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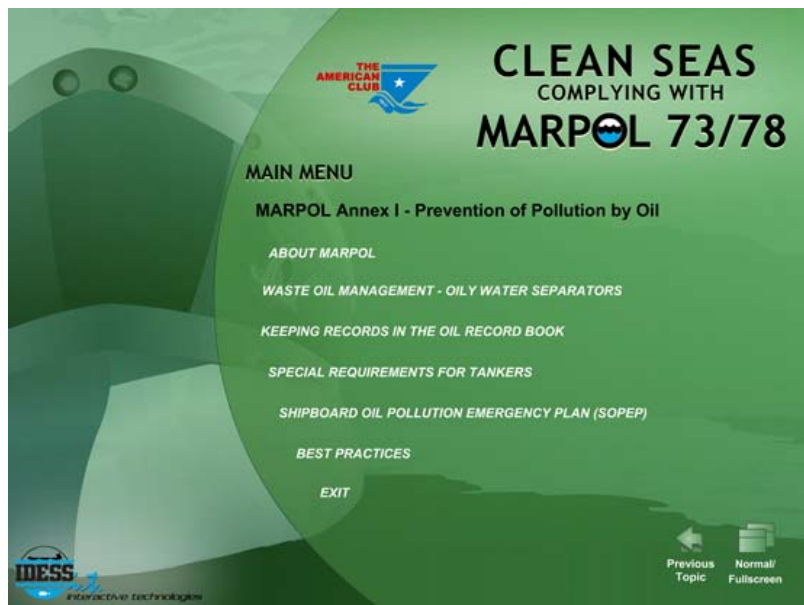
TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Dear Member:

NEW AMERICAN CLUB LOSS PREVENTION TOOL: *CLEAN SEAS: COMPLYING WITH MARPOL 73/78*

Your Managers are pleased to announce the release of ***Clean Seas: Complying with MARPOL 73/78, Annex I—Prevention of Pollution by Oil*** as the first in a series of web-based E-learning modules designed to familiarize seafarers with the six annexes to the MARPOL Convention. This release is available to all American Club Members with owned vessels entered for P&I cover.

Clean Seas: Complying with MARPOL 73/78 has been produced in cooperation with IDESS Interactive Technologies, Inc. based in Subic Bay, Philippines.



Background

Clean Seas: Complying with MARPOL 73/78 was developed, in part, as a response to the pervasive concerns of the international community as to the protection of the marine environment. Although claims in regard to environmental damage have reduced in frequency in recent years, the cost of individual claims has not diminished. Moreover, the potential for owners and their crews to be subject to criminal and civil suits has also increased in many jurisdictions around the world.

By way of background to this learning initiative, the Club examined its experience of environmental incidents and also reviewed the results of vessel condition surveys. It found there was a need to improve seafarer familiarity with mandatory requirements to protect the environment. Of great importance is the need to have a practical understanding of the MARPOL Convention, and how it affects seafarers.

The learning tool

The ***Clean Seas: Complying with MARPOL 73/78*** E-learning modules are specifically designed to be “user friendly” for seafarers, and are focused on the practical application of the MARPOL Convention onboard ship.

The E-learning modules are accessible anywhere there is a connection to the internet, making it easy and convenient for seafarers to study the subject matter before they join their ships. The system also



includes a secure online testing facility. Members can track their seafarers' knowledge and keep up-to-date records of familiarization training in compliance with both the STCW Convention and the company's safety management system requirements under the ISM Code.

First Installment: MARPOL Annex I—Prevention of Pollution by Oil

The series is divided into six installments corresponding to the six annexes of MARPOL 73/78 Convention. These sections deal with oil pollution, noxious liquid substances, noxious substances in packaged form, sewage, garbage and air pollution. The first installment in the series, **MARPOL Annex I—Prevention of Pollution by Oil**, focuses on the following areas:

- ✓ *About MARPOL*
- ✓ *Waste Oil Management—Oily Water Separators*
- ✓ *Keeping Records in the Oil Record Book*
- ✓ *Special Requirements for Tankers*
- ✓ *Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (SOPEP)*
- ✓ *Best Practices*

Member Access to Clean Seas: Complying with MARPOL 73/78

All Members with owner entries in the American Club will be given access to the program. This access will allow Members to set up, administer and track their seafarers' use of **Clean Seas: Complying with MARPOL 73/78**.

Each Member's account will have four levels of users: Super Administrator, Administrator, User and Reader. The Super Administrator will provide the relevant access to Administrators, Users and Readers for their own account. More specifically, the User Guide for different access levels of the program can be downloaded from <https://secure.idessonline.com/americanclub/facility/userguide>.

Getting Started

To get started, Members should access the website <https://secure.idessonline.com/americanclub/facility>. At this point, Members are requested to verify that they have Super Administrator access for the Member's account. This information is passed on to the Club for verification before the Super Administrator's account can be activated and the Member will be notified via email of their account information as provided.

This is done by checking the tick box "Administration/Training Records" and thereafter clicking the "Super Administrator" in the drop down box entitled "ACCESS LEVEL". A hyperlink just below the request for registration as "**First Time User? Click here to register**" will appear for Member's registration.

Once access is provided to a Member's account, reference should be made to the relevant User Guide at <https://secure.idessonline.com/americanclub/facility/userguide> on the use of the facility.



Additional Information

If Members have any questions, they should feel free to contact Dr. William Moore, Senior Vice President at +1 212 847 4542 or by e-mail at william.moore@american-club.com.

Yours faithfully,

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