

“DONATELLO” 21.11.2005
STRUCK ON BERTH - SINKING – WRECK REMOVAL - SALVAGE



On 21st November 2005 the hydrofoil “Donatello” was returning to the Isle of Salina during his last daily passage when same came in contact with the structures of the dock, causing a severe hole in the hull plate. Passengers on board were safely evacuated. Hydrofoil was grounded on shallow water some metres from the dock. Anti-pollution measures were immediately deployed around hydrofoil. The day after a wreck removal order was issued by local Maritime Authority. Refloating plan of hydrofoil was put in place. The wreck was finally towed to a close shipyard where it was finally sold as a scrap. Abandonment notice was served on to H&M Underwriters. A salvage claim mounted by the diver firm which took part of refloating plan was also notified to Owners.

We have been instructed to act on behalf of P&I and H&M Underwriters to investigate the casualty, to settle the various claims mounted against Owners, to reject abandonment notice on behalf of H&M Underwriters and finally to protect Owners interests against salvage claim.