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TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Dear Member:

TRAINING FOR DECK OFFICERS IN THE UKRAINE: RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY OF OFFICERS WITH PILOTS ONBOARD

In the Fall of 2003, your Managers performed an analysis of claims to identify key risk areas which could be addressed by focused loss prevention initiatives.

As a result of this study, it was found that some 16 per cent of claims between 2001 and 2003 were associated with some form of contact damage (i.e. collisions, groundings, FFO or damage other than collision). These same claims accounted for 52 percent of the total cost of claims over the same period. It was also found that in at least 40 per cent of these cases, a pilot was onboard the vessel and played a role in the incident causing the loss.

As Members will be aware, the American Club has established a relationship with the Ukrainian maritime community through its Pre-Employment Medical Examination (PEME) scheme. In that context, it has also formed contacts with the Odessa National Maritime Academy. Profiting from these contacts, and in view of the increasing number of Members employing Ukrainian crew, the Club has come to an agreement with the Academy to perform a 1-1/2 day class and simulator training course for those Ukrainian deck officers who sail on Members' entered vessels.

This training course will include both class room and simulation training aimed at ensuring officers understand their role, responsibility and authority when pilots are aboard the vessel.

The American Club will pay the cost of the training course. It will be the responsibility of Members to pay the costs of travel to and accommodation for the officers in Odessa. This provides a cost-effective opportunity to provide training for Ukrainian deck officers while they are on leave at home in the Ukraine.

This training will be performed on a trial basis depending upon the response from Members. There are 14 slots available for each training seminar. Each Member will be allowed a maximum of 3 slots for each training course and will receive those slots on a first-come, first-served basis. The first scheduled dates for the training and simulation seminar are:

15-16 December, 2004

15-16 March, 2005

Similar arrangements will be made in Manila for Filipino deck officers and the Managers will notify Members in November when the training dates and locations have been finalised.



Further information

To reserve your slots for the training seminar, please fill out the attached form and return it to Dr. William Moore, Vice President, Loss Prevention and Technical Services for Shipowners Claims Bureau, Inc. at fax number +1 212 847 4599 or wmoore@american-club.net. ***If you do reserve a slot for a deck officer, please ensure that he will attend the seminar.*** If he will not positively attend, we would like to ensure that the slot is made available for other Members who are interested.

Yours faithfully,


Joseph E.M. Hughes, Chairman & CEO
Shipowners Claims Bureau, Inc., Managers for
THE AMERICAN CLUB

AMERICAN P&I CLUB DECK OFFICER TRAINING COURSE

TO BE HELD: 15-16 December 2004, Odessa National Maritime Academy, Malovskogo Street, Odessa, Ukraine. The training seminar will begin at 09.00am on 15 December.

PLEASE RETURN TO: Dr. William H. Moore, Vice President, Shipowners Claims Bureau, Inc., fax number-- +1 212 847 4599 or email address wmoore@american-club.net.

MEMBER Name: _____

MEMBER contact person: _____

MEMBER contact person phone, fax and/or email: _____

OFFICER name: _____

OFFICER's position : _____

OFFICER's contact address and phone while on leave : _____

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THREE (3) SLOTS ARE AVAILABLE PER MEMBER FOR EACH TRAINING SEMINAR. THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 14 SLOTS AVAILABLE PER TRAINING PERIOD AND SLOTS WILL BE GIVEN OUT ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.