

FEATURE CASUALTY

Green Freezer

Reefer, IMO 8819304, Built 1991, 6,120 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 September 2014

Voyage Reykjavik to Faskrudsfjordur, Iceland and beyond

Cargo Reefer cargo

Type of Casualty Grounding

Type of Claim Hull damage, salvage claims and a General Average declaration

In the evening of 17 September 2014, whilst the reefer vessel *Green Freezer* was heading to its next scheduled port, Fáskrúðsfjörður, Iceland, it is reported to have suffered a technical failure in the engine control room which led to the vessel running aground onto the beach at Eyri, which is some 4nm for Stodhvarfjörður. Initial inspections confirmed that despite striking rocks the vessel's hull had not been breached and there was no leakage or any pollution risk from the vessel's bunkers. Booms were placed around the vessel as a precautionary measure.

The *Green Freezer* had not been proceeding a full speed but was apparently awaiting the arrival of a pilot boat from Reyðarfirði, when the reefer began moving backwards and onto the beach. Despite grounding at a relatively slow speed the *Green Reefer* was nevertheless hard aground at the stern and developed a list

to starboard. Emergency response vessels were dispatched to the grounding site and representatives from the Coast Guard and the Environmental Agency proceeded by helicopter to assess the situation. A diving inspection the following day subsequently determined that the vessel had sustained damage to her propeller and rudder and would not be able to refloat without assistance.

The Coastguard vessel *Thor* and the pilot boat/tug *Völlur* were tasked with pulling the vessel off the shore. We understand that professional salvors Svitzer were also engaged by the shipowners but that the Coastguard assumed control of the operation under local intervention rights. Attempts were made to refloat the vessel on 19 September 2014 using the *Thor* but these efforts came to nothing when the *Thor*'s tow wires broke. No movement at all was detected in the vessel and a decision was taken to lighten the casualty in order to reduce the ground reaction and facilitate the refloating operation. The lightering tanker *Laugafell* was dispatched to the site and pumped some 140 m³ of fuel oil from the *Green Freezer* and the vessel was finally refloated at 11 am on 20 September 2014. The vessel was taken into Fáskrúðsfjörður harbour after the lightered fuel oil had been pumped back on board.

The vessel's owners have declared General Average and a salvage claim from the Coastguard is also anticipated. Roose+Partners are appointed to assist part cargo interests.



NEW CASUALTIES



Abyo Angelino ▴

Bulk carrier, IMO 9310630, Built 2006, 82,981 dwt

Date of Casualty 15 September 2014
– Late notification

Voyage San Nicolas, Argentina to China

Cargo 40,000 m³ of iron

Type of Casualty Grounding on the Paraná River at Arroyo Seco

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim and General Average declaration



Skandi Gamma ▴

Drill ship, IMO 9508067, Built 2001, 27,851 gt

Date of Casualty 16 September 2014
– Late notification

Type of Casualty Allision with the rig *Stena Dan* in the Troll oil field holing one of the rig's ballast tanks. The tug reportedly suffered an engine blackout before the incident.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

Volgoneft-151

Tanker, IMO 8864763, Built 1980, 4,750 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 September 2014

Voyage St. Petersburg to Yaroslavl, Russia

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Grounding on the upper Svir river causing damage to the tanker's ballast tanks.

Type of Claim Hull damage claim



Lizane ▴

General cargo vessel, IMO 7710264, Built 1978, 3,045 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 September 2014

Voyage Docked at Miami

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Fire in the foreship whilst docked in Miami.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim



Pegasus ▴

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9387592, Built 2009, 12,306 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 September 2014

Voyage St. Petersburg, Russia to Rotterdam, Netherlands

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Allision with the gate locks of the Kiel Canal in

Kiel-Holtenau. The vessel suffered a breach of her ballast tanks and the lock was damaged.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim
P&I Gard



Maverick ▴

Tug, No other details

Date of Casualty 18 September 2014

Type of Casualty Sinking on the upper Mississippi River near Chester. Contractors have been mobilised to deal with the clean-up and salvage operations.

Type of Claim Salvage/wreck removal and clean-up costs, possible total loss

Knarrlagsund

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 9268849, Built 2004, 6,033 dwt

Date of Casualty 18 September 2014

Voyage Brake, Germany to Bergen, Norway

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Grounding on the Weser. The ship was refloated with the assistance of two tugs and was subsequently towed into Bremerhaven for inspection.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage claim

Roose + Partners

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Clipper City ▣

Schooner, No other details

Date of Casualty 20 September 2014

Type of Casualty Grounding on a shoal in New York harbour during a sight-seeing tour.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage

Paul R. Tregurtha ▣

Bulk carrier, IMO 7729057, Built 1981, 69,172 dwt

Date of Casualty 20 September 2014

Voyage Duluth to Monroe, USA

Cargo 68,000 m/t of coal.

Type of Casualty Grounding in Duluth Harbour. Two tugs successfully refloated the bulker, the largest operating in the Great Lakes and she has since proceeded following a

damage survey.

Type of Claim Possible salvage type claim

Volga 35

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9133197, Built 1995, 5,885 dwt

Date of Casualty 20 September 2014

Voyage Volgograd, Russia to Iran

Cargo 3,657 m/t of wheat

Type of Casualty Grounding on the Volga river. The vessel was refloated with tug assistance.

Type of Claim Possible salvage type claim

Europalink ▣

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 9319454, Built 2007, 9,184 dwt

Date of Casualty 21 September 2014

Voyage to Ancona



Cargo Passengers and 306 vehicles

Type of Casualty Grounding on rocks on the islet of Peristeres, northeast Corfu. The ferry was refloated with the assistance of local tugs and proceeded into Kerkyra for a survey of the damage. She was found to have suffered two large cracks on her starboard side and water ingress in the boiler room which needed to be controlled by pumps.

Type of Claim Hull damage and possible salvage claim

Mercandia IV ▣

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 8611685, Built 1989, 1,280 dwt

Date of Casualty 21 September 2014

Voyage Elsinore, Denmark to Helsingborg, Sweden

Type of Casualty Allision with a pier at the port of Helsingborg. Some passengers suffered injuries and were hospitalised. The pier was damaged and the ferry tore a large hole in her starboard side forward and her bow door could not open. The ferry proceeded to Landskrona for repairs.



Type of Claim Allision damage claim
P&I Skuld

Bagration

Reefer, IMO 8842911, Built 1991, 901 dwt

Date of Casualty 21 September 2014

Voyage Vladivostok to Yuzhno Kurilsk, Russia

Cargo Frozen fish

Type of Casualty Fire whilst in the Okhotsk Sea, near Sakhalin Island. The crew evacuated to a Fish factory *Kapitan Efremov* which was in the area.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

Christine ▣

Ferry ro-ro, IMO 9257632, Built 2002, 80 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 September 2014

Type of Casualty Loss of power whilst entering the port of Fejø causing the ferry to allide with a pole in the harbour.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim



Aviva Cairo ▣

General cargo vessel, IMO 8214669, Built 1982, 3,979 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 September 2014

Voyage Manila, Philippines to Thailand
Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Grounding south of Taiwan during poor weather. The vessel was being towed for scrapping.

Type of Claim Salvage claim/Wreck removal and possible clean-up operations

Qezban


Ro-ro, IMO 9457189, Built 2010, 11,339 dwt

Date of Casualty 23 September 2014

Voyage Trieste, Italy to Haydarpasa, Turkey

Type of Casualty Allision with a pier at Haydarpasa Ro/Ro terminal. The vessel was then assisted by a coastal safety tug and then re-berthed under her own power.

Type of Claim Possible salvage type and allision damage claim

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CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

C Ladybug – editions 39, 42 & 46 – The vehicle carrier which was the subject of two separate LOF claims during its arrest in Antwerp in March 2013 has finally been sold in auction for some €53.6million. The vessel has been renamed *Glovis Solomon*.

Maria ▣ – edition 30 – The wreck of the fishing vessel, which sank on 7 October

2013 following a collision, has been recovered and taken to Rotterdam on the barge *Hebo P 39*.

Samskip Akrafell – editions 77 & 78 – Reports suggest the vessel may be sold for scrap following the grounding off Iceland which caused substantial bottom damage and flooded the engine room.

