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TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Dear Member:

NEW E-LEARNING MODULE ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE SAFE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF BULK CARRIERS (BLU CODE) AND UPDATES TO THE PLUG & PLAY HARD DRIVE SYSTEM

Your Managers are pleased to announce a new addition to the American Club's catalog of e-learning modules released in cooperation with IDESS IT, as well as updates to the "plug and play" hard drive system.

BLU Code

The new module covers compliance with the Code of Practice for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers (BLU Code). Its aim is to familiarize Members and their crew with the Code's requirements in regard to bulk carriers, terminal operators and other parties concerned with the safe handling, loading and unloading of solid bulk cargoes. The contents of the module are also linked to regulation VI/7 of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, as amended by resolution MSC.47(66).

This module is the second in a series of bulk carrier safety training e-learning modules released by the Club. The first was a module on compliance with International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code. The remaining modules in this series, to be released during 2014 and 2015, will address the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk, the Code of Safe Practice for Ships Carrying Timber Deck Cargoes (TDC Code), and regulations concerning the Survey and Inspection of Bulk Carriers.

Member access to the BLU Code module can be accomplished as follows:

- A) Members who are not using the Plug & Play (PnP) hard drive systems should go to the following link:

<https://secure2.idessonline.com/americanclub/facility/>

Instructions:

1. Select "**Code of Practice for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers (BLU Code)**" from the list of learning modules.
2. Login to "Administration/Training Records" as Super Administrator.
3. Click the "CHANGE REQUEST" tab.
4. Search for the User that you wish to enroll in the corresponding module.
5. Click the "Enroll" link.
6. Tick the "**Code of Practice for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers (BLU Code)**" from the list of modules.

7. Click the "UPDATE" button.

B) Newly registered Members who wish to use the PnP hard drive systems for the module should go to the following link:

<https://secure2.idessonline.com/americanclub/elearning/>

Instructions:

1. Login as Super Administrator.
2. Search for the User that you wish to enroll in the "**Code of Practice for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers (BLU Code)**" module.
3. Click the "ENROLLMENT" link.
4. Tick "**Code of Practice for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers (BLU Code)**" from the list of learning modules.
5. Click the "UPDATE ENROLLMENT" button.

Updates to the plug & play hard drive system

In addition, the plug & play (PnP) module updates are now available to Members who have purchased the PnP hard drive.

The objective of this update is to add the following new learning modules in the PnP hard drive.

- Vessel General Permit (VGP)
- Small Vessel General Permit (sVGP)
- International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code
- Code of Practice for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers (BLU Code)

The API PnP updater installer can be downloaded at:

https://secure2.idessonline.com/americanclub/pnp_updater/download.php

Enter the following information when prompted for a username and password "**Username: apimember / Password: apimember01**".

Steps on updating the API plug & play drive

- Step 1 - Download the Learning Module (e.g. SVGP) in the list.
- Step 2 - To ensure the new learning module will install to the E-Learning System, run E-Learning Program then close.
- Step 3 - Run the installer. (e.g. SVGP_Updater.exe)
- Step 4 - Check if new installed learning module is added in the program.

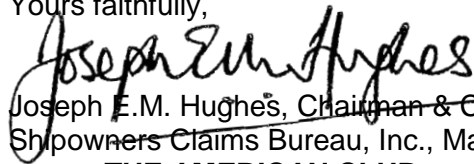


The full list of e-learning modules currently available to Members including the BLU Code are:

- *Clean Seas: Complying with MARPOL 73/78* — modules are available on Annexes I (oil pollution), II (noxious substances in bulk), III (noxious substances in bagged form), IV (sewage) and V (garbage);
- *2013 Vessel General Permit (VGP) and 2013 Small Vessel General Permit (sVGP)* – the modules address the provisions of the US Clean Water Act for vessels operating within US waters. They provide an overview of all relevant statutory requirements;
- *Stranger on the Bridge* – three case studies on bridge resource management with a pilot onboard;
- *The Case of the Silent Assassin* and *The Case of the Invisible Assassin* — case studies on the dangers associated with entry into enclosed spaces on tankers and bulk carriers; and
- *International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code* — the module addresses the safe carriage of solid bulk cargoes generally, it pays particular attention to those which pose a risk of liquefying, or which possess potentially dangerous chemical properties.

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Yours faithfully,



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