

FEATURE CASUALTY

Coral Opal/Maersk Etienne

Coral Opal – Bulk carrier, IMO 9591973, Built 2012, 78,090 dwt

Maersk Etienne - Combined chemical and oil tanker, IMO 9274642, Built 2004, 37,300 dwt

Date of Casualty 18 January 2015

Voyage Riga, Latvia to Amsterdam, Netherlands / Rouen, France to Riga, Latvia

Cargo Coal / No details

Type of Casualty Collision

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I Britannia for both vessels

In the evening of 18 January 2015 whilst carrying out manoeuvres in the Irbe Strait, close to the Mikelbaka lighthouse off the coast of Latvia, the bulker carrier *Coral Opal* and combined chemical and oil tanker *Maersk Etienne* were in a collision which left both vessels with significant damage. The bulk carrier

was departing the port of Riga loaded with a cargo of coal when she struck the starboard aft of the tanker *Maersk Etienne* causing significant damage to the tanker's stern. The *Coral Opal's* bow was crushed and one of her forward ballast tanks was breached.

Local authorities dispatched a helicopter to carry out an aerial assessment and ascertain whether any oil had leaked. A patrol boat *Astra - KA 14* attended and inspected the damage on both vessels. The tanker, which may be in ballast, moored at the anchorage of Riga and later berthed at Kugu Bluvetava Shipyard where she is expected to undergo repairs. Maersk Tanker's technical representatives and Class are in attendance. They, along with the Yard which is the largest on the Eastern Baltic, are presently assessing the damage and formulating a repair schedule. The *Coral Opal*, which was initially thought to have suffered a small oil leak, was directed to proceed to Ventspils where she remains at anchor. There are no reports of any damage to cargo.



Coral Opal



Maersk Etienne

NEW CASUALTIES

Birch 3

General cargo vessel, IMO 9150731, Built 1999, 20,154 dwt

Date of Casualty 12 January 2015 – Late notification

Voyage Richards Bay, South Africa to Savona, Italy

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Engine failure. The vessel was towed into Gibraltar where she is undergoing repairs.

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



Atanin

General cargo vessel, IMO 7734155, Built 1976, 956 dwt

Date of Casualty 13 January 2015 – Late notification

Voyage Nemrut Bay for Mersin, Turkey

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Draggd at anchor and grounded off Finike. Vessel refloated by her own means.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage claim



Omanda

Tug, IMO 7397701, Built 1975, 282 gt

Date of Casualty 13 January 2015 – Post edition 94

Type of Casualty Sinking in Walvis

Bay port following a leak into the engine room. The crew escaped unharmed.

Type of Claim Wreck removal operation

Muradiye/Lilian Z

Muradiye – Passenger ro-ro, IMO 8989549, Built 2001,

Lilian Z – Bulk carrier, IMO 9207326, Built 1999, 74,461 dwt

Date of Casualty 14 January 2014

Voyage Eskihisar to Tavsanli, Turkey / Richards Bay, South Africa to Diliskelesi, Turkey

Cargo n/a / No details

Type of Casualty Collision at the entrance of Izmit Bay.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I n/a / North of England

Retaj

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 7711919, Built 1978, 2,937 dwt

Date of Casualty 14 January 2015

Voyage Famagusta, Cyprus to Iskenderun, Turkey

Cargo 5,700 m/t of straw in bales

Type of Casualty Huge cargo fire during discharge operations.

Type of Claim Cargo loss and fire damage claim

Wakanatsu

General cargo vessel, IMO 8997314, Built 2004, 1,550 dwt

Date of Casualty 15 January 2015

Voyage Hakata to Naha, Japan

Cargo Steel

Type of Casualty Grounding off Kabeshima Island, east of Fukuoka in the Japan Sea.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage and General average declaration



Lady Gaia

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 9210268, Built 2000, 7,643 dwt

Date of Casualty 15 January 2015

Voyage Izmir, Turkey to Tenes, Algeria

Cargo Cement

Type of Casualty Engine failure in the Aegean Sea off Andros Island. The vessel was assisted by the Tsavlis owned tug *Megas Alexandros* to Piraeus.

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



JMS Delta

Tug, IMO 9752462, Built 2014, 368 gt

Date of Casualty 15 January 2015

Type of Casualty Capsized and sinking in the Yangtze River off Jiangsu, China during trials in the river. 22 crew died and 3 were rescued.

Type of Claim Wreck removal operations and loss of life claims

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NEW CASUALTIES - Continued - edition 95



Formosa/Aarburg ▣

Formosa – Self-propelled barge, No other details

Aarburg - Self-propelled barge, Built 2004, 3297 dwt

Date of Casualty 15 January 2015

Voyage No details / bound Antwerp

Type of Casualty Collision on the Rhine.

The *Aarburg's* Master, which struck the moored *Formosa*, was found to be intoxicated. Both vessels sustained damage with *Formosa* suffering a punctured hull and water ingress. The *Aarburg* grounded.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

Apollo Oak

General cargo vessel, IMO 9614402, Built 2013, 12,366 dwt

Date of Casualty 16 January 2015

Voyage Teluk Bayur, Indonesia to Tokuyama, Japan

Cargo Pine kernels

Type of Casualty Grounding near Teluk Bayur, Padang, Nippon and Swire refloated the vessel under the Japanese Shipping Exchange Salvage Contract.

Type of Claim Salvage claim

Almira/Marilee

Almira – Tank barge, No other details

Marilee - Product tanker, IMO 9326861, Built 2006, 74,898 dwt

Date of Casualty 16/17 January 2015

Voyage Bound Antwerp / Antwerp, Belgium to Ventspils, Latvia

Cargo 1,500 m³ of styrene / In ballast

Type of Casualty Collision on the Westerschelde. The *Almira* was damaged and some cargo was discharged.

She was temporarily grounded and later towed to Zandvliet for discharge

of the styrene to a lighter vessel. The *Marilee* has continued her voyage after inspection.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim and cargo loss

P&I Unknown / Gard



Red 7 Alliance ▣

Diving support vessel, IMO 8304799, Built 1984, 1,959 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 January 2015

Type of Casualty Allision with the southern lock gate of the Kiel Canal in Brunsbüttel. The gate was severely damaged and the vessel suffered water ingress forward.

Type of Claim Allision damage claim

P&I Shipowners Club

Houston

General cargo with container capacity, IMO 9331593, Built 2005, 7,492 dwt

Date of Casualty 17 January 2015

Voyage Leghorn to La Spezia, Italy

Cargo Bombs

Type of Casualty Broke free from mooring lines whilst preparing to berth and discharge cargo. Tugs assisted her to a berth.

Type of Claim Possible salvage type claim

Menggala/Gas Melawi

Menggala – Ro-ro, IMO 8612885, Built 1987, 1,654 dwt

Gas Melawi - Gas carrier, IMO 9119725, Built 1995, 3,053 dwt

Date of Casualty 18 January 2015

Voyage n/a / Cigading to Gresik, Indonesia

Cargo n/a / Gas

Type of Casualty Collision in Sunda Strait.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim

P&I Unknown / Shipowners Club

CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

Gokbel – edition 92 – the propeller of wreck is now facing upwards after the vessel flipped over and moved 140° making it too dangerous for divers to enter the vessel. The barite cargo remains on board.

Chaulk Determination – edition 92 & 93 - Ocean Group has been contracted to carry out the salvage of the tug with costs of the operation estimated to be in the region of USD1million.

Magellan Spirit – editions 93 & 94 - remains hard aground after grounding in mud whilst departing the LNG terminal at Bonny. Cargo will be lightened to the tanker *Excellence*. The vessel, which is on time charter to Vitol, was carrying LNG for Gwangyang. Smit Salvage are appointed as salvors.

Hoegh Osaka – editions 93 & 94 - the list on the vessel has been reduced to 32°. It is hoped to bring the vessel into the Port of Southampton by the end of the week.

Atlantic Erie – edition 94 – part of the cargo of salt has been discharged into the sea to lighten the bulk carrier and assist with refloating efforts. She was refloated on 14 January and has since arrived in Montreal.


Thor Commander – edition 94 – has been towed to Gladstone. The owners and crew of the Chinese bulk carrier *Xinfa Hai* are claiming salvage.

Sylvia – edition 94 – General Average was declared. The cement cargo was transhipped to a sister-ship for onforwarding.



LOF NEWS

Mare – edition 94 – Salvage assistance on LOF terms was agreed with Hellenic Salvage Tugboats Maritime Company after the vessel was abandoned by her crew off the island of Crete.

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Arklow Fern ▣

General cargo vessel, IMO 9527661, Built 2010, 4,429 dwt

Date of Casualty 19 January 2015

Voyage Belfast to Warrenpoint, UK

Cargo No details

Type of Casualty Engine breakdown. Tugs *Irishman* and *Masterman* responded and she was towed to Bangor Bay, Belfast Lough. She has since proceeded.

Type of Claim Possible General Average declaration

Xuan Lam 10

General cargo vessel, IMO 9634775, Built 2011, 3,190 dwt

Date of Casualty 19 January 2015

Voyage No details

Cargo 3,100 m³ of clinker

Type of Casualty Sinking off Vietnam during storms following water ingress. All crew were rescued.

Type of Claim Total loss claims

Fishing Vessels

Vanja

No other details

Date of Casualty 15 January 2015

Type of Casualty Grounding off Smøla with water ingress. After being refloated she was towed to Veidholmen to discharge her fish cargo. She was then towed to Kristiansund for repairs

Type of Claim Hull damage claim

Leif Roald

IMO 8406494, Built 1983, 167 gt

Date of Casualty 17 January 2015

Type of Casualty Grounding on a reef west of Kristiansund causing water ingress, listing and subsequent capsizing. All crew were safely rescued.

Type of Claim Total loss claim

Luda Naofa

Built 2010

Date of Casualty 20 January 2015

Type of Casualty Water ingress and sinking. The crew, suffering from hypothermia, were rescued by helicopter.

Type of Claim Total loss claim

Zhe Dai Yu 06427

Built 2015

Date of Casualty 19 January 2015

Type of Casualty Possible sinking east of Shanghai. A rescue operation has been launched.

Type of Claim Possible total loss and loss of life claims



Mar Elena 1/Ella ▣

Mar Elena 1 – Combined chemical and oil tanker, IMO 9263382, Built 2003, 18,736 dwt

Ella – Self-propelled barge, No other details

Date of Casualty 20 January 2015

Voyage Kattwyk to Oxelövsund / Hamburg, Germany to

Cargo Vacuumized gasoil / 1,100 m³ of wheat

Type of Casualty Collision in the port of Hamburg. *Ella* suffered water ingress



forward and into her engine room and her cargo had to be discharged.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim