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LEGAL OPINION

Collision

A ferry collided with a yacht while taking mooring action. The yacht, which was already moored, sustained damages and lost employment which was contracted through a charterparty with a tourism operator, which provided luxurius cruises to its clients.

The yacht interests sued the ferry owner claiming damages for the repairs and lost income. The Court found that the ferry master conducted careless manoeuvres while mooring and thus caused the damage to the yacht; a defense by the ferry owners concerning windy conditions at the time of the collision were rejected, as they were not sudden nor unpredictable. Damages awarded included repairs and related costs such as surveys, expenses to accommodate passengers while the yacht was off-hire, crew wages, loss of hire.

Piraeus One-membered Court of Appeal Judgment no 569/2020, Judge: E. Nikolakopoulou, attorneys at law: A. Argyropoulos, E. Drakopoulos, NOMOS legal platform.

NOTE: The yacht had fenders only on its side which was next to the dock. There was no obligation to have fenders also on the other side, against which the ferry collided. In any case, even with fenders in the collided side, the height difference between the vessels was such that the damages would anyway occur.

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