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TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Dear Member:

**MARITIME SECURITY: NEW RESOURCES IN REGARD TO THE PREVENTION OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AT SEA AND RELATED MATTERS**

Your Managers are pleased to report that, following extensive collaboration among all interested parties, including the International Group of P&I Clubs, new shipping industry guidance has very recently been promulgated in regard to preventing piracy and armed robbery in a variety of different areas, in addition to advice on other related matters.

Specifically, the following publications have been issued:

- ***Global Counter Piracy Guidance for Companies, Masters and Seafarers.*** (GCPG). This is a new publication containing guidance on piracy and armed robbery which can be used by mariners, and their employers, around the world.
- ***BMP5: Best Management Practices to Deter Piracy and Enhance Maritime Safety in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea.*** This newly revised version 5 contains guidance for region-specific threats.
- ***Guidelines for Owners, Operators and Masters for protection against piracy and armed robbery in the Gulf of Guinea region.*** This third version takes into account the special problems of the Gulf of Guinea for reading in conjunction with the GCPG above.

In this connection, a new industry website, supported by a number of shipping industry associations, including the International Group, has been established. It is intended to serve as a “one-stop shop” for companies and mariners seeking guidance on a wide range of maritime security issues. It can be accessed at:

[www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org](http://www.maritimeglobalsecurity.org)

In view of these developments, the American Club has also updated its own piracy and armed robbery guidance. ***Piracy and Armed Robbery: Frequently Asked Questions FAQs regarding P&I Cover*** can be accessed at the Club’s website at:

<http://american-club.com/page/piracy>

Yours faithfully,

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