

FEATURE CASUALTY

Asian Empire

Car carrier, Built 1998, 25,765 dwt

Date of Casualty 19 April 2014

Voyage Ulsan, South Korea to Changjia Gang, China

Cargo Cars

Type of Casualty Fire on board

Type of Claim Fire damage claim, LOF salvage claim

Whilst the *Asian Empire* was in proceeding on a laden voyage from South Korea to China, she experienced a fire on board which was of sufficient severity to cause the Master and crew to abandon the vessel into two life-rafts. At 1730 hours local time the Master issued a distress call advising that there was a fire on board and that the crew were abandoning the vessel. The vessel was transiting the Pacific Ocean at the time and was some 400 nm southeast of Shionomisaki off Wakayama prefecture, Japan. The Japanese Coastguard immediately dispatched patrol boats to locate the unmanned vessel and they rendezvoused with the drifting vessel in the evening of 20 April. In the meantime the 24 strong crew were taken aboard the *Asian Adonis*, a refrigerated cargo ship which was directed by the Coastguard to divert to the location of the *Asian Empire*. They have since arrived in Saipan

from where they will be repatriated.

The vessel's owners have contracted with Svitzer Salvage to provide assistance to the abandoned *Asian Empire* under the terms of a Lloyd's Open Form of Salvage Agreement. Svitzer Salvage have dispatched a salvage team aboard the tug *Terasea Osprey* from Kaohsiung, Taiwan. The 16,300 bhp ocean towing and salvage tug, which was built in 2014 and has a bollard pull of 205 m/t, is expected to arrive in the casualty's position at midday today. A second tug, *Salvanguard*, of 13,500 bhp and 158 m/t bollard pull, has been dispatched from Moji, Japan and is expected to arrive on late on 24 April. Both tugs are operated by POSH Terasea, which is a joint venture between PACC Offshore Services Holdings Limited and Terasea Pte Ltd.

Reports suggest the fire originated in the vessel's store room and quickly spread out of control. However bulletins issued by the Japanese Coastguard vessel which is on site advised that sea conditions are calm and there are no signs of flames or smoke. Heat measuring instruments have indicated the vessel's hull temperature is between 24-25° Celsius. Pending the arrival of the salvage team, the Coastguard vessel will remain on site to monitor the condition of the casualty and to provide a general warning to all vessels in the area that the *Asian Empire* is unmanned and drifting.



NEW CASUALTIES



Ornak

Bulk carrier, Built 2010, 79,677 dwt

Date of Casualty 15 April 2014 - late notification

Voyage Falmouth, UK to Norfolk, USA

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Grounding in Chesapeake Bay after dragging at anchor during stormy weather. After deballasting operations the vessel was refloated on 18 April on the high tide by two tugs.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

Sewol

Passenger ro-ro, Built 1994, 3,794 dwt

Date of Casualty 16 April 2014

Voyage Incheon to Jeju, South Korea

Cargo Vehicles

Type of Casualty Grounding, capsized and sinking off Jindo Island. The US have dispatched *USNS Safeguard* to assist in the salvage operation.

Type of Claim Salvage/wreck removal, loss of life claims

Raana

Supply ship, Built 1957, 148 gt

Date of Casualty 17 April 2014

Voyage Namsos to Bømlo, Norway

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Grounding on Brakan reef west of Høstskjæret off Averøy resulting in a spill of diesel. The vessel was refloated but sank whilst under tow in the Bremsnesfjord just outside Kristiansund.

Type of Claim Total loss claim

Kapitan Sergeev

General cargo with container capacity, Built 2011, 5,458 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 April 2014

Voyage Buzan to Kavkaz, Russia

Cargo 4,887 m/t of sulphur

Type of Casualty Allision with a sluice gate on the Volgo-Don Canal.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

Mar Nosso

Trawler, Built 1972, 79 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 April 2014

Voyage n/a

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Capsized and sinking off the Asturias coast in Northern Spain. Seven of the twelve crew were rescued, three died and two remain missing.

Type of Claim Total loss and loss of life claims



Tromso

Combined chemical and oil tanker, Built 2008, 12,934 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 April 2014

Voyage Fujairah, UAE to Antsiranana, Madagascar

Cargo Crude oil

Type of Casualty Grounding off the north coast of Madagascar. The vessel has suffered damage and specialist emergency teams have been dispatched to the area along with a tanker *Seychelles Paradise* to receive cargo from the stricken vessel which is reported to be lying on sand.

Type of Claim Hull damage and possible salvage claim

Grande Roma

Ro-ro, Built 2003, 5,000 dwt

Date of Casualty 18 April 2014

Voyage Antwerp, Belgium to Portbury, UK

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Allision with Kallo Lock during manoeuvring operations reportedly causing a discharge of oil. The vessel returned to Antwerp.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

Viking Grace

Ferry, Built 2009, 6,107 dwt

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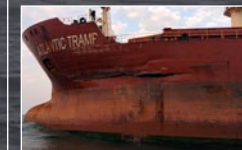
Voyage Turku, Finland to Stockholm, Sweden

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Collision with a leisure boat northwest of Stockholm. The small boat sank but the three people on board were safely rescued.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I Gard



Atlantic Tramp/Bulk Costa Rica

Atlantic Tramp - Bulk carrier, Built 2010, 33,422 dwt

Bulk Costa Rica - Bulk carrier, Built 2012, 58,758 dwt

Date of Casualty 20 April 2014

Voyage Dunkirk, France to St Petersburg, Russia / Amsterdam, Netherlands to Iskenderun, Turkey

Cargo In ballast / Steel scrap

Type of Casualty Collision in the North Sea, 50 km west of Ijmuiden, the Netherlands causing damage to both vessels.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I Gard / North of England

Densa Jaguar/Shahriar Jahan

Densa Jaguar - Bulk carrier, Built 2012, 56,637 dwt

Shahriar Jahan - Bulk carrier, Built 1985, 37,568 dwt

Date of Casualty 20 April 2014

Voyage Salalah, Oman to Chittagong, Bangladesh / Chennai, India to Chittagong, Bangladesh

Cargo In ballast / In ballast

Type of Casualty Having discharged her cargo of gypsum at Chittagong, the

Densa Jaguar dragged at anchor and contacted the *Shahriar Jahan* anchored causing major damage to the *Shahriar Jahan*.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I Swedish Club / American Club

Naniwa Maru No.1

Product tanker, Built 1992, 4,999 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 April 2014

Voyage Singapore to Yangon, Myanmar

Cargo Diesel

Type of Casualty Piracy. Half of the cargo was stolen.

Type of Claim Cargo loss

Halit Bey

Combined chemical and oil tanker, Built 2009, 19,999 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 April 2014

Voyage Terneuzen, Netherlands to Three Rivers, Canada

Cargo Urea

Type of Casualty Grounding at Grondines, Quebec. The vessel was refloated with the assistance of local tugs on the incoming tide.

Type of Claim Hull damage and possible salvage claim

LOF NEWS

In addition to today's feature casualty, two other LOF contracts have recently been reported to Lloyd's. Both involve salvage assistance to yachts. Megalohari Hellenic Tugs Towage & Salvage provided assistance to the *Challenger* under an LOF contract dated 15 April and Antillana de Salvamento de Cuba assisted the *Atlantis Uno* under a contract dated 16 April 2014.

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

Yusuf Cepnioglu - edition 51 - the salvage services under the LOF contract incorporating SCOPIC have been terminated and salvors are demobilising their craft and equipment. The vessel remains

aground and a wreck removal operation will now be required.

Beaufort - edition 56 - was towed into Emden by the German tug *Wulf 7* on 16 April.