

FEATURE CASUALTY

Arklow Ruler

General cargo with container capacity, Built 2006, 4,530 dwt

Date of Casualty 24 May 2014

Drogheda, Ireland to Antwerp, Belgium

Cargo 4,535 m³ of cement clinker

Type of Casualty Grounding

Type of Claim Possible General Average claim

The general cargo vessel *Arklow Ruler* ran aground as she was departing Drogheda port, Ireland at 0740 hours on 24 May 2014. The 89m vessel, which was loaded with a cargo of cement clinker bound for Antwerp, got stuck near the northern breakwater at the entrance to the port, which is at the mouth of the River Boyne in County Louth. Despite initial attempts by the casualty's crew they were unable to free the vessel.

The Pilot and the Harbour Master attended

on-board later in the day and, using the vessel's own power and that of a local tug *Mourne Shore*, further attempts to free the vessel were made. However, these attempts were unsuccessful and it was agreed to continue with the efforts the next day, when the high tide was expected to be at 4.2m. The Harbour Master of Drogheda confirmed the vessel was stable with no list at low water and steps had been taken to deploy the *Arklow Ruler's* anchor as a precautionary measure. The *Mourne Shore* remained alongside overnight.

Further efforts to refloat the vessel under the influence of the increasing high tides took place on 25 May but were also fruitless and the vessel finally refloated at 0850 hours 26 May 2014. Inspections confirmed the vessel had not suffered any damage or water ingress whilst aground and she has since proceeded to Antwerp, her destination port. In November 2010, a sister vessel, *Arklow Raider*, grounded in a similar position to that of the *Arklow Ruler*.



CASUALTY FOLLOW UP

Santa Ana – edition 51 – the wreck-age of the trawler which ran aground on 10 March, with the loss of 8 crew, has been raised.

Galapaface 1 – edition 60 & 61 – The vessel has suffered further damage to her hull rotating under the influence of the rising tides causing salvors some concern. Once the vessel is

free of all cargo and pollutants, and has been patched, tanks will be attached to the vessel's port and starboard sides. These will be filled with air and their aim is to provide stability whilst the ship is towed away from the Galapagos Marine Reserve where it will then be scuttled. Authorities continue to monitor the pollution levels.

Cheeki Rafiki – edition 61 – the upturned hull of the yacht has been located by a US Navy warship helicopter 1,000 miles east of Massachusetts. The life raft was found to be secured in the aft of the yacht.

Ulus Prime – edition 61 – was refloated on 24 May and resumed her voyage to Baku.

NEW CASUALTIES

Westwood Columbia

General cargo vessel, Built 2002, 45,000 dwt

Date of Casualty 19 May 2014 – Late notification

Voyage Vancouver, Canada to Portland, USA

Cargo Timber and general cargo

Type of Casualty Disabled after electric switchboard failure whilst transiting the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The *Jeffrey Foss*, an emergency response tug from Neah Bay, responded and took the ship in tow to Port Angeles. The vessel has since departed having completed repairs.

Type of Claim Possible general average claim

Beech 2

Bunkering tanker, Built 2010, 6,195 dwt

Date of Casualty 20 May 2014

Voyage Unknown

Cargo Fuel oil

Type of Casualty Grounding in Novorossiysk port. The vessel was refloated with the assistance of two tugs.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim



Universal MK 2013

Ferry, Built 2002, 714 gt

Date of Casualty 21 May 2014

Voyage Hong Kong to Macau, China

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Collision with an unnamed Chinese cargo ship off Cheung Chau Island ferry pier. The ferry, which was travelling at 40 knots, sustained damage to its starboard bow and 38 of the 162 passengers were injured.

Type of Claim Collision damage and passenger claims

Da Li 20

General cargo vessel, 5,000 dwt, no other details

Date of Casualty 21 May 2014

Voyage Shidao to Dongshan, China

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Collision in fog with unnamed fishing vessel leading to the loss of the fishing vessel and damage to the bow of the *Da Li 20*, the loss of an anchor and water ingress. All crew from the fishing vessel were safely rescued.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim



Douwent

General cargo with container capacity, Built 1987, 1,802 dwt

Date of Casualty 21 May 2014

Voyage Dunkirk, France to Ghent, Belgium

Cargo Hot rolled plates

Type of Casualty Collision with a buoy following rudder problems. The vessel, which then anchored, was assisted by Multirship Salvage and Towing on LOF salvage terms.

Type of Claim Salvage claim

Baltiyskiy 201

General cargo with container capacity, Built 1994, 3,344 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 May 2014

Voyage Cork, Ireland to Unknown destination

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Grounding at the entrance to Dundalk. The vessel was refloated the following day.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage claim

Maran Sagitta

Crude oil tanker, Built 2009, 15,071 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 May 2014

Voyage Antwerp, Belgium to Baton Rouge, USA

Cargo Oil

Type of Casualty Allision with the Zandvlietlock. The vessel has since resumed its voyage.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

Mistral

Fully cellular containership, Built 2008, 11,254 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 May 2014

Voyage Rauma, Finland to Bremerhaven, Germany

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Grounding whilst departing Rauma. The vessel was refloated and towed back to Rauma.

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

Celacante

Fishing vessel, Built 2008, 180 gt

Date of Casualty 22 May 2014

Voyage n/a



Cargo Fish

Type of Casualty Grounding whilst attempting to tow the disabled yacht *Nénette* to Le Conquet. As the convoy was off Pierre Noire, the tow line broke and fouled the fishing vessel's propeller. The vessel then drifted aground. The *Nénette* was prevented from suffering the same fate by a Coast Guard vessel. Salvage operations are underway.

Type of Claim Hull damage and salvage claims



Nawal F

General cargo vessel, Built 1989, 4,599 dwt

Date of Casualty 23 May 2014

Voyage Nemrut Bay, Turkey to Constantza Romania

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Grounding in the Bosphorus near Anadoluhisari, Istanbul after the vessel suffered an engine failure. Coastal Safety tugs *Kurtarma 4*, *Kurtarma 7* and fast rescue boats with a technical team

on board attended the scene in order to provide further assistance.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage claim and salvage fine

Loyal Union

Bulk Carrier, Built 2007, 48,549 dwt

Date of Casualty 25 May 2014

Voyage Unknown

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Collision with a two lane barge fleet at Mile Marker 118. Lower Mississippi causing the barges to break loose. The bulk carrier suffered a 12 foot breach in her forepeak tank.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I Gard

Louis Jolliet

Passenger/cruise ship, Built 1938, 2,436 dwt

Date of Casualty 26 May 2014

Voyage Around Quebec

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Allision with the pier whilst berthing at Quebec City. Three passengers were injured and the vessel suffered damage to her hull.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

P&I Shipowners Club

Federal Kivalina

Bulk carrier, Built 2000, 36,563 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 May 2014

Voyage to Montreal

Cargo Canola meal

Type of Casualty Loss of steering whilst transiting the St. Lawrence river near Thousand Islands Bridge.

Type of Claim Possible General Average claim

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