

# Roose + Partners

## Casualty Newsletter 90

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### FEATURE CASUALTY

## Elga-1

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 8848408, Built 1991, 6,277 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 3 December 2014

**Voyage** Temryuk, Russia to Varna, Bulgaria

**Cargo** 6,000 m/t of coal

**Type of Casualty** Water ingress into the engine room

**Type of Claim** LOF salvage claim and GA declaration

On the evening of 3 December, whilst in a position some 160km east of the Bulgarian port of Varna, the 1991 built general cargo vessel *Elga-1* suffered an engine breakdown following water ingress into her engine room reportedly from a faulty stern gland. The vessel was heading to Varna from Temryuk laden with some 6,000 m/t of coal and was left drifting without power in the Black Sea near the city of Balchik. The vessel's master issued a distress message and the support vessel *Sea Spider*, which was carrying pipes for the South Stream gas pipeline, diverted to the *Elga-1*'s location. With the vessels pumps apparently not operating properly the crew were unable to control the water ingress and they were forced to abandon the vessel into one of the life rafts. They later transferred to the *Sea Spider* which dropped

them off in Varna on 5 December before continuing to Novorossiysk.

Svitzer Salvage were contracted to provide salvage assistance to the abandoned vessel under the terms of a Lloyd's Open Form of Salvage Agreement. They engaged the services of Multraship as LOF subcontractors. We understand that two Svitzer tugs proceeded from Varna and on arrival submersible pumps were placed on board in an effort to try to control the water ingress. Multraship tugs then took the vessel in tow towards Varna. Divers were subsequently engaged to try to seal the leak and in the evening of 6 December the water ingress was brought under control. The vessel was towed into the port on 7 December by the Multraship tugs and local harbour tugs. We understand that once all the water has been pumped out, the cargo is to be offloaded and the vessel will undergo repair at the Varna Dockyard. The salvaged property will be required to lodge both salvage and General Average security since we understand the vessel owners have declared General Average. Blue Seas Adjusters in London ([www.blueseasadjusters.com](http://www.blueseasadjusters.com)) have been appointed as General Average Adjusters.

The salvage operation was carried out under the watchful eye of the Bulgarian Maritime Administration and the salvors liaised closely with them throughout the process. Video of the vessel can be seen by clicking [here](#) and her arrival into Varna by clicking [here](#).

### NEW CASUALTIES



#### Rock Star ▲

Super yacht, IMO 9557692, Built 2009, 444 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 2 December 2014 – Late notification

**Type of Casualty** Allision with a draw bridge in Fort Lauderdale. Video of the incident can be seen by clicking [here](#).

**Type of Claim** Allision damage claim

#### Amaranthus ▼

General cargo vessel, IMO7947037, Built 1977, 700 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 2 December 2014 – Late notification



**Voyage** Unknown  
**Cargo** Cigarettes

**Type of Casualty** Abandoned by crew and grounded on the western coast of Zakynthos. Local authorities have taken steps to place booms around the casualty and isolate any marine pollutants and also pumped out sea water from the cargo. The vessel was refloated and has been towed to the island's port.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage type claim

#### Albacore

Fishing vessel, IMO 8849414, Built 1988, 181 gt

**Date of Casualty** 3 December 2014

**Type of Casualty** Loss of steering when the propeller was fouled by nets. The vessel was taken in tow to Herland on Atloy where divers cleared the nets.

**Type of Claim** Salvage type claim

#### Fides/Nika

*Fides* – Ro-ro, IMO 9030852, Built 1993, 16,806 dwt

*Nika* – Fishing vessel, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 3 December 2014

**Voyage** Ravenna, Italy to Derine and Gemlik, Turkey

**Cargo** Unknown

**Type of Casualty** Collision some 41 nm east of Ancona causing the loss of the fishing vessel.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage claim  
**P&I** North of England / n/a



#### Tustna ▲

Ro-ro, IMO 7607364, Built 1977, 150 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 3 November 2014

**Type of Casualty** The replacement ferry for Åfjord (see edition 89 and the follow-up above) suffered a shift of concrete mixers which overturned on deck. The ferry developed a starboard list and had to return to Øksfjord. She was then directed to Alta where a crane assisted with righting the trucks.

**Type of Claim** Cargo type claim

#### Stril Myster

Supply vessel, IMO 9243370, Built 2003, 4,500 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 4 December 2014

**Voyage** from Bergen

**Cargo** Supplies

**Type of Casualty** Engine room fire whilst north of Haugesund. Local fire and rescue services responded, including a Sea King helicopter, but the crew were able to get the fire under control and close up the

engine room. The vessel was later towed to shore by the tugs *Thorax* and *Bergen Kreds*.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage claim

#### Otrate/Janina

*Otrate* – Self-propelled barge, No other details

*Janina* – Self-propelled barge, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 4 December 2014

**Voyage** Unknown

**Cargo** Unknown

**Type of Casualty** Collision whilst entering the Brandenburg lock bridge on the lower Havel Waterway. Both vessels suffered damages.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage claim



#### Skyline ▲

General cargo vessel, IMO 8230431, Built 1980, 2,893 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 4 December 2014

**Voyage** Rostov, Russia for Turkey



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**Cargo** 3,000 m<sup>3</sup> of wheat

**Type of Casualty** Grounding on the Koluzayevsk Shallows (River Don) near Rostov. The vessel was refloated with the assistance of the Russian tug *Pal-4* and proceeded into Rostov for inspection. She has since refloated.

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage and/or salvage type claim

### Lady Hester ▣

General cargo vessel, IMO 9467249, Built 2011, 3,500 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 5 December 2014

**Voyage** Rauma, Finland to Riga, Latvia

**Cargo** Timber

**Type of Casualty** Grounding off Kotka during dense fog. The vessel refloated by her own means and was escorted to Kotka by the harbour tug *Jupiter*. She has since proceeded to Riga where she berthed at the Kugu Buvetava shipyard.

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage claim



### Windea Three ▣

Offshore supply vessel, IMO 9759501, Built 2014, 25 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 6 December 2014

**Type of Casualty** Grounding on Scharhörn Reef 16 nm north west of Cuxhaven. Lifeboat *Hermann Helms* responded and pulled the vessel free. She was then towed to Cuxhaven where she will undergo repairs.

**Type of Claim** Hull damage claim

### Asko Flag

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9333450, Built 2005, 4,518 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 6 December 2014

**Voyage** Muuga, Estonia to Sutton Bridge, UK

**Cargo** Peat moss

**Type of Casualty** Drifting without power.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim

### Mira Cedenatho

Self-propelled barge, no other details

**Date of Casualty** 7 December 2014

**Voyage** to Maasbracht, Netherlands

**Cargo** Unknown

**Type of Casualty** Allision with the quay at Utrecht causing the vessel to be holed. Local emergency services responded. They controlled the water ingress and patched the leak.

**Type of Claim** Hull damage claim



### Norholm ▣

Fish carrier, IMO 9139567, Built 1996, 320 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 7 December 2014

**Type of Casualty** Disabled and adrift off Cape Wrath, north west Highlands, Scotland. The vessel drifted towards the shore but the Lochinver lifeboat was able to establish a connection and hold the vessel. The lifeboat battled throughout the night to hold the vessel and try to pull her round the headland. The emergency tug *Herakles* which then took over the tow to Thurso Bay.

**Type of Claim** Unlikely but possible salvage type claim

### Sundaisy E

Bulk carrier, IMO 9609902, Built 2011, 15,300

**Date of Casualty** 8 December 2014

**Voyage** Ceuta, Spain to Hamilton, Canada

**Cargo** Cement

**Type of Casualty** Grounding on the St. Lawrence River near Becancour following a generator failure and loss of power. The vessel has since been refloated.

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage



### Gold ▣

General cargo vessel, IMO 7720192, Built 1994, 3,747 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 8 December 2014

**Voyage** Yalova, Turkey to Algiers, Algeria

**Cargo** 1,700 m<sup>3</sup> of MDF

**Type of Casualty** Cargo shift and listing (reportedly up to 45°) in the Gulf of Izmit. The coastal safety tug *Kurtama 8* and the lifeboat *Kıyı Emniyeti 5* responded and towed the vessel to Darca under the Turkish Open Form salvage agreement. She was berthed at the cement pier. Cargo will be discharged.

**Type of Claim** Salvage claim and/or General Average declaration

### Amur 2514

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 8721404, Built 1986, 3,332 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 8 December 2014

**Voyage** Rostov, Russia to Nemrut Bay, Turkey

**Cargo** 3,291 m<sup>3</sup> of scrap metal

**Type of Casualty** Grounding in the sea of Azov.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim

### Samba

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9428205, Built 2007, 8,199 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 8 December 2014

**Voyage** Rotterdam, Netherlands to Florø, Norway

**Cargo** General containerised cargo

**Type of Casualty** Grounding on the island of Gaasoya. The vessel refloated under her own power but suffered damage to her hull.

**Type of Claim** Hull damage claim

### Vitriol

General cargo vessel, IMO 7235769, Built 1973, 1,097 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 9 December 2014

**Voyage** None

**Cargo** None

**Type of Casualty** Derelict vessel, is adrift in the southern Ionian Sea.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim



### Avila Star ▣

Reefer, IMO 8713550, Built 1990, 12,519 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 9 December 2014

**Voyage** Balboa, Panama to St Petersburg, Russia

**Cargo** 6000 m<sup>3</sup> of bananas

**Type of Casualty** Ran aground while approaching St. Petersburg, south east of Kotlin Island. Tugs are proceeding.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim

## CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

**San Felipe** – editions 84, 85, 87 & 88 – we have received confirmation from Richards Hogg Lindley that the vessel owners have declared General Average and cargo will not be released without the provision of adequate security at destination. Roose+Partners are appointed to assist part cargo interests in relation to this casualty.

**Vestas Wind** ▣ – edition 89 – we understand that Maersk and Svitzer may be assisting



with efforts to salvaged the racing yacht which was our feature casualty last week. Video of the moments after the grounding can be accessed by clicking [here](#) and [here](#).

**Åfjord** ▣ – edition 89 – was not holed in the grounding last week but suffered several large dents and will be out of commission for some considerable time whilst repairs are completed.

**Golden Eye** – edition 89 – was loaded with limestone and over 300 m<sup>3</sup> of bunker fuel which must be drained before the vessel can be refloated.

