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TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Dear Member:

AMERICAN CLUB PUBLICATION—"PROTECTING THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT"

Your Managers are pleased to announce the release of the American Club's latest publication: *Protecting the Marine Environment*.

Environmental protection, as an issue of universal concern, has in recent times come to transcend purely scientific attention and now figures prominently on the socio-political agenda of the international community at large.

The contribution which the shipping industry can make to the conservation of the marine environment is clearly of vital importance. Despite public perceptions to the contrary, reinforced by a popular media often hostile to maritime enterprise, the shipping industry's record in avoiding ship-sourced pollution is thoroughly creditable.

However, this reality cannot exonerate the maritime transportation industry from the imperative of seeking constant improvement in this area, nor has it had any influence on the implementation by coastal states of increasingly Draconian measures aimed at shipowners and seafarers alike.

Against this background, and in development of the American Club's policy of seeking to extend safety and loss prevention awareness among both onboard and shoreside personnel, it is hoped that this publication will contribute to the continuing protection of our common oceanic heritage.

The primary purpose of *Protecting the Marine Environment* is to raise seafarer awareness of the fact that everything which goes on to a ship such as people, cargo, fuel, stores, etc. should also come off the ship in an environmentally friendly way.

As was the case with its predecessor publications, your Managers will make copies of *Protecting the Marine Environment* available free of charge to Members who will be receiving them soon.

For further information, Members are asked to contact Dr. William Moore, Vice President of Loss Prevention, Risk Control and Technical Services at +1 212 847 4542 or william.moore@american-club.com.

Yours faithfully,

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