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Casualty Newsletter 92

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FEATURE CASUALTY

Norman Atlantic

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 9435466, Built 2009, 7,800 dwt

Date of Casualty 28 December 2014

Voyage Patras, Greece to Ancona, Italy

Cargo Loaded trucks

Type of Casualty Fire

Type of Claim Fire damage and passenger claims

P&I Gard and West of England

On 28 December 2014 the passenger ferry *Norman Atlantic*, which was en route to Italy from Greece, suffered a catastrophic fire on board whilst in a position some 40 nm off the north-west coast of Corfu. The vessel was loaded with cars and some 128 trucks. The fire, which is thought to have started in one of the vessel's lower car decks albeit this is as yet unconfirmed, spread quickly leading to an urgent plea from the Master for assistance to evacuate the vessel. Nearby commercial vessels as well as tugs, coastguard units and navy ships were diverted to the ro-ro's location but strong winds and stormy seas hampered efforts to rescue the passengers on board. It was only some 30 hours after the fire started that the last people were rescued from the ferry. Passengers tried to escape the fire by going on to the main deck and had to endure freezing rain and huge waves

whilst the deck was burning their feet.

The Italian owned passenger ro-ro, under charter to the Greek company Anek Lines, was initially thought to be carrying in excess of 460 passengers and crew, although the exact number is unclear and rescuers are still unsure as to how many people may have perished in the fire. As of today eleven bodies have been recovered. Anek Lines have advised that 478 people were on the ferry when it departed Patras but the number of people taken from the vessel, including those who died, is only 438 and some of these people were not listed on the passenger manifest. There are suggestions that some passengers had not boarded the ferry or some had left the vessel during a stop at Igoumenitsa and this may partly explain the discrepancy. Italian Prosecutors have made both the owners and the Captain of the *Norman Atlantic*, who was the last person to be evacuated from the stricken vessel, suspects in their investigation with the possibility that they may be charged with multiple counts of manslaughter.

With all of the passengers finally evacuated, the fire damaged vessel is being towed to the Albanian port of Vlore. On Tuesday morning, during the towing operation, two Albanian men were killed when a tow line between their tug and the ferry parted and caught in the tug's propeller. A clear demonstration perhaps of the dangers of performing salvage operations.

LOF NEWS AND CASUALTIES 2014

LOF NEWS

Readers may recall earlier this year, in edition 67, we included a round-up of the LOF Salvage Contracts agreed during the first six months of 2014 and, since the number of contracts reported to Lloyd's Salvage Arbitration Branch was significantly down on previous years, we provided commentary on why it might be that the use of this well-known and, for the most part, well respected salvage contract has declined. This trend has continued, with the lowest ever figure of 31 salvage contracts (see details below) being agreed on LOF terms during 2014 compared to 61 contracts agreed during 2013. It must come as some concern to all associated with LOF that despite the efforts to boost its usage, salvors and underwriters alike are opting for other contracts for assistance. Active steps are being undertaken to increase understanding of the LOF Form since it is clear with less contracts being signed many in the industry simply do not have direct experience of LOF. Watch this space for more information in 2015.

LOF Casualties 2014

Date	Vessel	Salvor
1/6/14	C Ladybug	Multtraship Salvage BV
1/8/14	Cassiopela Star	Tsavliris Salvage BV
1/14/14	Ligari	Tsavliris Salvage (International) Ltd.
1/31/14	Fidelity I	Five Oceans Salvage
2/2/14	Cape Elise	Tsavliris Salvage (International) Ltd.
2/21/14	Rapallo	Tsavliris Salvage (International) Ltd.
3/10/14	Tug Patriarch and Container Barge	Titan
3/10/14	Yusuf Cepnioglu	Alexander G Tsavliris & Sons Maritime Co.
3/12/14	My Love (Yacht)	Megalohari- Hellenic Tugs Towage-Salvage
3/17/14	John I	Svitzer Salvage BV & Solar Salvage
3/20/14	Lmz Ariel	Tsavliris Salvage (International) Ltd.
3/31/14	Sunleaf Grace	Smit Singapore Pte Ltd.
4/15/14	Challenger (Yacht)	Megalohari- Hellenic Tugs Towage-Salvage
4/16/14	Atlantis Uno (Yacht)	Antillana de Salvamento
4/22/14	Asian Empire (Car Carrier)	Svitzer Salvage BV
5/19/14	Altinia	Smit Salvage BV
5/22/14	Douwent	Multtraship Salvage BV
5/22/14	Saloos	Tsavliris Salvage (international) Ltd.
6/9/13	Tektoneos	Alexander G Tsavliris & Sons Maritime Co.
6/11/14	Viet Long	Smit Singapore Pte Ltd.
7/4/14	Amt Explorer	Smit Salvage BV
7/10/14	Seablue 1288	Malayan Towage & Salvage
7/21/14	Lady Rosebud	Spanopoulos Tuges Maritime Co.
7/24/14	Kopi Chief (Landing Craft)	Titan Maritime (Australia) Pty Ltd.
8/8/14	Omegas	Five Ocean Salvage
8/12/14	Yialia	Five Ocean Salvage
8/28/14	Marine Stars	Vernicos Tugs and Salvage
9/4/14	Martin	Multtraship Salvage BV
9/8/14	Samskip Akrafell	Svitzer Salvage BV
9/10/14	Ince Inebolu	Alexander G Tsavliris & Sons Maritime Co.
10/10/14	Crillon	Tsavliris Salvage
10/7/14	Santa Rosa	Al Mubarak Overseas LLC
10/22/14	Stema Barge	Svitzer Salvage BV
11/18/14	Sehit Huseyin Akil	Megalohari VIII Towage-Salvage Maritime Co.
11/25/14	Aggeliki (Super Yacht)	Kyriotis Gerasimos and Kyriotis Dionyssios Co.
12/5/14	Elga-1	Svitzer Salvage BV



New casualties overleaf ▶

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Pacific Ocean

Bulk carrier, IMO 8902436, Built 1990, 42,264 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 December 2014

Voyage Montfalcone, Italy to Istanbul, Turkey

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Collision with an unnamed fishing vessel.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I UK Club



ABIS Cardiff ▲

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9548299, Built 2011, 6,000 dwt

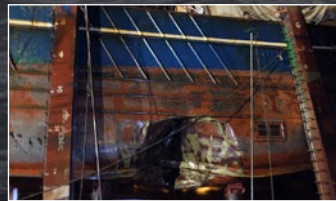
Date of Casualty 20 December 2014

Voyage Tees, UK for Nador, Morocco

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Adrift in poor weather in the English Channel, 18 nm north of Cap de la Hague. Tug Abeille Liberte towed the vessel to Cherbourg.

Type of Claim Possible General Average claim



Tanais Dream/Sultanahmet ▲

Tanais Dream - Bulk carrier, IMO 9283899, Built 2003, 28,611 dwt

Sultanahmet - Passenger ro-ro, IMO 9415519, Built 2008, 1,065 gt

Date of Casualty 18 December 2014

Voyage Novorossiysk, Russia to Castellon, Spain

Cargo Unknown / n/a

Type of Casualty Collision whilst transiting the Bosphorus causing damage to both vessels. A passenger on the ro-ro was injured. *Tanais Dream* has since departed having undergone repairs.

Type of Claim Collision damage and passenger claim

P&I West of England / n/a

Kojin Maru No. 5/Shigeho Maru

Kojin Maru No. 5 - General cargo vessel, IMO 8865054, Built 1982, 500 dwt

Shigeho Maru - Fishing vessel, no other details

Date of Casualty 18 December 2014

Type of Casualty Collision off Kure, Japan leading to the death of two crew on the fishing vessel. *Kojin Maru No. 5* proceeded.

Type of Claim Collision damage and loss of life claims

Orakai/Margriet

Orakai - Combined chemical and oil tanker, IMO 9402689, Built 2008, 6,886 dwt

Margriet - Fishing vessel, IMO 9284166, Built 2004, 365 dwt

Date of Casualty 21 December 2014

Voyage Sillamae, Estonia to Portbury, UK / n/a

Cargo 6,127 m/t of ammonium nitrate / n/a

Type of Casualty Collision in the North sea. *Margriet* suffered loss of fuel from her port side fuel tank and damage to her bridge.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I Skuld / Shipowners Club

Atlant

Trawler, IMO 8515104, Built 1985, 501 dwt

Date of Casualty 21 December 2014

Type of Casualty Fire causing the crew to

abandon the vessel north east of the Kuril Islands. Salvage tug Rubin departed from Korsakov to locate and tow the vessel.

Type of Claim Possible salvage type claim



Jazan ▲

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 9441829, Built 2009, 258 dwt

Date of Casualty 21 December 2014

Type of Casualty Collision with an unnamed ferry near Jazan, Saudi Arabia. Some vehicles on board the *Jazan* were damaged.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I Standard Club



M. Star 1 ▲

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9102837, Built 1994, 7,358 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 December 2014

Voyage Incheon, South Korea to Akita, Japan

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Grounding on the coast Honshu Island, Japan during storms. The crew were airlifted from the vessel by helicopter.

Type of Claim Hull damage and salvage claim

Dettifoss

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9086801, Built 1995, 17,034 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 December 2014

Voyage Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and

Denmark to Iceland

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Loss of 20 containers overboard in poor weather 85 nm off the Faroe Islands. The vessel proceeded to Reykjavik to re-stow damaged containers.

Type of Claim Cargo loss



Marina 33 ▲

Product tanker, IMO 7724734, Built 1977, 1,200 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 December 2014

Voyage No details

Cargo Fuel oil

Type of Casualty Grounding at Cilincing in Jakarta, Indonesia following engine failure during storms.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and salvage claim and/or General Average declaration



Yong Ping ▲

General cargo vessel, IMO 8718457, Built 1998, 1,600 dwt

Date of Casualty 22 December 2014

Voyage Oita, Japan to Qingdao, China

Cargo Automotive scrap

Type of Casualty Fire in the cargo holds whilst at Ozai port.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim



Christina Belcher ▲

Tug, Built 2006, 260 gt

Date of Casualty 24 December 2014

Type of Casualty Collision with a loaded sand barge whilst pushing two crude oil barges on the Ohio River. One of the oil barges was damaged and the sand barge sank.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

Ming Guang ▼

Grab dredger, IMO 8513546, Built 1996, 1,325 dwt

Date of Casualty 25 December 2014

Voyage Hakodate, Japan to Gwangyang, South Korea

Cargo 3,000 m/t of iron scrap



Further casualties overleaf ▶

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

Green Freezer - edition 79 - has completed repairs to the grounding damage sustained during the grounding incident on 17 September 2014. The vessel left the Gdynia Shipyard on 25 December bound for St. Petersburg.

Mercy God - edition 80 - which has remained in Turkey since 28 September, pending resolution of the salvage claim following services by Coastal Safety tugs after a grounding, dragged at anchor and re-grounded south of Bozcaada Island, during poor weather on 29 December. The vessel was (again) reloaded by Coastal Safety tugs, and has been anchored in a 'safer' area.

Rothensee - editions 84, 85 & 86 - the wreck, removed by salvors from the Mittelland Canal following the collision on 28 October 2014, is being broken up at DA Shirecycler in Papenburg.

Vestas Wind - editions 89 & 90 - A joint venture of Subtech and Svitzer have successfully recovered the wreck of the racing yacht under a Bimco Wreckhire contract. The yacht, which ran aground on the Cargados Carajos Shoals, 250 nm north of Mauritius, was towed off the reef and loaded onto the Maersk containership *Jula S.* which diverted to the shoals. The *Vestas Wind* was craned on board and the containership departed for Port Louis with an eta of 1 January 2015.



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Type of Casualty Engine failure and sinking following water ingress 20 km off Aomori. Three of the 10 crew died in the incident.

Type of Claim Total loss and loss of life claims

Apster

Yacht, No other details

Date of Casualty 25 December 2014

Type of Casualty Water ingress off the coast of San Francisco. The single man on board was winched off. Towing vessel *Vision* proceeded to the location of the tug.

Type of Claim Possible salvage type claim

BBC Vesuvius

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9508471, Built 2012, 9,310 dwt

Date of Casualty 25 December 2014

Voyage Gdynia, Poland to Port Said, Egypt



Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Allision with a lock gate on the Kiel Canal damaging the gate.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

P&I Steamship Mutual



Pachacamac

Tug, IMO 9571480, Built 2010, 123 dwt

Date of Casualty 26 December 2014

Type of Casualty Sinking after hitting an underwater rock off Mollendo, Peru. One crew member is missing.

Type of Claim Salvage/wreck removal and loss of life claims

Chaulk Determination

Tug, IMO 6525040, Built 1996, 566 gt

Date of Casualty 26 December 2014

Type of Casualty Sinking at the port of Three Rivers, Canada with the

subsequent loss of 22 m/t of fuel into the St. Lawrence River.

Type of Claim Salvage claim and clean-up costs



Fint

Inland tanker, No other details

Date of Casualty 27 December 2014

Voyage Mannheim to Godorf

Cargo Unknown product

Type of Casualty Grounding on the Rhine blocking the waterway. Time lapse video of the salvage can be viewed by clicking here.

Type of Claim Hull damage and possible salvage type claim

Praam 1

Hopper barge, IMO 8937546, Built 1973, 1,072 gt

Date of Casualty 27 December 2014

Type of Casualty Grounding off Luga Bay, Finland during bad weather. The barge, which was holed and had water ingress into her engine-room, was refloated by tugs and returned to the port of Ust-Luga.

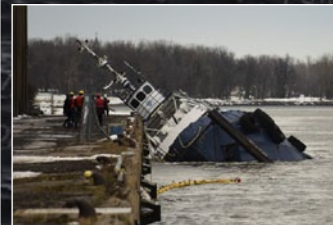
Type of Claim Hull damage claim

Tor

Icebreaker, IMO 5418197, Built 1964, 1,024 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 December 2014

Type of Casualty Fire in her crew



accommodation.

Type of Claim Fire damage claim

Hyundai Bridge/No.107 Daeyang

Hyundai Bridge – Fully cellular containership, IMO 9158587, Built 1998, 24,772 dwt

No.107 Daeyang – General cargo vessel, IMO 9079688, Built 1993, 4,460 dwt

Date of Casualty 28 December 2014

Voyage Korea to China, Singapore, Malaysia and India / Busan to Masan, South Korea

Cargo General containerised cargo / sand

Type of Casualty Collision off Busan.

Hyundai Bridge's port side heavy fuel oil tank was holed and 350 m/t of oil leaked into the sea. *No.107 Daeyang* sustained damage to her bow. Both vessels will discharge their cargo at Busan and proceed for repairs.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim and possible General Average declaration

P&I Swedish Club / n/a



Agri

General cargo vessel, IMO 7364326, Built 1974, 3,128 dwt

Date of Casualty 29 December 2014

Voyage Awaiting instructions

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Draggd at anchor and grounded at Cape Pendik, Turkey suffering serious damage with possible water ingress. Coastal safety tugs are assisting.

Type of Claim Hull damage and salvage claim

Gokbel/Lady Aziza

Gokbel – General cargo vessel, IMO 9605712, Built 2011, 3,300 dwt

Lady Aziza - General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 8917716, Built 1991, 4,452 dwt

Date of Casualty 28 December 2014

Voyage Ravenna to Brindisi, Italy / Ravenna, Italy to Egypt

Cargo 1,500 m/t of steel products / In ballast

Type of Casualty Collision off the port of Ravenna during a snow storm leading to the sinking of the *Gokbel* and the loss of six of her eleven man crew. The *Lady Aziza* suffered only slight damage.

Type of Claim Collision damage, cargo loss and loss of life claims

P&I / Standard Club



Ege Princess

Hydrofoil, IMO8931633, Built 1979, 126 gt

Date of Casualty 30 December 2014

Type of Casualty Draggd at anchor and drifting towards the shore. Ferry *Buyuk Hizir Reis* secured a line and prevented the vessel grounding but both vessels collided and were damaged and two crew members were hospitalised.

Type of Claim Possible salvage and hull damage claim



Poe Giant 12

Pontoon, Built 2006, 2,309 gt

Date of Casualty 31 December 2014

Voyage Singapore to Kuantan, Malaysia

Type of Casualty Grounding at Pedra Branca near Singapore during adverse weather.

Type of Claim Possible damage and salvage claim

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