

Marine accident round-up: 16th April 2018 April 16, 2018

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General cargo ship **Pac Antares** (IMO 9262962) suffered a breach during the morning of April 12th after alliding with a pier on the Mississippi in New Orleans at mile marker 100, during a mooring manoeuvre. An estimated 4,200 gallons of oil fuel leaked into the river. The US Coast Guard, Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinators Office, Gallagher Marine and response personnel were continuing their clean-up efforts on April 13th, although the USCG has lifted its waterway restriction on the Mississippi River near New Orleans. 2003-built, Singapore-flagged, 20,471 gt Pac Antares is owned by Antares Maritime Pte Ltd care of PACC Ship Managers Pte Ltd of Great World City, Singapore. It is entered with North P&I on behalf of senior member Antares Maritime Pte Ltd.

Arctic Goliat, the world's northernmost oilfield, was shut on Friday April 13th when a fire broke out in a sauna in the oil platform's living quarters, state-owned Italian oil company Eni, which operates the field, has said. Arctic Goliat field is in the Barents Sea about 88km off the coast of Norway, inside the Arctic Circle. The platform, which has floating production, storage and offloading facilities, can produce close to 100,000 bpd. The fire was extinguished and no crew members were injured. "All safety procedures worked appropriately: the production was shut down and the crew mustered to the lifeboats," Eni said, noting that the rig had a crew of about 120. Output from the platform remains shut and it was not yet clear when it would resume, *Reuters* reported. The Eni spokesman said it was quite common for offshore oil rigs to have saunas. Arctic Goliat has been shut more than once because of technical glitches, including a more than two-month outage in late 2017. Eni owns 65% of the field, with Norway's Statoil owning the rest.

Landing craft tanker **Aviva 5** (no IMO) lost power on April 7th near Fortune island in the Batangas Province near Manila Bay, Philippines, while en route from Nasugbu, Batangas, to Coron, Palawan. There were 17 crew members and a cargo of coal and gravel on board. On April 9th the crew managed to restore power and get her under way again at a reduced speed, heading towards Batangas port, escorted by the Philippines Coastguard. Apparently the main engine of Aviva 5 shut off, causing the tanker to drift.

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General cargo ship **Baltic Madonna** (IMO 9100138) ran aground on the Grønsund fairway off North Falster near Stubbekøbing, Denmark, during the evening of April 9th. The Danish Navy

attended from Vordingborg to inspect the ship. Meanwhile the fairway was barred to larger ships. The vessel refloated shortly after midnight the following morning with the high tide, and dropped anchor near Vordingborg for investigations by the Sydsjællands and Lolland-Falster Police, and a check of the hull. There were no signs of pollution. 1994-built, Finland-flagged, 2,854 gt Baltic Madonna is owned and managed by Prima Shipping OY AB of Tolkkinen, Finland.

Small 15-ton fishing vessel 2007 Yeongheung was in collision with fishing vessel **Xing Yue** (IMO 8007705, but see below) shortly after midnight on April 12th while the latter was en route from Busan to China. The smaller vessel capsized. A guard vessel and private boats were deployed to the accident site. Five people were missing, one more was recovered unconscious, who later died. The capsized ship was searched by two divers of the Mokpo Marine Police, but they were hampered by nets, ropes and Styrofoam in the sea. Four helicopters were deployed. After dawn, two more bodies were found inside the fishing boat. The Xing Yue was disabled by the damage suffered and anchored at the accident site in the Gyeongnam Province. The relevant IMO names the vessel as **Gral** on both Equasis and Marine Traffic. 1980-built, Tanzania-flagged, 498 gt Gral is owned and managed by BHG Co Ltd SA of Panama City, Panama.

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RoRo cargo ship **Shahin** (IMO 8207848) started to sink on April 8th following water ingress while she was at Port Sudan anchorage. The ship was at anchor in a lay-up, with four maintenance crew on board, who escaped. All attempts to keep the ship afloat failed, and she finally foundered on April 10th. The vessel had been moored at Port Sudan anchorage since April 2016. 1984-built, Panama-flagged, 4,759 gt Shahin is owned and managed by Elite Way Marine Services of Dubai, UAE.