



RINA/IMarEST Technical Presentation

Salvage of *Rena* in New Zealand

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Refreshments: 6:00 pm

Presentation: 6:30 pm

MV *Rena* was a 236 m, 3351 TEU Panamax containership owned by the Greek shipping company Costamare Inc. through one of its subsidiaries, Diana Shipping Co.

On 5 October 2011, while on passage from Napier to Tauranga, *Rena* ran aground on Astrolabe Reef off Tauranga, New Zealand. The ship was carrying 1368 containers, eight of which contained hazardous materials, as well as 1700 t of heavy fuel oil and 200 t of marine diesel. The grounding resulted in an oil spill which was declared New Zealand's worst-ever maritime environmental disaster. On 8 January 2012, *Rena* broke in two after enduring heavy winds and seas overnight. By 10 January the stern section had sunk almost completely, and on 4th April it slipped further down the reef and disappeared completely from the surface.

This presentation will detail the salvage operation of *Rena* from the initial grounding until the demise of the casualty sinking. The presentation will be from the salvor's perspective, looking at the salvage operation and working with the authorities.