

FEATURE CASUALTY

Bahamas Celebration

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 7904891, Built 1981, 3,210 dwt

Date of Casualty 31 October 2014

Voyage Freeport, Bahamas to Palm Beach, USA

Type of Casualty Struck an object/the seabed

Type of Claim Damage and possible passenger claims

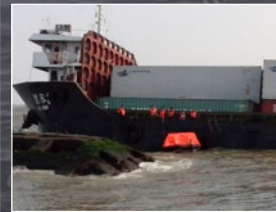
As the cruise ship *Bahamas Celebration* was departing the port of Freeport, on Grand Bahama on 31 October 2014, at the beginning of a Halloween cruise which included a Zombie Ball, the vessel reportedly ran aground some 200 yards outside the port. The impact caused the hull to be breached leading to water ingress and the vessel taking on a 10° port list.

The *Bahamas Celebration*, which is operated by Celebration Cruise Line and sails regular night voyages between Palm Beach and Freeport, was carrying some 960 passengers at the time of the incident, which occurred during the hours of darkness at approximately 9pm in the evening. Passengers, many of whom were dressed in Halloween costumes, reported hearing a loud bang and

there was a temporary loss of power causing the lighting on the vessel to flicker on and off. All on board were called to muster stations and instructed to don life jackets. There are suggestions that the engine room was flooded. The vessel remained without power and listing for some six hours before local tugs attended and the damaged cruise ship was towed into Freeport. There was some difficulty getting the passengers off the vessel at the quay due to the port list but most of the passengers were eventually disembarked by 4am on 1 November. They were later returned to Miami on board the *Bimini Superfast* and then bussed back to Palm Beach where the cruise had originally begun.

In investigation into the accident is being undertaken. There is some speculation that the cruise ship may have been taking steps to avoid a cargo ship which was reported to be close to the vessel's starboard side as she departed the port. A passenger spoke of seeing the cargo ship, the cruise liner then turning hard to port and subsequently hearing scrapping noises as the vessel hit the bottom. It was also reported that there were no muster drill before the vessel departed for the cruise. We understand Resolve Marine are assisting with efforts to stabilise the vessel.

NEW CASUALTIES



Hui Hong 3 ▲

General cargo vessel, MMSI 413463280, No other details

Date of Casualty 24 October 2014
– Late notification

Voyage Zhangzhou to Xiamen, China

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Grounding off Shantou Port in Guangdong causing the port side fore peak tank to be breached with resulting water ingress. Some containers were subsequently lost overboard during bad weather.

Type of Claim Hull damage, possible salvage claim and cargo losses

Nora Thomsen

Edible oil tanker, IMO 6423888, Built 1964, 727 dwt

Date of Casualty 29 October 2014

Voyage Salthella, Sweden to Thyboron, Denmark

Cargo Unknown product

Type of Casualty Engine breakdown. The vessel was towed to Thyboron.

Type of Claim Possible General Average declaration.

Petrovsk/Sudak

Petrovsk – Ro-ro, IMO 8841474, Built 1986, 3,265 dwt

Sudak – Tanker, No other details

Date of Casualty 30 October 2014

Voyage Kavkaz, Russia to Krym, Ukraine / St. Petersburg to Rostov-on-Don, Russia

Cargo Unknown / In ballast

Type of Casualty Collision near Krym in the Strait of Kerch. *Petrovsk* suffered a 4x1m gash on her port side.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim



Conca d'Oru II ▲

SNSM 126, Coastguard vessel, No other details

Date of Casualty 31 October 2014

Type of Casualty Fire whilst in Saint-Florent, France. The fire spread to two other vessels and the lifeboat was gutted.

Type of Claim Fire damage claims



Madeleine Rickmers/INS Kora ▲

Madeleine Rickmers – Fully cellular containership, IMO 9134660, Built 1997, 23,062 dwt

INS Kora – Missile corvette, Indian Navy vessel

Date of Casualty 31 October 2014

Voyage Chittagong, Bangladesh to Colombo, Sri Lanka / Vizag, India

to Port Blair, Andaman Islands
Cargo General containerised cargo / n/a

Type of Casualty Collision in the Bay of Bengal.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I Britannia Steamship / n/a

Cotrans 9

Self-propelled barge, IMO 2949120, Built 1988, 1,010 gt

Date of Casualty 31 October 2014

Voyage Unknown

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Allision with Beutels Bridge in Rotterdam damaging the wheelhouse. Readers may recall edition 81 included an entry for the *Cotrans 8* which suffered an identical accident following an allision with the Beutels Bridge.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim



Myrsini ▲

Bulk carrier, IMO 9422940, Built 2010, 82,117 dwt

Date of Casualty 31 October 2014

Voyage Trombetas to Fazendinha, Brazil

Cargo Bauxite

Type of Casualty Grounding on the River Amazon between Orixima and Santarem. We understand Smit Salvage may be appointed to refloat the vessel albeit not on salvage terms.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and General Average declaration

LOF NEWS

We understand the assistance rendered to the drifting barge *Sterna Mibau II*, which was listed in edition 84 in the Late Notifications section, was carried out by professional salvors Svitzer Salvage under an LOF contract.

DBL 106

Tank Barge, No IMO, Built 2010, 13,969 dwt

Date of Casualty 1 November 2014

Voyage to Kodiak, Alaska, USA

Cargo 2.2 million gallons of aviation fuel

Type of Casualty Grounding near Kodiak, Alaska. The tank barge was refloated and later towed to Kodiak.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage claim



Atlantic Lady/Kraslava ▲

Atlantic Lady – Reefer, IMO 8500630, Built 1986, 6,333 dwt

Kraslava – Chemical tanker, IMO 9314844, Built 2007, 37,258 dwt

Date of Casualty 1 November 2014

Voyage St Petersburg, Russia to Bear Island, Norwegian Svalbard archipelago / Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands to St Petersburg, Russia

Cargo Reefer cargo / In ballast

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Type of Casualty Collision in Oresund, south of Dragor, Denmark causing significant damage to both vessels.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim, possible General Average declaration

P&I n/a / Skuld

Marco Polo ▣

Passenger cruise ship, IMO 6417097, Built 1965, 5,180 dwt

Date of Casualty 1 November 2014

Type of Casualty Grounding in the Buksnes Fjord off Gravdal. The vessel was refloated after 9 hours. A diving inspection confirmed there was no damage to the hull.

Type of Claim Possible passenger claims

Ocean Way

Fishing vessel, 80 gt, No other details

Date of Casualty 2 November 2014

Type of Casualty Sinking in the North sea 100 miles east of the Farne Islands leading to confirmed death of one crew member with two others missing. Two were picked up by a rescue helicopter.

Type of Claim Total loss and loss of life claims

Mare Nigrum/GSP Alcor

Mare Nigrum - Oceanographic research vessel, IMO 7119408, Built 1971, 1,138 dwt

GSP Alcor - Fire-fighting/supply tug, IMO 9560223, Built 2010, 1,357 dwt

Date of Casualty 2 November 2014

Type of Casualty The tug struck the research vessel whilst it was moored at Constanza port. The *Mare Nigrum* sustained a hole some 3m above the water line.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

Anna Desgagnes

Ro-ro, IMO 8600507, Built 1986, 17,850 dwt

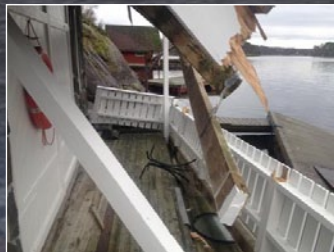
Date of Casualty 2 November 2014

Voyage Cote Sainte Catherine to Montreal, Canada

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Contact with the seabed whilst un-berthing causing damage to the vessel.

Type of Claim Hull damage claim



Rygerfjell ▣

Ro-ro, IMO 7721134, Built 1978, 644 gt

Date of Casualty 3 November 2014

Type of Casualty Allision with a pier and boathouse at Fogn.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

Lady Racisce

Reefer, IMO 9160724, Built 2000, 12,912 dwt

Date of Casualty 3 November 2014

Voyage Puerto Limon, Costa Rica to Algiers, Algeria

Cargo Bananas

Type of Casualty Fire in cargo hold during discharge operations. An estimated one hundred cartons of cargo were destroyed.

Type of Claim Cargo damage claim



Nordnorge ▣

Ferry, IMO 9107784, Built 1997, 1,171 dwt

Date of Casualty 3 November 2014

Voyage Skjervoy to Tromso, Norway

Type of Casualty Grounding whilst departing Skjervoy. The vessel was able to return to port and was found to have

suffered a large gash on starboard side with water ingress into her ballast tank.

Type of Claim Hull damage claim



Manitowoc ▣

Bulk carrier, IMO 7366398, Built 1973, 19,800 dwt

Date of Casualty 3 November 2014

Voyage Toledo to Trenton, USA

Cargo Coal

Type of Casualty Grounding in the Detroit River. The vessel was refloated with tug assistance.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage claim

Piz Everest/Avalon Impression ▣

Piz Everest - Self-propelled tank barge, IMO



7324869, Built 1973, 1,372 dwt

Avalon Impression - River cruise ship, Built 2014

Date of Casualty 8 November 2014

Voyage Ludwigshafen to Nijmegen, Germany / Gorinchem to Nijmegen, Germany

Cargo None / n/a

Type of Casualty Collision on the Waal at Nijmegen. The tanker was moored at the time.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

Cimbris ▣

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 9281786, Built 2003, 4,516 dwt

Date of Casualty 4 November 2014

Voyage Riga, Latvia to Warrenpoint, UK

Cargo 3,000 tons of animal feed

Type of Casualty Fire from cargo heating.

Type of Claim Cargo loss

Basat

Combined chemical and oil tanker, IMO 9447029, Built 2008, 10,745 dwt

Date of Casualty 5 November 2014


Voyage Douala, Cameroon to Abidjan, Ivory Coast

Cargo Oil

Type of Casualty Piracy attack off the coast of Nigeria. Two crew members have been taken hostage.

Type of Claim Possible damage to the vessel and crew claims



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CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

San Felipe ▣ - edition 84 - the fire in the forward containers is reported to be extinguished although cooling operations on some containers are ongoing. The containership remains at anchor off Westport, Port Klang. The crane barge Smit Borneo is on site and ready to discharge the damaged containers and debris. *Al Riffa* is also anchored at the same position.

Kertu - edition 84 - the water ingress and resulting list on the damaged vessel has been stabilized and the vessel was towed into the port of Oxelösund where temporary repairs are being carried out.

Rothensee - edition 84 - the cargo on board the sunken barge has been removed. The wreck is thought to have split in two and salvage operations have commenced. The salvage company Wagenborg Sleepdiensten from Groningen have been contracted to remove the wreck. In the meantime the Mittelland Canal remains closed.

Auto Baltic - edition 84 - has completed repairs to the allision damage sustained when entering Bremerhaven.

