



MARINE CASUALTY ADVISORY
FIRE & ABANDONMENT OF CAR CARRIER VESSEL

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<u>t.</u>	Incident:	Vessel Fire
A	Impact:	Marine Hull Exposure
9	Location:	160Nm west of Ponta Delgada, Portugal

VESSEL SUMMARY

Skytek's REACT lists the particulars of the ship involved in the incident:

Name: FELICITY ACE	Flag: Panama				
IMO number	9293911	P & I Club	Britannia P&I		
MMSI	371427000	Classification Society	Nippon Kaiji Kyokai		
Callsign	3ECX4	Group Owner	Mitsui Osk Lines Ltd		
Ship type	Vehicles Carrier	Ship Manager	Molship		
Length	200m	Operator	Hoegh Autoliners Management As		
Breadth	32m	Registered Owner	Snowscape Car Carriers Sa		
Draught	9.2 (max 9.725)	Technical Manager	Mol Ship Management Singapore		
DWT	17,738	Last Port	Emspier - Emden, Germany / 09 Feb		
GT	60,118	Destination	Davisville, Rhode Island, USA / ETA 23 Feb 2022		
Date of Build	2005 lmabari Japan	Position	51°53'31.00" N 4°16'29.38" E		
Last seen at (UTC)	2022-02-17 12:22	Status	Not under command		





INCIDENT SUMMARY

The Felicity Ace departed Emspier jetty in Emden, Germany on 09th February 2022 at 1910 UTC after reportedly loading a batch of luxury cars, with a destination of Davisville port, Rhode Island on the East Coast of USA.

On the morning of Wednesday, the 16th, a fire emerged in one of the cargo holds and spread further while the vessel was sailing at about 160Nm west of Ponta Delgada, Portugal.

The fire forced the crew to abandon the vessel. They were picked up by the nearby tanker "Resilient Warrior" - IMO9856359 and subsequently airlifted by helicopter Air Force EH-101 Merlin said *Forca Aerea Portuguese* in a statement.



The abandoned vessel is drifting easterly. The Owners are arranging for a salvage tug, while it is unclear which nearby port could accommodate the 200m long vessel.

The estimated market value of the Felicity Ace is \$24,5M. The 3,965 cars onboard are confirmed to be 189 Bentleys, along with brands like Porsche, Audi, and Lamborghini, with a starting value from \$99,650 that could exceed a total of \$500M.

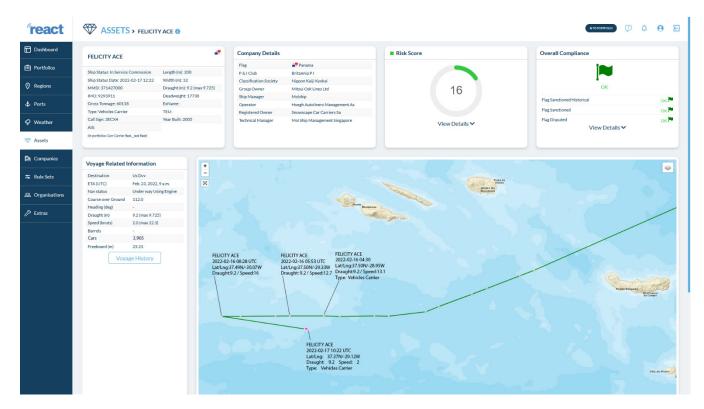


Figure 1 - Skytek plots the latest track of Felicity Ace







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