

FEATURE CASUALTY

MSC Monterey

Fully cellular containership, Built 2007, 63,300 dwt

Date of Casualty 27 December 2013

Voyage Felixstowe, UK, Antwerp, Belgium and Le Havre, France to Newark, USA

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Structural failure

Type of Claim Possible General Average declaration

On 29 December 2013 the 2007 built *MSC Monterey* had to anchor off Trepassey Harbour, Newfoundland having reportedly suffered a structural failure whilst in the course of her voyage from Europe to the US. The crew initially discovered a crack of approximately 1.5 m in the main deck near the vessel's superstructure on 27 December, when she was near the coast of Newfoundland and subsequently issued a distress message when the crack was noted to have extended a further 30cm into the outer hull. Under the supervision of the Canadian Coastguard, the vessel was diverted to a temporary anchorage in the bay of Cape Pine and four passengers were evacuated. With concern for deteriorating weather conditions, the vessel was, on 30 December, escorted into port in St Mary's Bay where she will be inspected by a Germanischer Lloyd surveyor. Canadian Authorities advise that the vessel is not at risk of sinking and



it may be possible effect temporary repairs which will enable the vessel to continue her voyage.

Comparisons are already being made with the *MOL Comfort* casualty which you will recall split in two whilst transiting the Arabian Sea in June of this year (2013) with the full loss of the ship and her valuable cargo. It seems that the *MSC Monterey's* crew may have identified the failures and diverted in time to divert to a place of refuge. We await further news as to the condition of the vessel and whether there is a possibility that she can be repaired and proceed to destination. Alternatively the cargo may have to go forward on an alternative vessel, in which case a General Average declaration is likely. The vessel's commercial operator is NSB Niederelbe Schiffahrtsgesellschaft (REEDEREI NSB) and it is under charter to Mediterranean Shipping Company.

NEW CASUALTIES

Seiyo Star/Woo Sun

Seiyo Star - General cargo vessel, Built 2004, 3,800 dwt

Woo Sun - Combined chemical and oil tanker, Built 2001, 2,115 gt

Date of Casualty 18 December 2013

Voyage Tobata to Moji, Japan / Ulsan, South Korea to Moji

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Collision in Kanmon Channel. Both vessels were escorted into the Port of Moji for inspection but have since departed.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim



Golden Miller

Liquid petroleum gas carrier, Built 1993, 16,272 dwt

Date of Casualty 20 December 2013

Voyage Aratu, Brazil to Aruba

Cargo Propane

Type of Casualty Explosion and fire whilst loading at Aratu, Brazil

Type of Claim Fire damage claim and cargo loss

Sandra II

General cargo vessel, Built 1976, 3,353 dwt

Date of Casualty 20 December 2013

Voyage Azov, Russia to Samsun, Turkey

Cargo 3,000 m/t of grain

Type of Casualty Water ingress into the vessel's forward ballast tanks. The vessel was escorted into the port of Yeisk for inspection and repairs.

Type of Claim Possible General Average declaration

Victoriaborg

General cargo vessel, Built 2001, 9,901 dwt

Date of Casualty 23 December 2013

Voyage Rotterdam, Netherlands to Wilmington, USA

Cargo Steel

Type of Casualty Disabled 120 nm off Corsen, France due to steering problems. Vessel is under tow to Saint-Malo, France.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Phu Loc 27

General cargo vessel, Built 2009, 3,066 dwt

Date of Casualty 24 December 2013

Voyage Unknown

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Main engine failure off the coast of Quang Tri Province, Vietnam. The Vietnam Maritime Search and Rescue Service mobilised to assist.

Type of Claim possible salvage claim

Rebecca Rousing

General cargo with container capacity, Built 1983, 1,768 dwt

Date of Casualty 24 December 2013

Voyage Swinoujscie, Poland to Slite, Sweden

Cargo In ballast

Type of Casualty Engine failure off Oland. Vessel was taken in tow.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Orsula

Bulk carrier, Built 1996, 34,168 dwt

Date of Casualty 25 December 2013

Voyage Duluth, USA to Montreal, Canada

Cargo 21,000 m/t of wheat

Type of Casualty Grounding off Tibbets Point Lighthouse, northern Lake Ontario. The vessel

was refloated on 30 December having been lightened, and is now under escort to Montreal.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage claim, possible salvage claim



Silver

Combined chemical and oil tanker, Built 2001.

Date of Casualty 27 December 2013

Voyage Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands to Tan Tan, Morocco

Cargo 5,000 m/t of heavy fuel oil

Type of Casualty Grounded in the entrance to Tan Tan port. Smit Salvage have been contracted to provide salvage assistance under an LOF Salvage contract.

Type of Claim Possible hull damage, LOF Salvage claim

Xing Tai 5

General cargo vessel, no other details

Date of Casualty 27 December 2013

Voyage Chinese ports

Cargo General containerised cargo

Type of Casualty Sinking north of Shanghai

Type of Claim Total loss claim

Diomid

General cargo with container capacity, Built 1988, 9,575 dwt

Date of Casualty 28 December 2013



Voyage Magadan to Vladivostok, Russia

Cargo General cargo

Type of Casualty Engine breakdown

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

Abuk Lion

General cargo vessel, Built 2008, 7,739 dwt

Date of Casualty 29 December 2013

Voyage Aughinish, Ireland to St Petersburg, Russia

Cargo Bauxite

Type of Casualty Disabled after engine failure. The vessel was taken in tow by the tug *Celtic Isla*.

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

MSM Dolores

General cargo with container capacity, Built 2012, 5,746 dwt

Date of Casualty 29 December 2013

Voyage Balboa, Panama to Belledune, Canada

Cargo General cargo

Type of Casualty Adrift without power off Belledune

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Maritime Maisie/Gravity Highway

Maritime Maisie - Chemical tanker, Built 2003, 44,404 dwt

Gravity Highway - Vehicle carrier, Built 2013, 55,700 gt

Date of Casualty 29 December 2013

Voyage Ulsan, Korea to Ningbo,

China / Undergoing sea trials

Cargo 29,337 m³ of chemicals

Type of Casualty Collision 9.2 nm off Busan leading to a fire igniting in the tanker's cargo tanks (3 & 4). Nippon Salvage have been contracted to provide salvage assistance to Maritime Maisie under an LOF Salvage contract.

Type of Claim Collision damage claim, cargo loss and LOF salvage claim

Free Hero

Bulk carrier, Built 1995, 24,318 dwt

Date of Casualty 29 December 2013

Voyage Krishnapatnam, India to Quanzhou, China

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Disabled and adrift in the South China Sea.

Type of Claim Possible salvage claim

Sae Byol

Bulk aggregates carrier, Built 1988, 4,400 dwt

Date of Casualty 30 December 2013

Voyage Qinhuangdao to Dalian, China

Cargo Unknown

Type of Casualty Grounded off Haimao Island, near Dalian.

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



CASUALTY FOLLOW-UP

Boston Express - The GA Adjusters appointed are Stichling Hahn Hilbrich GmbH. The cargo remains in Pusan, Korea and we understand the transhipment operation may be delayed beyond 7 January due to bad weather. Roose+Partners are appointed to protect the interests of significant cargo on board.