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**TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**Dear Member:**

**NEW BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP) FOR WEST AFRICA**

The International Group, in partnership with shipping industry associations, has launched a new maritime security guidance.

The Best Management Practices (BMP) West Africa is an addition to the established BMP series and provides guidance in regard to mitigating the threat of piracy and armed robbery at sea. The new BMP is intended to help Members and their sea-going personnel to assess voyage risks and diminish external threats to their safety while operating in and around the coast of West Africa, including the Gulf of Guinea.

The BMP West Africa is accessible on the American Club's website at:

[https://www.american-club.com/files/files/Piracy\\_FAQ\\_Appendix\\_2.pdf](https://www.american-club.com/files/files/Piracy_FAQ_Appendix_2.pdf)

It is also accessible at:

<https://www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org/>

It is hoped that the new BMP will prove helpful to Members. If any Member has questions in regard to the above, or generally, they are invited to contact the Managers.

Yours faithfully,

Joseph E.M. Hughes, Chairman & CEO  
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**THE AMERICAN CLUB**

*All clubs in the International Group have issued similar circulars.*