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Casualty Newsletter 68

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FEATURE CASUALTY – Classic General Average

AMT Explorer/Red Husky

AMT Explorer – Pontoon, Built 1984, 13,980 dwt

Red Husky – Tug, Built 2010, 400 dwt

Date of Casualty 3 July 2014

Voyage Naples, Italy to Bremerhaven, Germany

Cargo Electrical wires and cables

Type of Casualty Listing and capsizing

Type of Claim LOF claim and cargo loss

On the morning of 3 July, whilst the *AMT Explorer* was being towed by the tug *Red Husky*, the pontoon began listing and subsequently capsized. All three crew members on board were safely rescued by the *Red Husky* tug. According to news reports, the weather at the time was moderate with a strong swell. The pontoon was en route from Naples to Bremerhaven loaded with a cargo of electrical wires and cables, when she developed problems some 50 miles southwest of the island of Sardinia. The cargo, which was loaded on deck and has an estimated value of € 28 million, was lost overboard. The cables were being transported to Northern Europe for use in the Butendiek and Deutsche Bucht wind farms located in the North Sea off the coast of Germany.

The pontoon which remained afloat despite

turning over is now under tow to Livorno. Dutch salvage company, Smit Salvage BV, has been contracted to provide salvage assistance to the pontoon under the terms of the Lloyd's Open Form contract. The tug *NOS Aries* operated by Neri Salvage was dispatched to the casualty and is expected to arrive into Livorno today with the *AMT Explorer*. There have been suggestions that an operation will be explored to seek to recover the cables. It remains to be seen as to whether the cargo will be capable of recovery from the depths or whether the cargo will be compromised. Its value certainly makes it a potentially worthwhile proposition.

The registered owners of the pontoon, Italian based Augustea Maritime Transportation Limited have advised that the *AMT Explorer* is presently on a bareboat/demise charter albeit they have not advised the identity of the charterer. The power cables were being shipped by the Prysmian Group, considered a world leader in the supply of energy and telecom cables. In April 2014 the Group was awarded the contract, worth in excess of € 250 million, by the Dutch-German grid operator TenneT, for the grid connection of offshore wind farms in Germany. The shipment on board the *AMT Explorer* was part of this project.



NEW CASUALTIES

Tina

General cargo vessel, Built 2010, 3,500 dwt

Date of Casualty 25 June 2014 – late notification

Voyage Campbeltown, UK to Papenburg, Germany

Cargo Timber

Type of Casualty Engine breakdown. The vessel anchored to enable the crew to try to effect repairs but since they were unable tug assistance was requested. Tugs *Watergeus* and *Gruno 4* towed the vessel to destination.

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

Estrella del Plata/ Captainianis L

Estrella del Plata - Product tanker, Built 1971, 4,750 dwt
Captainianis L – Bulk carrier, Built 1995, 43,682 dwt

Date of Casualty 30 June 2014 – late notification

Voyage Zarate to Buenos Aires, Argentina / La Plata and San Lorenzo, Argentina to Rotterdam, Netherlands

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Whilst navigating the Emilio Mitre Channel, the *Captainianis L* suffered a blackout and collided with the product tanker *Estrella del Plata*, which was at anchor at the Parana de las Palmas River, causing the tanker to be holed. The *Captainianis L* subsequently grounded

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I Steamship / The London Club

Haci Suvari

General cargo vessel, Built 1971, 1,463 dwt

Date of Casualty 1 July 2014 – late notification

Voyage Akcansa to Eregli, Turkey

Cargo 900 m/t of clinker

Type of Casualty Grounding on the southern entrance of Canakkale strait. The vessel was unable to refloat using her own power and the Coastal Safety tugs responded. The vessel was reloaded on 5 July under the terms of a Turkish Open Form Salvage contract.

Type of Claim Salvage claim



Mia B

General cargo vessel, Built 1967, 1,190 dwt

Date of Casualty 4 July 2014

Voyage Frederiksvaerk, Denmark to Norway

Cargo Steel plates

Type of Casualty Grounding in Roskilde Fjord, Zealand, Denmark. Attempts on 5 July failed to free the ship from the sand and mud flats. The following day a dredger was used to create a trench to the vessel and a more powerful tug finally pulled the ship free. The vessel was taken back to Frederiksvaerk.

Type of Claim Hull damage and possible salvage claim

Venus C/J.Pioneer

Venus C - Fully cellular containership, Built 1989, 14,867 dwt

J.Pioneer - Fully cellular containership, Built 1994, 6,772 dwt

Date of Casualty 4 July 2014

Voyage Kobe to Shanghai, Japan / Kobe to Osaka

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty The *Venus C* contacted the *J.Pioneer* (at berth) whilst carrying out berthing manoeuvres at Kobe port. The vessel's anchors became entangled.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I Both entered with West of England

Isabel A. McAllister

Tug, Built 1964, 196 gt

Date of Casualty 7 July 2014

Voyage Jacksonville, USA to Guyana

Cargo Under tow

Type of Casualty Sinking off Puerto Rica.

Type of Claim Total loss claim



Further casualties overleaf



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NEW CASUALTIES - Continued - edition (68)

Ferries



Nora Victoria ▣

Catamaran ferry, no other details

Date of Casualty 1 July 2014 – late notification

Voyage Haugesund to Akksdal, Norway

Type of Casualty Grounding and subsequent sinking off Skjoldastraumen, Norway.

Type of Claim Total loss claim and clean-up operations

Hardanger ▣

Passenger ro-ro, Built 2013, 750 dwt

Date of Casualty 1 July 2014 – late notification

Voyage Stavanger to Tau, Norway

Type of Casualty Allision with ferry quay at Tau following an electrical blackout causing damage to both the ferry and the quay.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim



Pancar Indah ▣

Landing craft, no other details

Date of Casualty 2 July 2014

Voyage Ketapang to Gilimanuk, Indonesia

Type of Casualty Sinking in the Bali Strait near Gilimanuk. Salvage efforts are underway.

Type of Claim Salvage or total loss claim



Stromstierna ▣

Passenger ro-ro, Built 2007, 180 gt

Date of Casualty 1 July 2014 – late notification

Voyage Orust, Sweden to Gullholmen,



Norway

Type of Casualty The ferry ran aground on rocks off Gullholmen. Passengers were evacuated and the damaged ferry was pulled off the rocks the following day and taken to Tusdevik for inspection of the damage.

Type of Claim Hull damage claim

Godfjord

Passenger ro-ro, Built 1987, 137 dwt

Date of Casualty 3 and 7 July 2014

Voyage Tjøtta to Forvik, Norway

Type of Casualty Allision with the quay at Mindlandet, Norway. The ferry was taken out of service for repairs are returned on 7 July. However, she suffered another technical failure that same day, crashing into the dock at

Forvik at high speed causing damage to the vessel's port side. The cars on board were also damaged, as was the quay and passengers suffered injuries requiring hospitalisation. After the vessel was freed she ran towards the shore and hit a wooden quay near the dock. The incident on 7 July was filmed and can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Type of Claim Allision damage and passenger claims

Stord ▣

Passenger ro-ro – Built 1987, 817 dwt

Date of Casualty 3 July 2014

Voyage In Stavanger

Type of Casualty Engine room fire. The vessel was towed into Stavanger. The fire has since been reported to have

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

King Seaways – edition 34 – a passenger aboard the vessel has pleaded guilty to arson following the fire on board the ferry on 28 December 2013.

Corona Seaways – editions 38 & 39 – the UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch report that the blaze on the ferry in December last year was caused by a faulty ignition system in one of the trucks loaded on the main deck. Recommendations have been made regarding the transportation of used and unregistered vehicles.

Galapface 1 – editions - 59, 60 & 61 all cargo has now been removed from the vessel and the salvage operation will now enter the refloating phase which is expected to be completed within the next 12 days. The vessel will then be towed 20 miles out to sea and scuttled.

Hanjin Athens – editions – 61, 63, 64, 65 & 67 joint surveys of the damaged containers discharged from the containership have commenced in Limmasol this week. Some 240 containers stowed in the affected hold.

resulted from a fuel leak.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

Älv Snabben 5

Passenger ro-ro, Built 1995, 35 dwt

Date of Casualty 5 July 2014

Voyage Around Gothenburg

Type of Casualty Allision with quay in Gothenburg causing injuries to passengers.

Type of Claim Allision damage and passenger claims

Stena Hollandica

Passenger ro-ro, Built 2010, 11,600 dwt

Date of Casualty 6 July 2014

Voyage Hook of Holland, Netherlands to Harwich, UK

Type of Casualty Fire on the main car deck

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

Stena Nautica ▣

Passenger ro-ro, Built 1986, 2,568 dwt

Date of Casualty 8 July 2014

Voyage Grenaa, Denmark to Varberg, Sweden

Type of Casualty Allision with the breakwater whilst departing the port of Grenaa. The ferry was holed and suffered water ingress into her engine room. The vessel returned to her berth and the passengers were disembarked. Some 800 tons of water had filled the compartment.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

