

### FEATURE CASUALTY

## Malta Cement

Cement carrier, Built 1991, 3,999 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 28 April 2014

**Voyage** Rostock, Germany to Västerås, Sweden

**Cargo** Cement

**Type of Casualty** Steering failure and grounding

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage claim

During the afternoon of 28 April 2014, the *Malta Cement*, was forced to carry out an emergency anchoring near the Hjulsta Bridge in the Mälaren Lake, south of Anyang. The vessel had reportedly experienced some steering problems and a black out causing the Master to anchor. The vessel was then forced aground onto rocks off the island Kalvholmen, under the influence of strong winds. The Swedish Coast guard, a pilot and tugs, including an environmental protection vessel, the *KBV031*, were immediately dispatched to the grounding site. In addition to her cement cargo the vessel had on board some 77 m<sup>3</sup> of heavy fuel oil and 27.1 m<sup>3</sup> of diesel.

On arrival Coast Guard divers carried out an inspection of the casualty's hull and confirmed that it was intact and there was no leak of oil into the surrounding waters. The vessel was refloated on 29 April and subsequently docked at Västerås. A further dive survey will be carried out whilst the vessel remains at Västerås. The vessel also suffered a grounding on 13 May 2012 off Morko.

Lake Mälaren, which lies to the west of Stockholm and is accessed from the Baltic Sea through the Södertälje Canal, is Sweden's third largest lake. It is a busy region where the waterways support a great amount of freight transport. Mälaren is an elongated lake, which contains a number of small islands and is particularly narrow at some points. The areas of between Hjulsta Bridge and Kvicksund Bridge can present particular difficulties to vessels proceeding at low speeds through these narrow passages with vessels being exposed side winds. The port of Västerås lies on the north-west side of the Lake, some 60 miles from Stockholm.



### NEW CASUALTIES

#### Swift ▣

Heavy cargo vessel, Built 1983, 32,187 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 18 April 2014 - late notification

**Voyage** Nanbu, China to Argentina  
**Cargo** Unknown

**Type of Casualty** Disabled after her propeller fouled fishing nets on the Yangtze river. The vessel was assisted by Chinese Rescue Bureau with divers taking four days to clear the propeller.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim

#### Chanko

Salvage tug, Built 1961, 145 gt

**Date of Casualty** 22 April 2014 - late notification

**Voyage** Unknown  
**Cargo** n/a

**Type of Casualty** Engine problems after fouling fishing nets whilst towing fish farm equipment. The tug then sank.

**Type of Claim** Total loss claim

#### AG Marina

Passenger ro/ro, Built 1964, 350 gt

**Date of Casualty** 24 April 2014

**Voyage** Unknown  
**Cargo** General cargo

**Type of Casualty** Sinking 30 nm west off the island of Crete. Three crew members

**Type of Claim** Total loss and loss of life claims



#### Ocean Outback

Livestock carrier,

**Date of Casualty** 25 April 2014

**Voyage** Fremantle, Australia to Israel

**Cargo** 7,000 cattle

**Type of Casualty** Engine breakdown. The vessel is anchored off the south-west coast of Western Australia pending approval for the vessel to proceed to South-East Asia as an alternative destination. The carrier would proceed at a reduced speed.

**Type of Claim** Unknown

#### Independent Venture

Fully cellular containership, Built 1993, 20,540 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 25 April 2014

**Voyage** Constantza Romania to Varna, Bulgaria

**Cargo** General containerised cargo

**Type of Casualty** Grounding in strong winds whilst proceeding into Varna to discharge cargo. The vessel was quickly refloated and any necessary repairs will be carried out locally.

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage claim

#### Vonar ▣

Fishing vessel, Built 2002, 1,319 gt

**Date of Casualty** 25 April 2014

**Voyage** n/a

**Cargo** n/a

**Type of Casualty** The vessel slid off the slipway in Samasjoen and sustained damage to her bulwark.

**Type of Claim** Damage claim



#### Nakhodka

General cargo vessel, Built 1978, 3,031 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 26 April 2014

**Voyage** Rostov-on-Don, Germany to Volos, Greece.

**Cargo** Flour

**Type of Casualty** Explosion and fire whilst berthed at Volos the causing damage to the vessel and serious injuries to two crew members.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage claim

#### Med

Fully cellular containership, Built 2003, 33,783 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 27 April 2014

**Voyage** Tauranga, New Zealand to

Nooumea, New Caledonia and on to China

**Cargo** General containerised cargo

**Type of Casualty** Loss of steering after departing the port of Tauranga. There was a suggestion that the vessel would require towage assistance.

The crew managed to effect temporary repairs to the damaged part of the steering gear and the vessel is returning to Tauranga.

**Type of Claim** Possible General Average claim



#### Nur Eye I ▣

Chemical tanker, Built 1986, 763 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 28 April 2014

**Voyage** Within Port Klang, Malaysia

**Cargo** 180 m<sup>3</sup> of marine fuel oil

**Type of Casualty** Fire whilst anchored at Port Klang. The engine-room, bridge and aft section suffered fire damage.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage claim  
[View video footage here](#)

#### Sider Warrior

General cargo vessel, Built 2005, 5,029 gt

**Date of Casualty** 28 April 2014

**Voyage** Bartin, Turkey to Casablanca, Morocco

**Cargo** 7,600 m<sup>3</sup> of iron ore

**Type of Casualty** Engine breakdown. The vessel was anchored at Kalamata with tug assistance.

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



#### Wattenmeer - SD 4 ▣

Fishing vessel, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 29 April 2014

**Voyage** n/a

**Cargo** n/a

**Type of Casualty** The fishing vessel capsized and sank in the Elbe estuary, six miles north of Cuxhaven. All the crew were safely rescued.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim.

#### Almortada

General cargo with container capacity, Built 1979,

**Date of Casualty** 29 April 2014

**Voyage** Mersin, Turkey to Odessa, Ukraine

**Cargo** General containerised cargo

**Type of Casualty** Engine failure whilst transiting the Canakkale Strait. A Coastal Safety tug attended scene in order to provide further assistance and the vessel anchored to effect repairs.

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

### CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

**Maritime Maisie** - edition 41 & 48 - over 100 days on since her collision with Gravity Highway, Maritime Maisie has finally been granted refuge in the port of Ulsan. Some 20,000 m<sup>3</sup> of her chemical cargo and 640 m<sup>3</sup> of fuel are thought to remain on board.

**Hanjin Italy** - edition 42 & 45 - following an agreement with the owners of the Al Gharaffa, the owners of the Hanjin Italy have withdrawn

their General Average declaration. All security provided will be deemed null and void and any original documents destroyed.

**Asian Empire** - edition 57 - Heavy seas and poor weather have hampered the efforts of professional salvors Svitzer to board the car carrier but we understand the vessel is now under tow of the tug Salvanguard. Eukor report that the condition of the Asian Empire is stable

and temperature indications are that there is no fire at present.

**Tromso** - edition 57 - Seychelles Paradise has completed its first transfer of 1,400 cubic meters of oil from the grounded tanker. After a quarter of the cargo has been lightened, the salvors will begin attempts to refloat the vessel using a tug from the port of Tamatave.