

## MEMBER ALERT

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### **STOWAWAYS IN BRAZIL - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

On June 6 2003, the American Club released a Member Alert, *Stowaways in Brazil* expressing our concerns regarding the costs and resources required to return stowaways to Africa from Brazil. Since the release of that circular, the Club has been informed of additional measures that Members can take to reduce the costs of repatriating stowaways from Africa.

1. If the vessel will be transiting to other ports in South America prior to visiting Brazil, and stowaways have been found from African countries that are considered Yellow Fever areas, the stowaway(s) should be vaccinated prior to entering Brazil. The Brazilian Health Authorities will then be less likely to quarantine the vessel for the minimum of at least 6 days and may be able to reduce the cost of the levied fine.
2. If the stowaway(s) has/have been properly vaccinated and the vessel is scheduled to return to Africa, the Member may be allowed to keep the stowaway(s) onboard the ship for the return voyage and returned to their country of origin. If this is not the case, the stowaway(s) will disembark in Brazil and be returned to Africa at a substantially higher cost to the Member as outlined in the June 6, 2003 Member Alert, *Stowaways in Brazil*.
3. Please be advised that all precautions should be taken to prevent against stowaways boarding Member's vessels, and a review of such procedures should be performed as regularly as possible.

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