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Casualty Newsletter 89

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FEATURE CASUALTY

Vestas Wind

Racing yacht, no other details

Date of Casualty 29 November 2014

Voyage Round-the-World race

Cargo n/a

Type of Casualty Grounding.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim or total loss

Late on Saturday evening the racing yacht *Vestas Wind*, which was 10 days into the second leg of the Volvo round the world race and sailing from Cape Town, South Africa to Abu Dhabi, UAE, ran aground on Cargados Carajos Shoals which is close to the archipelago of St Brandon and located some 270 miles north-east of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. The 65-foot sailing yacht had been racing at a speed of 19 knots when she hit the remote reef and the force of the grounding tore the rudders off and led to water ingress into the stern compartments.

The nine men crew tried for nine hours to free the *Vestas Wind* before eventually being forced to abandon the £3.8million yacht, which was being battered by strong waves. The skipper reported that the keel was jammed into rocks on the deep water side and the yacht was being struck repeatedly by point break waves eventually

causing the keel to break off and the vessel to break up. The crew waded across the reef through 'shark infested' waters to a dry sand spit to await rescue by the Coast Guard. They sheltered in two life rafts which they tethered to rocks to prevent them drifting away. Another yacht, *Alvimedica*, a joint U.S.-Turkish entry, stopped racing and proceeded to the area where the stricken yacht was aground, arriving during the hours of darkness at 1.30am on 30 November. They provided emergency and radio support throughout the night until the arrival of the local Coast Guard. It was fortunate that there was a Coast Guard station on the island of Île du Sud, only a mile from the grounding site albeit that it has limited facilities. After arriving at daybreak on Sunday they transported the *Vestas Wind's* crew to their base on Île du Sud, also known as St Brandon, using a small rib. The yacht *Alvimedica* then resumed racing. The crew were subsequently picked up by the vessel *Eliza*, which provides a weekly service to the island, and they have today arrived in Mauritius.

The race began on 11 October in Alicante, Spain and is due to end in Gothenburg, Sweden in June 2015. When the accident occurred the *Vestas Wind* had been holding fifth place in the race, which takes place over nine months calling at 11 different ports and covering some 38,739 miles. Efforts to save the yacht are still being considered but she is thought to have suffered considerable damage.



NEW CASUALTIES



Stadt Rostock/Morning Capo

Stadt Rostock – Fully cellular containership, IMO 9320037, Built 2006, 37,929 dwt

Morning Capo – Vehicle carrier, IMO 9663295, Built 2013, 20,190 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 November 2014 – Late notification

Voyage Xiamen to Shanghai / Xiamen, China to Singapore and Durban, South Africa

Cargo General containerised cargo / Vehicles

Type of Casualty Collision near Xiamen causing damage to both vessels. The car carrier was holed in the bow and the *Stadt Rostock*, which has since proceeded to Hong Kong for repairs, suffered damage at the bow on her starboard side.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I Swedish Club / Skuld

Bremerhaven/Fiducia

Bremerhaven – Ferry, No other details

Fiducia – General cargo vessel, IMO 9467196, Built 2010, 4,106 dwt

Date of Casualty 25 November 2014 – Late notification

Voyage n/a / Blexen to Bremerhaven, Germany

Cargo n/a / Unknown

Type of Casualty Collision on Blexen Roads in dense fog. The ferry suffered significant damage. The *Fiducia* was fit to proceed.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I Unknown

Goldeneye

Bulk carrier, IMO 9244855, Built 2001, 52,421 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 November 2014

Voyage Garcia Hernandez, Philippines to unknown destination

Cargo Preparing to load limestone

Type of Casualty Allision with the berth and subsequent grounding at Garcia Hernandez during typhoon Queenie. The vessel broke free of her moorings, struck the platforms and dolphin installations and then grounded.

Type of Claim Hull damage and possible salvage claim



Edward Lawrence

Bulk carrier, IMO 5323304, Built 1959, 239 gt

Date of Casualty 27 November 2014

Type of Casualty Forced aground during typhoon Queenie.

Type of Claim Hull damage and possible salvage claim

Eduard Juan

Bulk carrier, IMO 7810636, Built 1979, 441 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 November 2014

Type of Casualty Grounding in the port of Jagna during typhoon Queenie.

Type of Claim Hull damage and possible salvage claim

Omskiy 6

General cargo vessel, IMO 8937687, Built 1975, 3,843 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 November 2014

Voyage Balakovo, Russia to Egypt
Cargo 3,000 m³ of grain

Type of Casualty Allision with a lock gate on the Volga Don Canal causing damage to the lock and gate.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

Bashundhara 8/ Bandhan

Bashundhara 8 – Bulk carrier, IMO 9119971, Built 1996, 46,664 dwt

Bandhan – Fishing vessel, no other details

Date of Casualty 28 November 2014

Voyage Mongla, Bangladesh to Singapore / n/a

Cargo Unknown / n/a

Type of Casualty Collision in the Bay of Bengal off St Martin's Island, Bangladesh. Only 2 of the 29 crew on board the fishing vessel survived. The *Bashundhara 8* reportedly failed to stop to assist in the search and rescue.

Type of Claim Collision damage and loss of life claims

P&I The London Club



Synchro

Supply vessel, No other details

Date of Casualty 28 November 2014

Type of Casualty Severely damaged by a crane hook whilst transferring supplies to tanker Smyrni off Cape Recife from the tanker. The superstructure, part of the foredeck and all cabling and fuel lines were ripped off.

Type of Claim Total loss

Further casualties overleaf



Yuyou Maru ▣

Product tanker, IMO 9266803, Built 2002, 4,998 dwt

Date of Casualty 1 December 2014

Voyage Chiba to Aomori, Japan

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Rudder problems and drifting off Honshu

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim



Christopher ▣

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9359260, Built 2008, 20,073 dwt

Date of Casualty 1 December 2014

Voyage Gdynia, Poland to Bremerhaven, Germany

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Grounding on the Kiel Canal blocking the waterway. Attempts to refloat using her own power failed. Two tugs later pulled the vessel free and she berthed at Kiel for damage assessment.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage claim

Aleksey Afanasyev

General cargo vessel, IMO 8033132, Built 1981, 3,243 dwt

Date of Casualty 1 December 2014

Voyage Rostov, Russia to Turkey

Cargo 3,000 m³ of wheat bran

Type of Casualty Pushed aground by ice on the Azov-Don Sea Canal. Russian icebreaker *Kapitan Moshkin* has been tasked to assist.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

Sibirskiy 2129

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 8100428, Built 1983, 3,484 dwt

Date of Casualty 2 December 2014

Voyage Astrakhan to Volgograd, Russia

Cargo Grain

Type of Casualty Grounding in the Astrakhan region on the Volga River.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

Igor Maksimov

Research vessel, IMO 8606563, Built 1987, 293 dwt

Date of Casualty 3 December 2014

Voyage n/a

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty The vessel was being towed by salvage tug *Lazurit* to Vladivostok for repairs when the tow parted during heavy weather and she ran aground off Sakhalin Island.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim

FISHING VESSELS



New Venture K112 ▣

Fishing vessel, No other details

Date of Casualty 26 November 2014 – Late notification

Type of Casualty Grounding on rocks on Seal skerry off Eday Island, Orkney. The vessel was later refloated by the Coastguard vessel and was escorted to Pierowall.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage claim

Betty C

Fishing vessel, IMO 7397775, Built 1974, 1,166 gt

Date of Casualty 29 November 2014

Type of Casualty Fire whilst 230 nm south of Jarvis Island. The 21 strong crew were forced to abandon the vessel into a small skiff and were later rescued by the *Cape Ferrat* which had diverted to the fishing vessel's location.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim and possible salvage operation

Safran

Fishing vessel, Built 2000, 67 gt

Date of Casualty 29 November 2014

Type of Casualty Loss of stability and

sinking some 35 nm off the coast of San Sebastian, Northern Spain. Many vessels diverted to the area and four of the six crew members were rescued.

Type of Claim Total loss and loss of life claims

Moskovskaya Olimpiada ▣

Fish factory, IMO 7832359, Built 1980, 1,815 dwt

Date of Casualty 30 November 2014

Type of Casualty Tangled nets causing a loss of power and drifting in the Bering Sea. Salvage vessel *Predannyi* is proceeding from Avacha Bay to assist.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Oryong 501

Trawler, IMO 6412580, Built 1964, 3,988 dwt

Date of Casualty 1 December 2014

Type of Casualty Capsized and sinking in Anadyr Bay, Chukotka, Bering Sea, Russia. The vessel was had 62 crew on board and only 7 were rescued, with the remaining 55 lost.

Type of Claim Total loss and loss of life claims

Tuncay Sagun 6

Fishing vessel, IMO 9398369, Built 2006, 670 gt

Date of Casualty 2 December 2014

Type of Casualty Fire in the equipment storage hold and poop deck whilst off Tirebolu. The vessel was towed into Tirebolu harbour.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

FERRIES

Super Shuttle Ferry 15

Ferry, IMO 6811528, Built 1967, 262 dwt

Date of Casualty 26 December 2014 – Late notification

Type of Casualty Grounding at Balbagon Camiguin, Philippines.

Type of Claim Hull damage claim

J & N Carrier

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 7033707, Built 1970, 135 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 November 2014

Type of Casualty Draggled at anchor and grounded off Achela, Bohol during poor weather caused by the tropical depression Sinlaku.

Type of Claim Hull damage or total loss claim



Irapetra L ▣

Ferry, IMO 7429669, Built 1975, 2,250 dwt

Date of Casualty 29 November 2014

Type of Casualty Fire whilst proceeding from Brindisi to Igoumenitsa for maintenance.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

Afford ▣

Ferry, IMO 9218351, Built 2001, 440 dwt

Date of Casualty 30 November 2014

Type of Casualty Grounding on rocks at Finneset. The ferry was carrying 4 crew members and 11 passengers. All passengers were evacuated and the vessel was refloated by tugs *Beta* and *Beta Mob* owned by salvors Buksér og Berging AS. Some hydraulic oil was reported to have leaked.

Type of Claim Hull damage claim, possible salvage claim and clean-up operations

Q Carrelyn ▣

Ferry, IMO 8425892, Built 1978, 248 gt

Date of Casualty 1 December 2014

Type of Casualty Capsized off Lubang Island during poor weather. 13 crew and 2 passengers were rescued by a passing fishing boat.

Type of Claim Total loss claim



CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

Srikandi 515 – edition 84 – has been recovered by Thai police after the pirates, who captured the vessel on 9 October, ran out of bunkers and were forced to sail into Narathiwat province waters in the Gulf of Siam, to obtain more fuel. Some 2,500 m³ of the 3,100 m³ of palm oil remains on board.

Kertu – editions 84 & 85 – has been towed from Oxelösund to Grenaa for repairs.

Bahamas Celebration – editions 85 & 86 – damage assessments to determine the fate of the cruise ship continue. It is expected to be several months before the ship returns to service, should repairs be economic. It may be towed to Finland or Sweden.

Katre – edition 88 – was successfully refloated on 29 November after part of its wheat cargo had been lightened using a mobile crane on board dredger *Grete Fighter*.

