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Casualty Newsletter 60

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FEATURE CASUALTY

Galapaface 1

Reefer, Built 1979, 2,432 dwt

Date of Casualty 9 May 2014

Voyage Guayaquil to Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

Cargo General cargo

Type of Casualty Grounding on San Cristobal island

Type of Claim Hull damage and salvage claim

The 1979 built reefer vessel *Galapaface 1* ran aground at the appropriately named Wreck's Bay, off the island of San Cristobal, Ecuador at the end of last week prompting immediate local concern for the potential damage to the environment which could arise if the vessel's bunker tanks were to be breached. The vessel was reported to be aground on rocks near to the entrance to the harbour of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno.

San Cristobal is the easternmost of the inhabited Galapagos islands. In 2001, the oil tanker *Jessica* ran aground in Wreck's Bay, spilling 180,000 gallons of diesel and fuel oil and caused one of the worst environmental disasters in Galapagos history.

Reports suggest that the Master initially made a distress call reporting that the engine room was flooding and subsequently reported that he had run aground. The Galapagos National Park authorities confirmed that the vessel's engine room was holed with resulting water ingress but sought to provide reassurances that there was no damage to the vessel's bunker tanks and there was no imminent threat of pollution since the fuel tanks were located well away from the damaged part of the vessel. The *Galapaface 1* is understood to be carrying some 16,000 gallons of fuel as well as being loaded with general reefer cargo. Steps were immediately taken to place booms around the vessel should there

be any escape of oil.

The Coastguard has been co-ordinating the salvage efforts but the shipowners also took steps to hire a salvage tug and contract with Obras y Servicios TEX S.A to provide technical expertise on the salvage operation. In addition representatives of the Galapagos National Park, the Ecuadorian Navy, the Department of Risk Management, the Undersecretary for Ports and Maritime Transport are all in attendance with teams on standby should the casualty deteriorate. The weather conditions have to date been favourable allowing the bunkers and other pollutants to be pumped onto the *Gabarra Orca* and local barges and the vessel has since been stabilised using anchors.

Two salvage tugs are expected to arrive shortly and refloating efforts will begin once all the cargo has been discharged but unfortunately reports suggest that the weather has begun to deteriorate and this may hamper the refloating efforts.

NEW CASUALTIES

Qi Hang/Marisa Nusantara

Qi Hang – Reefer, Built 1987, 7,337 dwt

Marisa Nusantara - Passenger ro-ro, Built 1976, 3,898 gt

Date of Casualty 3 May 2014 – late notification

Voyage Merak to Bakauheni

Cargo Unknown Cars

Type of Casualty Collision in the Sunda Strait, between Java and Sumatra Islands. One passenger suffered minor injuries.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

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Self-propelled barge, no other details

Date of Casualty 6 May 2014 – Late notification

Voyage Unknown

Cargo 1,400 m³ of gravel and a Mercedes car

Type of Casualty Broke in two whilst being loaded with cargo



on the Maas.

Type of Claim Total loss claim, Salvage/Wreck removal

Suehiromaru No.8

Product tanker, Built 2009, 1,900 dwt

Date of Casualty 7 May 2014

Voyage Shimotsu to Shimizu, Japan

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Collision with a pleasure boat off Shimizu Port.



Type of Claim Collision damage claim
P&I n/a



Jaewon Regina

Heavy load carrier, Built 2008, 9,719 dwt

Date of Casualty 8 May 2014

Voyage Beilun to Zhenhai, China

Cargo Unknown
Type of Casualty Entangled in fishing nets in Beilun. It took divers two days to free the vessel.

Type of Claim Possible salvage and/or General Average claim

Further casualties overleaf



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NEW CASUALTIES - Continued - edition (60)

Blue Rose

General cargo vessel, Built 1982, 4,021 dwt

Date of Casualty 8 May 2014

Voyage Tripoli, Libya to Aliaga, Turkey

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Mechanical failure and water ingress in Hold 2. The vessel was not in any danger of sinking and is anchored east of Milos Island.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim and possible cargo damage



L'Austral

Passenger cruise ship, Built 2011, 1,400 dwt

Date of Casualty 8 May 2014

Voyage Amsterdam, Netherlands to Hamburg, Germany

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Allision with Middle lock in IJmuiden, damaging the lock gate.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

P&I Steamship Mutual



Stanley

Product tanker, No other details

Date of Casualty 8 May 2014

Voyage Unknown

Cargo 1,100 m/t of rapeseed oil

Type of Casualty Grounding on the Scheldt. The tug *Zephyrus* owned by Multirship proceeded from Stavenisse and assisted with refloating the tanker which was towed into deep water for inspection. No leakage was noted and the tanker was then towed to Wemeldinge by the attending *Zephyrus* joined by the tug *Delta*.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

Ocean Echo II

Tug, Built 1969, 438 gt

Date of Casualty 8 May 2014

Voyage Quebec, Canada to Kingston, Jamaica

Cargo Towing empty barges

Type of Casualty Grounding in the St. Lawrence Seaway near Quebec Head on Wolfe Island. There was some leakage of oil. A salvage tug from Montreal was reported to be proceeding to assist.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim



Breadbox Falcon/Cito

Breadbox Falcon - General cargo with container capacity, Built 1991, 3,188 dwt

Cito - Fully cellular containership, Built 2008, 3,150 dwt

Date of Casualty 8 May 2014

Voyage Antwerp, Belgium to Nouakchott, Mauritania / Drogheda, Ireland to Antwerp, Belgium

Cargo General cargo

Type of Casualty Collision between the two vessels as the *Breadbox Falcon* entered the Boudewijn lock, Antwerp. *Cito* was reported to be free of damage

Type of Claim Possible collision damage claim

P&I n/a / Standard Club

Sound of Music

River cruise ship,

Date of Casualty 9 May 2014

Voyage Regensburg via Kelheim

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Allision with lock Bad Abbach whilst transiting the Danube causing damage to the vessel and lock wall. Cost estimates of damage were €110,000.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

Mohammed H

General cargo vessel, Built 1986, 6,700 dwt

Date of Casualty 11 May 2014

Voyage Vrana, Bulgaria to destination unknown

Cargo Bagged soda

Type of Casualty Capsized during loading operations.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim and cargo damage



Sten Moster /Orange Island

Sten Moster - Chemical tanker, Built 2006, 16,613 dwt

Orange Island - Bulk carrier, Built 2010, 50,806 dwt

Date of Casualty 11 May 2014

Voyage Antwerp, Belgium to Donges, France / Antwerp, Belgium to New London, U.S.A

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Collision in the English Channel off Portland following an overtaking manoeuvre. *Sten Moster* suffered a 5m hole in her portside and was diverted to Rotterdam. The *Orange Island* was able to resume her voyage.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I Skuld / Japan Club

Copenhagen/FB 23

Copenhagen - General cargo with container capacity, Built 2011, 5,627 dwt

FB 23 - Ferry, No other details

Date of Casualty 11 May 2014

Voyage Santos to Cabadello, Brazil /



Dersa to unknown

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty The *Copenhagen* suffered a power failure whilst departing the port of Santos and struck the moored ferry.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

Star Of Luck

Fully cellular containership, Built 1997, 19,260 dwt

Date of Casualty 11 May 2014

Voyage Chittagong, Bangladesh to Singapore

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Allision with the Mooring Container Jetty at NCT04 in Chittagong port following an emergency manoeuvre to avoid an incoming container vessel Kotao Wisata.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

Simushir

General cargo vessel, Built 1998, 9,405 dwt

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CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

Vonar - edition 58 - had been refloated using the giant crane *Eide Lift 7*. The *Vonar* was then towed to its homeport Ålesund for assessment and repairs.

Altinia - edition 59 - has arrived into Djibouti under tow.

Voyage Shanghai, China to Vladivostok, Russia

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty In collision with a fishing vessel. The containership was ordered to proceed to Pohang pending an investigation.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I n/a

Nestor/MSC Alexa

Nestor - General cargo with container capacity, Built 2000, 2,500 dwt

MSC Alexa - Fully cellular containership, Built 1996, 51,111 dwt

Date of Casualty 12 May 2014

Voyage Rotterdam, Netherlands to Antwerp, Belgium / Klaipeda, Lithuania to Antwerp, Belgium

Cargo General cargo

Type of Casualty Collision at Zandvliet Lock.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I Swedish Club / North of England

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