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TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Dear Member:

**OIL POLLUTION IN THE UNITED STATES: NON-TANK VESSEL RESPONSE PLANS:
LISTING OF OIL SPILL RESPONSE ORGANIZATION (OSRO) FOR AMERICAN CLUB
MEMBERS**

Reference is made to Circular No. 9/05 of April 26, 2005 in which Members were informed of the United States Coast Guard (USCG)'s new requirement that the owners or operators of non-tank vessels operating in the navigable waters of the United States must prepare a Vessel Response Plan (VRP) and submit it to the USCG for approval no later than August 8, 2005.

In order to gain approval, a VRP must show that the owner or operator has access by contract to an Oil Spill Response Organization (OSRO).

As was mentioned in outline in Circular No. 9/05 referred to above, the Club is now pleased to confirm the details of the arrangement it has reached with National Response Corporation (NRC) of Great River, New York whereby NRC may be listed as American Club Members' OSRO for non-tank vessels calling at US ports **free of charge**.

NRC operates in all US states except for Alaska. Owners operating in Alaska with vessels over 400 gross tons (regulatory) must have already filed a spill response plan with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). The list of response action contractors, contingency plan forms and non-tank vessel forms can be found at the following website: www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/ipp/fvplans.htm

Members wishing to use NRC as their OSRO can contact NRC as follows:

National Response Corporation
3500 Sunrise Highway, Suite T-103
Great River, New York 11739
USA
Phone – +1-631-224-9141
Fax – +1-631-224-9082
Email – iocdo@nrcc.com

It is important to note that although the Club has entered into this agreement with NRC, Members must still sign an agreement with NRC to be able to list NRC as their OSRO in their VRPs. Given the impending deadline of August 8 for non-tank vessels to have their VRPs in place, Members operating non-tank vessels trading to the United States are strongly urged to make use of this facility with NRC and to contact NRC at the earliest possible opportunity.



Members will also be required to contract with companies offering salvage and firefighting capabilities at the US ports to which Members intend to trade non-tank vessels. The following companies have been approved by the International Group of P & I Clubs for the provision of these services:

DONJON – SMIT
15402 Vantage Parkway East, Suite 316
Houston, Texas 77032-1966
USA
Phone – +1-281-442-6800
Fax – +1-281-442-6802
Website – donjon-smit.com

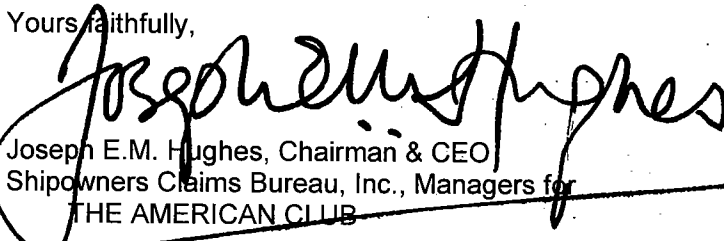
Marine Response Alliance LLC
P.O. Box 2287
Seattle, Washington 98111
USA
Phone – +1-206-332-8076
Fax – +1-206-332-8376
Email – MRALLC@crowley.com
Website – www.marineresponsealliance.com

Resolve Marine Group
PO Box 165485
Port Everglades, Florida 33316
USA
Phone – +1-954-764-8700
Fax – +1-954-764-8724
General e-mail – info@resolvemarine.com
Website – www.resolvemarinegroup.com

Members requiring these services are encouraged to contact these companies directly.

If any Member has any questions in regard to the above, or generally, your Managers will, of course, be pleased to respond.

Yours faithfully,


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THE AMERICAN CLUB