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LEGAL OPINION

Collision

A cruise vessel was berthed in the port of Kyllini, Greece, when another vessel collided into it while manoeuvring to berth as well.

The manoeuvring vessel was found guilty for the collision, as same occurred due to wrongful moves in the port.

Measure of damages for the owner of the cruise ship, who had chartered her to the cruise operator, were: hire of the innocent vessel received in advance, which had to be returned as far as it corresponded to the time she remained idle to undergo repairs, remuneration to the charterer for accommodating passengers in hotels for the same time.

Piraeus One-Membered Court of Appeal Judgment no 569/2020, Judge: El. Nikolakopoulou, Attorneys at law: A. Argyropoulos, Ev. Drakopoulos, Maritime Law Review vol. 48, p. 52.

NOTE: As the vessel was chartered, owners had to reimburse the charterers for hire they had already paid and not used due to the collision, and charterers expenses, which the latter paid to the cruise passengers. So, owners claimed these amounts from the owners of the guilty vessel.

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