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**TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**Dear Member:**

**AMERICAN CLUB PUBLICATION—"SHIPBOARD SAFETY"**

Your Managers are pleased to announce the release of the American Club's latest publication: *Shipboard Safety*. This is the second in a series of booklets aimed at enhancing the safety of working conditions at sea. It is part of the Club's continuing efforts to promote loss prevention initiatives in an easy-to-read and visually striking format.

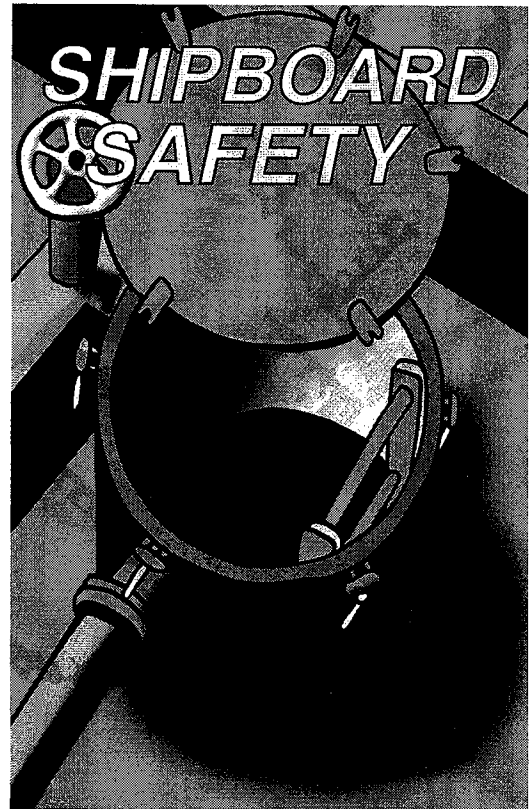
In *Preventing Fatigue* – the Club's first publication in the series – the effects of tiredness, and ways to minimize them, were addressed as a means of preventing accidents on board ship. In *Shipboard Safety*, the focus is on loss prevention in a broader sense and the development of a culture of safety awareness as the key to avoiding accidents at sea and the claims that inevitably attend them.

It goes without saying that the diligence of shipowners, ship managers and crew is imperative in ensuring shipboard safety. Nevertheless, the 'rubber meets the road' with the seafarer who is ultimately responsible for ensuring safety and environmental protection as well as being the agent through whom proper safety measures are implemented.

The safety of the seafarer is a paramount concern. When looking at personal injury claims, your Managers find that it is the small things that lead to injuries such as trips, falls, improper lifting, lifeboat drills and entry into enclosed spaces.

*Shipboard Safety* is a reminder to seafarers about safe working practices that prevent and mitigate accidents associated with the daily hazards of shipboard life. A strong safety culture, safety awareness, situational awareness and due diligence are key to reducing the incidence of human error leading to accidents.

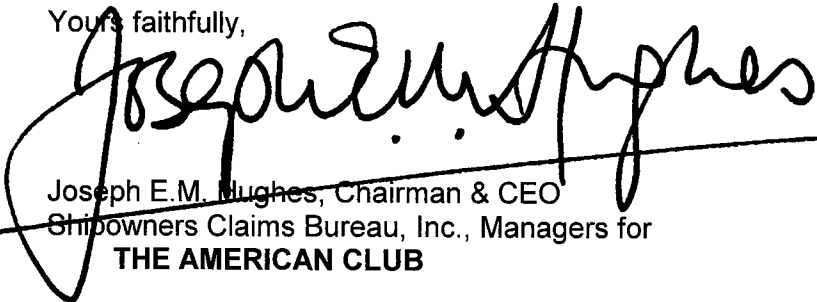
Your Managers will make copies of *Shipboard Safety* available free of charge to all Members for distribution on board ship, with an additional copy for the management office.





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