALTIES



Gulen ▣

Passenger ship, Built 1989, 680 dwt

Date of Casualty 2 April 2014

Voyage Anda to Lote, Norway

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty The ferry ran aground at Lote suffering damage to her bow. The *Gulen* also suffered allision damage on 14 February (see edition 48).

Type of Claim Hull damage claim

Orkun Kalkavan

Fully Cellular Containership, Built 2002, 12,457 dwt

Date of Casualty 2 April 2014

Voyage Izmit to Mersin, Turkey

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Engine failure off Gallipoli. Coastal safety tug *Kurtama 10* assisted the vessel to a safe mooring.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim or fine

Hua Qiang/Djanet

Hua Qiang - Bulk carrier, Built 2012, 81,608 dwt

Djanet - LPG gas carrier, Built 2000, 54,584 dwt

Date of Casualty 3 April 2014

Voyage Singapore to Santos, Brazil / Santos, Brazil to Arzew, Algeria

Cargo Unknown / LPG

Type of Casualty The bulk carrier was entering the Santos canal for berthing operations when she contacted the *Djanet*. Both vessels suffered some damage.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I Skuld / UK Club

Grand Fortune 1

General cargo vessel, Built 1987, 6,818 dwt

Date of Casualty 4 April 2014

Voyage Chongjin, North Korea to Yangzhou, China

Cargo Iron ore

Type of Casualty Cargo shift leading to the loss of the vessel in the East China Sea. Only three of the 16 man crew were rescued.

Type of Claim Total loss and loss of life claims

P&I n/a



NBP Liner ▣

General cargo vessel, Built 2011, 9,273 dwt

Date of Casualty 4 April 2014

Voyage Ghent, Belgium to Bremen, Germany

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Allision with the lock at Oslebshausen causing damage to both the vessel and lock gates.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

P&I Standard Club

Zina

Bulk carrier, Built 2012, 33,861 dwt

Date of Casualty 4 April 2014

Voyage Varna, Bulgaria to Amsterdam, Netherlands

Cargo Phosphine

Type of Casualty Fire in the deck cargo of phosphine, being shipped in barrels. The fire was extinguished using dry sand.

Type of Claim Cargo loss

Eleanor D

Bulk carrier, Built 2005, 53,299 dwt

Date of Casualty 4 April 2014

Voyage Galveston, USA for Tyne, UK

Cargo Wood pellets

Type of Casualty Adrift with engine failure. The vessel is being towed to Tyne by the tug *Pacific Champion* with an eta of 10 April.

Type of Claim Possible General Average declaration

Jean-Claude Coulon II

Trawler, Built 2005, 407 dwt

Date of Casualty 4 April 2014

Voyage n/a

Cargo Fish

Type of Casualty Engine failure off the coast of Brittany. The trawler drifted to within 5km of the shore but was held by a vessel from Guilvinec. A second tug subsequently towed the trawler into Lorient.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim



Ameland/Angel Alia ▣

Ameland - General cargo with container capacity, Built 2009, 6,390 dwt

Angel Alia - Bulk carrier, Built 1990, 22,273 dwt

Date of Casualty 5 April 2014

Voyage Kherson, Ukraine to Lorient, France / Casablanca, Morocco to Istanbul, Turkey

Cargo General containerised cargo /

Type of Casualty Collision north-west of Lesbos Island in the Aegean Sea. Both vessels suffered damage to their shell plating.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I n/a



The vessel was refloated and is anchored awaiting inspection.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage claim

MSC Kyoto

General cargo with container capacity, Built 1981, 53,540 dwt

Date of Casualty 7 April 2014

Voyage Mobile and New Orleans, USA to the Dominican Republic, Jamaica and Mexico

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Grounding on the Mobile Ship Channel. The vessel was refloated at high water on 7 April, some 14 hours after running aground, with the assistance of two local tugs.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage

Northern Guard

Fully cellular containership, Built 2008, 53,860 dwt

Date of Casualty 6 April 2014

Voyage Pipavev, India to Colombo, Sri Lanka

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Explosion in cargo hold leading to the death of one crew member.

Type of Claim Cargo loss/ damage and loss of life claims

Kanyo Maru

Cement carrier, Built 12, 7,962 dwt

Date of Casualty 8 April 2014

Voyage Hakodate to Sendai-Shiogama, Japan

Cargo Cement

Type of Casualty Grounding off Sendai-Shiogama

Type of Claim Possible hull damage, possible savage claim

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