

FEATURE CASUALTY

Samskip Akrafell

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9271963, Built 2003, 5,565 dwt

Date of Casualty 6 September 2014

Voyage Rotterdam, Netherlands to Reykjavik and other Icelandic ports

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Grounding

Type of Claim Hull damage, LOF Salvage claim and likely General Average declaration

The 2003 built general cargo vessel *Samskip Akrafell* was in the course of a voyage to ports in Iceland laden with general containerised cargo, some of which was in refrigerated units, when she grounded off Vattarnes, on the east coast of Iceland, just before 0500 hrs on 6 September 2014. The vessel struck a skerry between Faskruosfjörður and Reyðarfjörður and as a result of the contact she suffered ingress of water into her engine room which the crew tried in vain to control using the ship's on board pumps. It is possible there will be some issues with the reefer cargo having regard for the fact that due to the engine room flooding there may have been an interruption of the power supply to the reefer units.

Following news of the grounding, the local authorities immediately dispatched all search and rescue units in the East Fjords to the site of the grounding, with the first rescue vessel arriving only 20 minutes

later. They provided the crew with additional pumps to assist them in trying to control the water ingress. The Coast Guard helicopter deployed divers to carry out an underwater assessment of the damage and ascertain the extent of any pollution risk. Patching works were also undertaken by the Coast Guard divers. There was no leakage of any water into the cargo holds. So cargo damage, if any, may be limited to the reefer containers. Dutch professional salvors *Svitzer* have been contracted to provide salvage assistance under the terms of a Lloyd's Open Form of Salvage contract.

We understand the vessel was refloated at high water around midnight on 7 September with assistance by the fishing vessel *Adalsteinn Jonsson* and pilot boat *Vottur*. The *Samskip Akrafell* was subsequently towed into the port of Eskifjörður where she is now moored and cargo discharge operations are being carried out. The vessel has a list to starboard and is trimmed by the stern due to the water ingress into the engine room. Pumping of the engine room continues and in the meantime nine men were taken to the hospital suffering from the effects of the exhaust fumes from the pumps. Due to the nature of the damage, the vessel is not expected to be able to continue her voyage and the cargo will have to be forwarded on an alternative vessel. Reports suggest the *Horst B* (IMO 9065297) has been chartered in to carry the cargo forward. *Reyðarfjörður* was due to be the vessel's last port of call in Iceland before proceeding to the Faroe Islands, England and on to Rotterdam.



NEW CASUALTIES



Vento Di Tramontana ▴

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9377690, Built 2006, 21,416 dwt

Date of Casualty 2 September 2014 – Late notification

Voyage Service between Italian ports and Casablanca, Morocco

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Grounding and loss of containers whilst approaching the port of Casablanca. Much of the cargo drifted onto the shore and was taken by locals as can be seen in the video which can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and cargo loss

Volgobalt 210

General cargo vessel, IMO 8230376, Built 1978, 3,165 dwt

Date of Casualty 2 September 2014 – Late notification

Voyage Kaliningrad to Novokemsky, Russia

Cargo Timber

Type of Casualty Grounding on the Volga-Baltic Waterway near Novokemsky. The vessel had to be lightered and was refloated on 3 September.

Type of Claim Possible salvage type claim

Lismore ▾

Tug, no other details

Date of Casualty 2 September 2014 – Late notification

Type of Casualty Grounding on



Casualties involving Fishing Vessels

Alcor ▴

Fishing vessel, Built 2007, 85 gt

Date of Casualty 5 September 2014

Type of Casualty Grounding on the Men Omnes rock off the Port of Saint Guénolé. The vessel, which developed a 35° list was later pulled off and proceeded under her own power into Saint Guénolé to discharge 5.7 m/t of hake.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

Emerald

Fishing vessel, no other details

Date of Casualty 6 September 2014

Type of Casualty Water ingress and sinking in the Gulf of Mexico. All her crew were rescued by a passing product tanker *Nordic Wolverine*.

Type of Claim Total loss claim

Fisherman's Beach, Great Keppel Island. The tug was refloated the following afternoon.



Carmona

Trawler, IMO 9741164, Built 2014, 1,289 dwt

Date of Casualty 8 September 2014

Type of Casualty Grounding at Harmano, off western Sweden. The vessel was on rocks and developed a starboard list. The vessel was refloated by the tug *Svitzer Gaia* and the fishing vessel *Lövån* and was subsequently towed to Ellos for inspection.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

Albacore

Fishing vessel, IMO 8849414, Built 1988, 181 gt

Date of Casualty 8 September 2014

Type of Casualty Engine problems. The vessel was towed to Rovik, Norway for repairs.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

Poline

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 7904528, Built 1981, 3,085 dwt

Date of Casualty 4 September 2014

Voyage Plastun, Russia to China

Cargo Timber

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Type of Casualty Capsize and sinking in the Sea of Japan during poor weather. Nine of the ten crew were rescued by passing ships but one died later and one crew member remains missing.

Type of Claim Total loss and loss of life claims



American Spirit ▣

Bulk carrier, IMO 7423392, Built 1978, 61,565 dwt

Date of Casualty 4 September 2014

Voyage Two Harbors, Minnesota to East Chicago, Indiana, USA

Cargo 64,800 m³ of iron ore (taconite)

Type of Casualty Grounding at Round Island Passage, in the Straits of Mackinac, USA whilst transiting the channel in strong winds. The vessel ran hard aground on the south side of the channel and developed a starboard list. Coast Guard officials worked with the crew of the vessel to develop a refloating plan which required the lightering of some 5,700 m³ of the cargo on to the bulk carrier *Sam Laud*. The vessel was refloated on 5 September and has since proceeded.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Happy Dragon

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 9551961, Built 2011, 18,103 dwt

Date of Casualty 4 September 2014

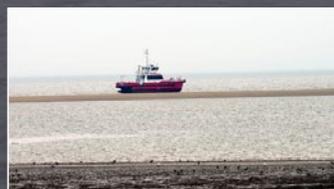
Voyage Aberdeen, UK to Trieste, Italy

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Explosion whilst transiting the English Channel. Two crew members suffered injuries and were airlifted to Dorchester County Hospital

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and crew claims

P&I Standard Club



Spirit of Hoton ▣

Wind turbine vessel, MMSI 235100734

Date of Casualty 4 September 2014

Type of Casualty Grounding off 'Cleethorpes' on the River Humber, UK, whilst engaged in search operations for a man lost overboard from the vessel *Freya*. The tug refloated on the high tide.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage

Omskiy 107

General cargo vessel, IMO 8866759, Built 1981, 3,248 dwt

Date of Casualty 5 September 2014

Voyage Privolzhskoye, Russia to Iran

Cargo 2,765 m³ of barley

Type of Casualty Grounding on the Volga River near a fuel pipeline area where anchoring is prohibited. Deballasting operations failed to reduce the vessel's draft and lightering of the cargo will be required to facilitate the refloating.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim



Lisbeth ▣

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 7233668, Built 1972, 1,985 dwt

Date of Casualty 5 September 2014

Voyage Svendborg, Denmark for Wismar, Germany

Cargo Wood

Type of Casualty Grounding at Svendborg. The vessel refloated without assistance

and returned to Svendborg for inspection.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage



RMS Bremen/Francisca ▣

RMS Bremen - General cargo vessel, IMO 9617301, Built 2012, 3,812 dwt

Francisca - General cargo with container capacity, IMO 9148166, Built 1997, 3,452 dwt

Date of Casualty 5 September 2014

Voyage Aveiro, Portugal to Szczecin, Poland / Klaipeda, Lithuania to Honfleur, France

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Collision on the Kiel Fjord. Both vessels suffered sufficient damage in the bow to bow collision with breaches in their port sides and bow sections.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim, possible General Average claim

P&I Unknown



BBC Bangkok ▣

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 9437165, Built 2011, 8,046 dwt

Date of Casualty 8 September 2014

Voyage Loading at Rostock

Cargo Parts for offshore wind-farms

Type of Casualty Fire during loading operations whilst the cargo was secured.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim and cargo damage

P&I The Swedish Club

Transmur-2

General cargo vessel, No IMO, Built 2014, 565 dwt

Date of Casualty 6 September 2014

Voyage Not available

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Holed whilst proceeding on the Amur Rivers having struck an underwater object causing water ingress into the engine room. The vessel is now stranded and the crew have abandoned

Type of Claim Hull damage and possible salvage claim

Paul Russ

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9470882, Built 2010, 17,230 dwt

Date of Casualty 8 September 2014

Voyage Kaohsiung, Taiwan to Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands

Cargo General containerised cargo including propane and butane

Type of Casualty Grounding off Tanapag Harbour, Saipan. T&T Salvage have been appointed to assist with the refloating operations. Local tugs were engaged to stabilise the casualty which is reported to be listing on the reef. There are reports that divers have discovered what appears to be unexploded devices in the area of the grounding and a 500 yard safety zone has been set up around the vessel.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

Sig

Product Tanker, IMO 9735335, Built 2014, 6,619 dwt

Date of Casualty 10 September 2014

Voyage Baku, Azerbaijan to Turkey

Cargo Unknown product

Type of Casualty Grounding on the River Don in the vicinity of Rostov. Tugs *Dionysus*, *Igor Aseyev* and *Ota-951* are proceeding to assist the vessel.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

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Martin

General cargo vessel, IMO 8510295, Built 1986, 1,412 dwt

Date of Casualty 3 September 2014

Voyage Shoreham, UK to Rotterdam, Netherlands

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty The vessel was assisted following engine problems by Dutch salvors Multraship under an LOF Salvage contract. We understand the salvage claim has since been settled.

Type of Claim LOF Salvage claim



Ince Inebolu ▣

Bulk carrier, IMO 9254472, Built 2002, 52,376 dwt

Date of Casualty 5 September 2014

Voyage Hodeidah, Yemen to Novorossiysk, Russia

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Grounding off Astypalaia, Greece. The vessel has structural damage with water ingress into her fore peak tank and no. 1 cargo hold. She is being assisted under an LOF Salvage contract by Greek salvors Tsavliris Salvage whose station keeping salvage tug *Megas Alexandros* is now on scene. Temporary repairs are being carried out prior to any refloating attempt.

Type of Claim Hull damage and LOF Salvage claim

Crillon

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9159854, Built 1997, 24,328 dwt

Date of Casualty 5 September 2014

Voyage Beirut for Port Said

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Following engine problems some 100 miles off Limassol, the vessel was assisted into the port by Tsavliris Salvage under the terms of an LOF Salvage contract.

Type of Claim LOF Salvage claim, possible GA declaration

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See this week's feature overleaf

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

Svendborg Maersk – editions 48, 49 & 51 - the Danish Maritime Accident Investigation Board has published a report into the loss of containers from the containership off Ushant in February of this year.

Plutonias ▣ – edition 76 – was refloated on 2 September and taken to Lund Quay.

