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TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Dear Member:

**LOSS PREVENTION: *BARGE FLEETING AREA ISSUES & BEST PRACTICES***

Your Managers are pleased to announce the publication of a new guidance document, *Barge Fleeting Area Issues & Best Practices*. The guidance is directed primarily at operations within the river systems of the United States, but are of analogous application to operations of a similar kind wherever they may occur elsewhere in the world.

Barge fleeting areas are important to maritime commerce, particularly on US rivers. They provide secure places to temporarily store loaded and empty barges. The barges may be waiting for a towboat to pick them up, waiting to be cleaned, waiting for repairs, or waiting for a ship to arrive so they can be offloaded.

The new guidance addresses the unique risks associated with fleeting operations, as well as the regulations which apply, to them, and outlines the best practices to follow when interacting with barge fleeting areas.

As always, the Managers will be pleased to respond to all inquiries arising from the above. Please direct all inquiries to Dr. William Moore, Head of Global Loss Prevention at: [William.moore@american-club.com](mailto:William.moore@american-club.com).

Yours faithfully,

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