Taurus Marine Inc. v. County of Marin, California

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	1.)	Petitioner filed an action in Admiralty entitled "Complaint for Exoneration from
or Lim	itation o	of Liability Under 46 USC §30501, et. seq." on 2 July 2008 seeking to limit their
liability	y for the	e maritime incident complained of to the value of its vessel, tug TERILYN
("Vess	el");	

- 2.) An "Order Approving Ad Interim Stipulation for Value, Directing Issuance of Notice and Restraining Prosecution of Claims" was duly issued and entered herein, dated 14 August 2008 and appearing on the Docket of this Court at No.12, against all persons claiming damages for any and all losses, damages, injuries, or destruction arising out of or occurring on the voyage of the Vessel and related to the Incident, citing and requiring all persons to appear before the Court and file their respective claims in writing, under oath, and to serve copies thereof on the attorneys for petitioner, and to answer the allegations of the petition herein on or before 30 September 2008 and notice of said Order was duly given and published, as appears by return of petitioner duly made, and copies of the notice and Order were duly served on all claimants in accordance with the Rules of this Court (both appearing on the Docket of this Court at Docket No. 19);
- 3.) Claimant Manson/Dutra and claimant Marin are the only entities before this Court that timely filed claims with petitioner:
 - [a] Claimant Manson/Dutra asserts, inter alia, there were two incidents giving rise to its claim for damage to the barge CK7, which allegedly total in excess of \$512,000 together with any claims against them for liability to the County of Marin; and
 - [b] Claimant Marin seeks damages in excess of \$1,585,000 for alleged damage to McNear Pier.
- 4.) No other claim has been presented to or filed with said petitioner as of the date of this stipulation; and
- 5.) Petitioner and claimants hereby respectfully request the Court grant an "Order Noting Default" in the form attached hereto; and

1	6.)	Petitioner and claimar	nts' counsel hereby stipulate that the form of the "Order		
2	Noting Default" attached hereto is acceptable to petitioner's and claimant's counsel.				
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4	IT IS SO STIPULATED:				
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6	Dated:	October 17, 2008	LAW OFFICES OF GEORGE W. NOWELL		
7			By: <u>/s/ George W. Nowell</u> GEORGE W. NOWELL		
8			Attorneys for petitioner TAURUS MARINE, INC.		
9	IT IS SO STIPULATED:				
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11	Dated:	October 17, 2008	CHILES and PROCHNOW, LLP		
12			By: /s/ Robert C. Chiles ROBERT C. CHILES		
13			Attorneys for claimants MANSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY		
14			and the DUTRA GROUP		
15	IT IS SO STIPULATED:				
16	Dated:	October 17, 2008	GROTEFELD & HOFFMANN, LLP		
17			By:/s/ Todd C. Harshman		
18			TODD C. HARSHMAN Attorneys for claimant THE COUNTY OF MARIN		
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21	[PROPOSED] ORDER NOTING DEFAULT				
22	A Petition for exoneration from or limitation of all liability having been filed herein on 2				
23	July 2008, appearing on the Docket at No. 1, by petitioner Taurus Marine Inc., as owners of the				
24	vessel tug TERILYN ("Vessel") related to damage to McNear Pier in Marin County, California				
25	on or about 4 January 2008 ("Incident");				
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And, an Order having been duly issued and entered herein, dated 14 August 2008 and appearing on the Docket of this Court at No. 12, against all persons claiming damages for any and all losses, damages, injuries, or destruction arising out of or occurring on the voyage of the Vessel and related to the Incident, citing and requiring all persons to appear before the Court and file their respective claims in writing, under oath, and to serve copies thereof on the attorneys for petitioner, and to answer the allegations of the petition herein on or before 30 September 2008 and notice of said Order having been duly given and published, as appears by return of petitioner duly made (appearing on the Docket of this Court at No. 19), and copies of the notice and Order having been duly served on all claimants in accordance with the Rules of this Court (appearing on the Docket of this Court at No. 19);

And it further appearing by stipulation of the Parties that the following claims have been presented to and filed with petitioner's counsel as required by the Rules of this Court, to wit:

- (1) Claim of Manson Construction Company and the Dutra Group for in excess of \$512,000 for alleged damage to the Dutra barge CK7 together with any claims against them for liability to the County of Marin; and
- (2) Claim of County of Marin, State of California for in excess of \$1,585,000 for alleged damage to McNear Pier arising out of the Incident;

and that no other claim has been presented to or filed with said petitioner as of the date of this Order: and

Now, therefore on stipulation of all the Parties appearing, by and through its/their respective counsel, it is

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the defaults of all persons claiming damages for any and all losses, damages, injuries and destruction arising out of, occasioned or occurring from or on the voyage of the Vessel and related to the Incident, who have not heretofore filed and presented claims and answers, if desired, be and are in default, and such persons are hereby barred from filing any claims and answers regarding the voyage of the Vessel and related to the Incident in this Court or in any proceeding related hereto; and

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that all persons, concerns or firms in default, as aforesaid, be subject to, and that all issues raised by the petition herein and the answer thereto now on file, shall stand for trial before this Court according to the rules and practice hereof; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that all other proceedings on any and all proofs of claims now on file, or which are subsequently interposed, wherever said action, proceeding or event may be located, be and hereby are stayed until the trial and determination of this suit.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Dated: October 21 2008

