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FEATURE ARTICLE

Containers Lost Overboard

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Question Of The Month

Containers Lost Overboard

Containers Lost Overboard incident of ONE APUS, brought to fore, a well-known risk of containers and trade vessels. It was not that such incidents had not happened in the past, but the sheer volume of containers lost at sea, shook the shipping & marine cargo insurance fraternity. It also exposed the vulnerability of these gigantic ships, in the face of rough weather. The bigger the container ship, higher the chances of such incidents.

Since April 2020, containers ships have lost approximately 3500 containers at sea and this does not even account for the containers that were damaged onboard and are still being accounted.

Below is the list of ships which lost containers overboard, due to varying reasons, in the last one year, till date.

OOCL United Kingdom

Date: 2nd May, 2020

No. of Containers lost : About 20

Report

OOCL UNITED KINGDOM reportedly lost about 20 containers during cargo operations at Zeebrugge, Belgium on 2nd May 2020.

The giant ship had arrived at Zeebrugge from Felixstowe, UK. It was not clear as to how this had happened but floating and crashed containers were seen, both in water and on pier, alongside the container ship.



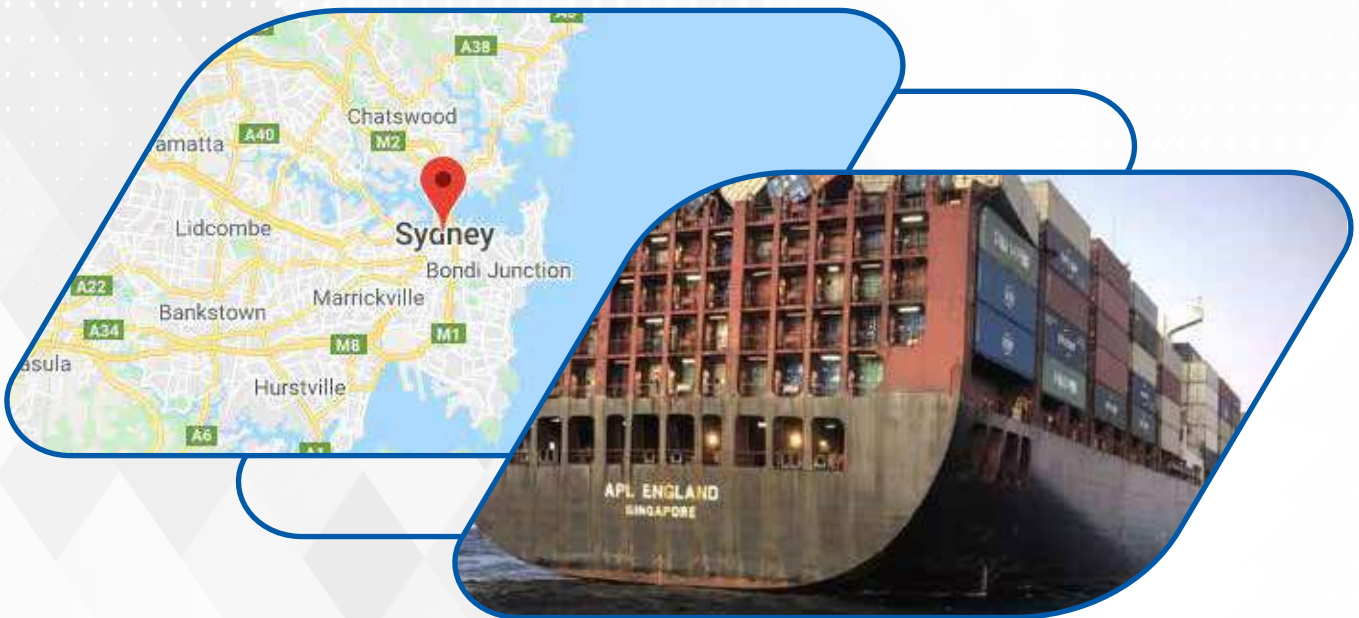
APL England

Date: 24th May, 2020

No. of Containers lost : About 40

Report

APL ENGLAND experienced a temporary loss of power during challenging weather conditions in a position, approximately 40 nautical miles South-East of Sydney, Australia on 24th May, 2020 and reported that about 40 containers were lost overboard and about 74 containers were damaged, as a result of the incident.



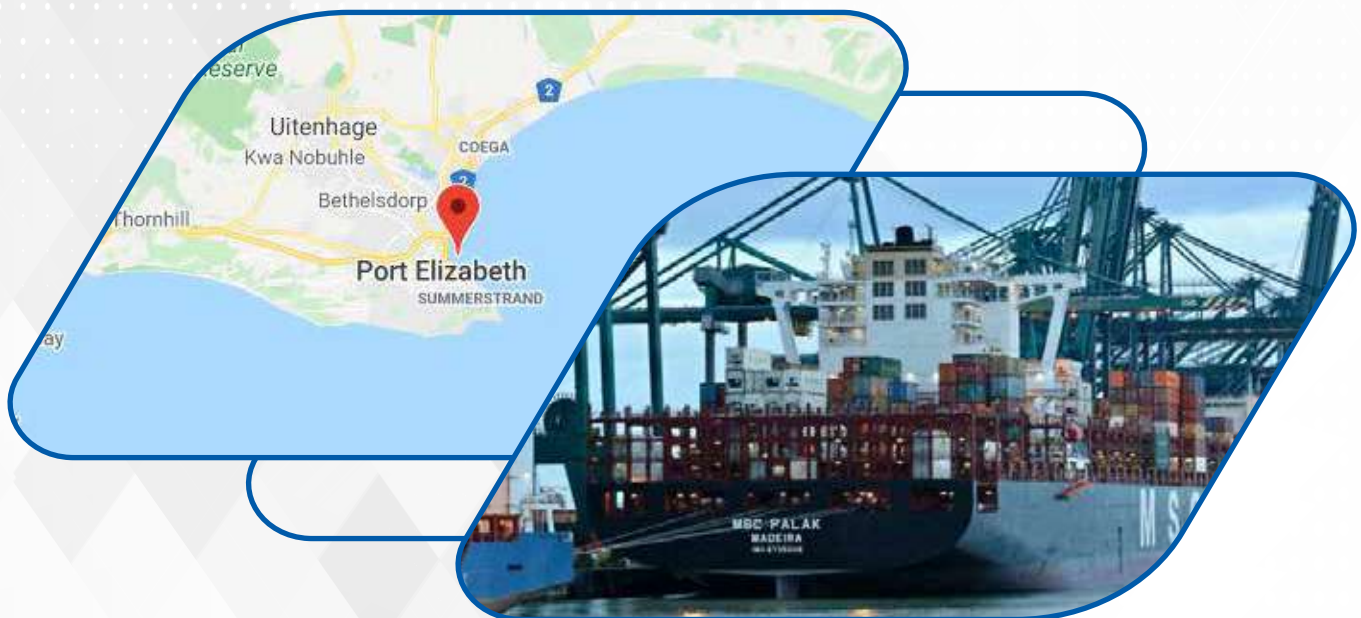
MSC Palak

Date: 14th July, 2020

No. of Containers lost : About 22

Report

MSC PALAK reportedly lost about 22 containers overboard when it was caught in rough weather, while at anchorage, near the Port of Ngqura (Coega) in South Africa. It was duly reported that the lost containers were mainly filled with bio-degradable cargo and are not dangerous or were carrying polluting cargo.



Uni Florida

Date: 30th July, 2020

No. of Containers lost : Not Known

Report

UNI FLORIDA arrived at Jebel Ali Port, UAE on 30th July, 2020, with collapsed container stack, at the stern. A number of containers were seen hanging over the port side of the vessel and from missing stacks it is presumed that several containers were lost overboard.

The cause of the stow collapse believed to be the result of inadequate stowage.



CSAV Trancura

Date: 21st August, 2020

No. of Containers lost : Not Known

Report

CSAV TRANCURA arrived at Coega, Eastern Cape, South Africa on 27th August, 2020, whereupon it has been observed that part of the container stack had collapsed. It is understood that the vessel had previously called at Mexico, Panama, Columbia and Jamaica and was heading to Singapore, China & South Korea through Cape of Good Hope.



Francisca

Date: 31st October, 2020

No. of Containers lost : About 33

Report

FRANCISCA, General Cargo Ship with Container carrying facility, reportedly lost about 33 containers overboard when the vessel was on voyage, from Hafnarfjordur, Iceland to Rotterdam, Netherlands. The ship encountered rough weather conditions off Duncansby Head, Scotland, whilst transiting the North Sea.



One Aquila

Date: 03rd November, 2020

No. of Containers lost : About 100

Report

ONE AQUILA reportedly lost about 100 odd containers overboard during bad weather, off the west coast of the United States Coast.



One Apus

Date: 30th November, 2020

No. of Containers lost : About 1850

Report

ONE APUS reportedly lost about 1850 containers overboard when the ship encountered severe weather as it sailed towards Long Beach, California.



Seroja Lima

Date: 27th November, 2020

No. of Containers lost : About 27

Report

SEROJA LIMA reportedly lost about 27 containers overboard, near East of the Azores, Portugal.

In addition to the lost containers, it is reported that approximately 90 containers ,board were also damaged.



Munich Maersk

Date: 02nd December, 2020

No. of Containers lost : About 200

Report

MUNICH MAERSK unconfirmed reports that up to 200 containers may have been lost overboard when ship was in a position, approximately 90 nautical miles North of Schiermonnikoog Island, Netherlands, during the vessel's passage from Bremerhaven, Germany to Gothenburg, Sweden.



Ever Liberal

Date: 30th December, 2020

No. of Containers lost : About 36

Report

EVER LIBERAL reported to have experienced a collapse of container stacks during strong winds and rough seas, when approximately 20 nautical miles off Kyushu & reportedly lost about 36 containers overboard and about 21 containers were reported to have fallen on to the deck, as a result of the collapse of the stow.



E. R. Tianping

Date: 14th January, 2021

No. of Containers lost : About 76

Report

E.R. TIANPING, reportedly lost about 76 containers overboard, during its voyage from Busan to Vancouver.



MSC ARIES

Date: 29th January, 2021

No. of Containers lost : About 41

Report

MSC ARIES reportedly lost 41 containers overboard whilst on a voyage across the North Pacific from Long Beach, USA to Ningbo and Yantian, China.



Maersk Essen

Date: 16th January, 2021

No. of Containers lost : About 750

Report

MAERSK ESSEN reportedly lost about 750 containers overboard whilst the vessel was on voyage from Xiamen, China to the port of Los Angeles, USA, reportedly due to severe weather.



Maersk Eindhoven

Date: 17th February, 2021

No. of Containers lost : About 260

Report

MAERSK EINDHOVEN reportedly lost about 260 containers overboard when the vessel experienced a loss of engine propulsion for 3-4 minutes while sailing 45 nautical miles off Northern Japan in heavy seas & damage to another 65 containers on deck was also reported.



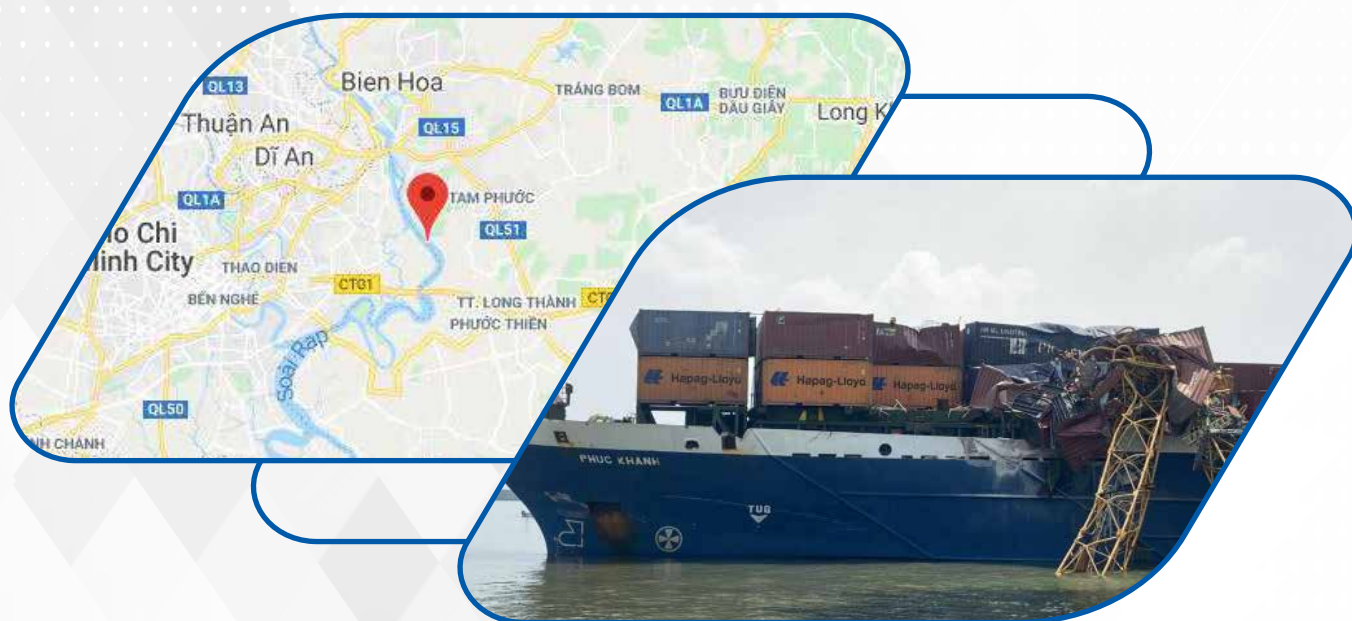
Phuc Khanh

Date: 21st February, 2021

No. of Containers lost : About 4

Report

PHUC KHANH, experienced a blackout (Loss of power) and drifted in the Saigon River, resulting in an allision with a tower crane on 21st February, 2021. The crane structure fell on to the container, stacks causing significant damage. About 4 containers reportedly fell overboard, of which 3 were recovered from the river and the remaining container had sunk.



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QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Q1: Which ship's containers when lost overboard, were not carrying any hazardous or polluting cargo?

Q2: How many containers were lost among the ONE ships?

LAST MONTH'S QUESTION

Vinyl Chloride Monomer is transported in which state?

LAST MONTH'S ANSWER:

Vinyl Chloride Monomer is transported under liquid stage [by adding of hydroquinone for purging of O₂], because in liquid state, generally, it is stable in normal temperatures and pressures.

LAST MONTH'S ANSWER:

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- HEMA RAGHAV - Optima Insurance Brokers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi
- RAJEEV SWAIKA - Ramp Insurance Brokers
- P. LAKSHMI PRASANNA - Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd., Hyderabad
- AZAD KUMAR - UIB Insurance Brokers (India) Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
- SOHAG PARIKH - Cadila Healthcare Ltd., Ahmedabad
- PARESH SHAH - Madhuvan Insurance Broking Services Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad
- JAYA SOPHAN - Bharat Re-Insurance Brokers Pvt. Ltd
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