

# Roose + Partners

## Casualty Newsletter 94

14th January 2015

### FEATURE CASUALTY

## MOL Express

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9251391, Built 2003, 63,046 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 11 January 2015

**Voyage** Oakland, USA to Tokyo, Japan

**Cargo** General containerised cargo

**Type of Casualty** Grounding in Tateyama Harbour, Japan

**Type of Claim** Hull damage and possible salvage claim

The 4,600 teu fully cellular containership *MOL Express* grounded off Tateyama, Japan just before 9pm on the evening of 11 January. The vessel, which operates a service between US ports, Japan, Taiwan and South Korea, had diverted to Tateyama after experiencing problems with her main engine and was intending to effect repairs within the shelter of the port before proceeding to Tokyo. Whilst manoeuvring within the port the containership, which may have been affected by strong winds, ran aground. The vessel was reported to be in

a stable condition and no leakage occurred. The Chiba coastguard responded quickly and four local tugs were dispatched to the vessel. They made several unsuccessful attempts to refloat the vessel. The vessel, which is owned by Greater China Intermodal, a joint venture company, is under charter to Mitsui OSK Lines (MOL). Owners and charterers sought the advices of Nippon Salvage to provide expertise and to formulate a refloating plan. Further efforts to refloat the vessel were made yesterday but these were abandoned after no appreciable movement was observed. The Salvors made further attempts today and the vessel was refloated. The contract terms for the salvage assistance are not yet known but, if a salvage contract was agreed, it is likely to be on the Japanese Open Form salvage contract. With the vessel refloating quickly and assuming the vessel is able to continue with her voyage, it is possible that the owners will absorb the cost and cargo/container interests will not be called to provide salvage and/or General Average security.



### NEW CASUALTIES

#### Sea Trader

Bulk carrier, IMO 9003093, Built 1990, 69,338 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 7 January 2015

**Voyage** Boryoung to Yeosu, South Korea

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Engine breakdown in the East China Sea. The vessel was towed to Jeju.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage type claim and/or General Average declaration



#### JHC Transporter/Elvi Kull

*JHC Transporter* – Ferry, IMO 8605765, Built 1987, 12 dwt

*Elvi Kull* – General cargo vessel, Built 1979, 741 gt

**Date of Casualty** 7 January 2015

**Voyage** n/a / Hamburg to Heiligenhafen, Germany

**Cargo** n/a / No details

**Type of Casualty** Collision in the Kiel Canal causing significant damage to the ferry.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage claim.

#### Sylvia

General cargo vessel, IMO 9454383, Built 2008, 3,075 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 8 January 2015

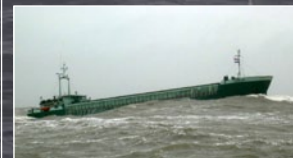
**Voyage** Liepaja, Latvia to Joensuu, Finland

**Cargo** Cement

**Type of Casualty** Engine failure in

the Gulf of Finland. With weather conditions deteriorating tug assistance was sought. The vessel was towed to Tallinn.

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



#### Scanlark

General cargo vessel, IMO 8505915, Built 1985, 1,500 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 9 January 2015

**Voyage** Ymuiden, Netherlands to Aabenraa, Denmark

**Cargo** No details

**Type of Casualty** Draggled at anchor after stopping to effect engine repairs near Kiel lighthouse. Tugs towed the vessel to Kiel.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage type claim and/or General Average declaration

#### LCT 378

General cargo vessel, IMO 9706982, Built 2013, 1,770 gt

**Date of Casualty** 9 January 2015

**Voyage** Bohol to Misamis Oriental, Philippines

**Cargo** 3,150 m<sup>3</sup> of limestone

**Type of Casualty** Water ingress and capsized during heavy weather off the Philippines Capsize. All 26 crew were rescued by the cargo vessel *Tong Ying*.

**Type of Claim** Total loss and cargo loss

#### Pitztal

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 8918708, Built 1995, 6,900

**Date of Casualty** 10 January 2015

**Voyage** Rotterdam, Netherlands to St. Petersburg, Russia

**Cargo** In ballast

**Type of Casualty** Allision with the northern lock of the Kiel Canal damaging the lock wall.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage claim



#### World Tug 1/Elisa S

*World Tug 1* – Tug, IMO 7000724, Built 1970, 175 dwt

*Elisa S* – Tank barge, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 10 January 2015

**Voyage** Ceuta, Spain to Rotterdam, Netherlands

**Cargo** Empty barge

**Type of Casualty** The tug lost its tow during heavy weather off Boulogne. Tug *Abelle Languedoc* responded and towed the barge to Dunkirk.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage type claim



#### Cosco England

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9516428, Built 2013, 156,618 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 10 January 2015

**Voyage** Hamburg, Germany to Antwerp, Belgium

**Cargo** General containerised cargo

**Type of Casualty** Broke free of

moorings in Hamburg during storms and allided with the quay. Bugsier tugs assisted the vessel.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage claim



#### Sandstrand

Suction dredger, IMO 6525064, Built 1965, 347 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 10 January 2015

**Type of Casualty** Grounded at Karmøy during strong winds. The vessel was later refloated. [Click here](#) for video.

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



#### Hanyang Ace

Chemical tanker, IMO 9152569, Built 1996, 2,618 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 11 January 2014

**Voyage** Ulsan, South Korea to query Japan

**Cargo** Nitric and sulphuric acid

**Type of Casualty** Explosion during

Further casualties overleaf



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cargo operations. Four crew members were hospitalised.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage and injury claims

### Silver Carla

Product tanker, IMO 9682382, Built 2014, 52,000 dwt

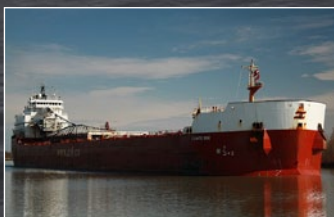
**Date of Casualty** 11 January 2015

**Voyage** Awaiting instructions

**Cargo** In ballast

**Type of Casualty** Disabled and drifting off the Frisian islands. Tugs responded and took the tanker in tow.

**Type of Claim** Likely commercial towage contract



### Atlantic Erie

Bulk carrier, IMO 8016639, Built 1985, 38,960 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 11 January 2015

**Voyage** Grosse-Île to Quebec, Canada

**Cargo** 20,000 m/t Salt

**Type of Casualty** Grounding off Îles-de-la-Madeleine. Salvage operations are ongoing. Previous grounding see edition 65.

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

### Ankie

General cargo vessel with container capacity, IMO 9331359, Built 2007, 3,638 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 12 January 2015

**Voyage** Hamburg, Germany to Inkoo, Finland

**Cargo** Steel cables

**Type of Casualty** Adrift northwest of Gotland. The vessel was towed to Oxelösund arriving on 13 January 2015.

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



### Thor Commander

General cargo vessel, IMO 9559872, Built 2010, 9,739 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 12 January 2015

**Voyage** Puerto Angamos, Chile to Townsville, Australia

**Cargo** Copper ingots

**Type of Casualty** Engine breakdown and drifting towards the Big Barrier Reef, off Queensland. Tugs were dispatched and AMSA directed bulk carrier *Xinta Hai* to assist. The bulk carrier, now claiming salvage, pulled the *Thor Commander* away from the reef and tug *Smit Leopard* later towed the vessel to Gladstone.

**Type of Claim** Possible General Average declaration

### Mare

General cargo vessel, IMO 8411671, Built 1985, 1,494 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 13 January 2015

**Voyage** Larnaca, Cyprus to Kalymnos, Greece

**Cargo** 800 m/t of bulk cargo and 400 m/t of general cargo

**Type of Casualty** Damaged rudder whilst off Kollimpari, Crete in heavy weather with gales force winds. The crew were airlifted from the vessel. Tugs are enroute.

**Type of Claim** Possible salvage claim

### Citeca

Ro-ro with container capacity, IMO 8320638, Built 1984, 4,250 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 13 January 2015

**Voyage** Plastun, Russia to Akita and Ishinomaki, Japan

**Cargo** 4,100 m/t of plywood

**Type of Casualty** Cargo fire whilst waiting to discharge part cargo at Akita.

**Type of Claim** Fire damage claim and possible General Average declaration

### Sea Bird

General cargo vessel, IMO 8202941, Built 1984, 7,650 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 13 January 2015

**Voyage** Novorossiysk, Russia to Tartous, Syria

**Cargo** In ballast

**Type of Casualty** Draggled at anchor and grounded on Anamur Roads east of Antalya whilst trying to repair her engine.

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



### Wan Hai 261/Tomisu Maru

*Wan Hai 261* - Fully cellular containership, IMO 9230206, Built 2001, 23,671 dwt

*Tomisu Maru* - General cargo vessel, 499 gt, no other details

**Date of Casualty** 14 January 2015

**Voyage** Japan to Taiwan / Unknown

**Cargo** General containerised cargo / No details

**Type of Casualty** Collision off Wakayama Port causing damage to both vessels.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage claim

**P&I** UK Club / n/a

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## CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

**Norman Atlantic** - edition 92 - the fire on the ferry was finally extinguished on 10 January 2015. Investigators will now be able to inspect the ferry.

**Hoegh Osaka** - edition 93 - refloated under the influence of the high spring tide without tug assistance in the afternoon of 7 January 2015 and was towed to an anchorage near Gosport where salvors are continuing with

## LOF NEWS

### Helene Rickmers

Fully cellular containership, IMO 9144158, Built 1998, 23,106 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 2 January 2015 - Late notification

**Voyage** Alotau to Lae, Papua New Guinea, Singapore and Malaysia

**Cargo** 900 boxes of general containerised cargo

**Type of Casualty** Grounding off Papua New Guinea near Alotau. T&T Salvage refloated the vessel under an LOF Salvage contract. She has suffered damage to her bow and will discharge all cargo at Lae, PNG. General Average has been declared. Stichling Hahn Hilbrich of Hamburg are appointed as General Average Adjusters and will also collect salvage security. Roose+Partners are representing part cargo interests in relation to this casualty. See edition 88 for details of a previous grounding off PNG in November 2014.

**Type of Claim** Hull damage, LOF Salvage claim and General Average declaration



**Sunrise** - edition 93 - we understand the services performed to *Sunrise* were not performed under the LOF salvage contract.

## Ferries/Passenger vessels



### Lofoten/Oyglimt

*Lofoten* - Passenger cruise vessel, IMO 5424562, Built 1964, 671 dwt

*Oyglimt* - Passenger ro-ro, Built 1990, 45 gt

**Date of Casualty** 7 January 2015

**Type of Casualty** Collision off Måløy. The Captain of the *Oyglimt* reportedly accepted responsibility for the incident.

**Type of Claim** Collision damage claim

**P&I** Swedish Club / n/a



### EcoQuest

Passenger vessel, Built 2007, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 8 January 2015

**Type of Casualty** Capsized and sinking during poor weather off Punta Leona, Costa Rica with 120 passenger and 10 crew. Three people died in the incident.

**Type of Claim** Total loss and loss of life/passenger claims

### Iris Jet

Ferry, IMO 8962034, Built 2000, 339 gt

**Date of Casualty** 8 January 2015

**Type of Casualty** Broke free of mooring lines in Tasucu port, Turkey. Vessel has been at the port under arrest since 2012.

**Type of Claim** Hull damage and possible salvage type claim

### Vicente

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 6518279, Built 1965, 200 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 9 January 2015

**Type of Casualty** Capsized and sinking near the Cape Verde islands, off the west coast of Africa. 26 people were on board. 11 were safely rescued, 2 died and 13 remain missing.

**Type of Claim** Total loss and loss of life claims



### Lelie

Passenger ship, No other details

**Date of Casualty** 10 January 2015

**Type of Casualty** Grounding near Almere, Netherlands in poor weather with 23 people on board. Tugs and lifeboats assisted in refloating the vessel.

**Type of Claim** Possible hull damage and passenger claims

### Stallovarre

Passenger ro-ro, IMO 7727413, Built 1978, 258 dwt

**Date of Casualty** 10 January 2015

**Type of Casualty** Grounding in Hardanger Fjord during adverse weather. The ferry was refloated by the tug *BB Worker* and towed into Varaldsoy, Norway.

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

### Tyrving

Ferry, IMO 9264491, Built 1989, 439gt

**Date of Casualty** 12 January 2015

**Type of Casualty** Allision with the quay at Langevåg, Norway causing damage to the quay.

**Type of Claim** Allision damage claim