

# CIRCULAR

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**TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**Dear Member:**

## **HURRICANE KATRINA**

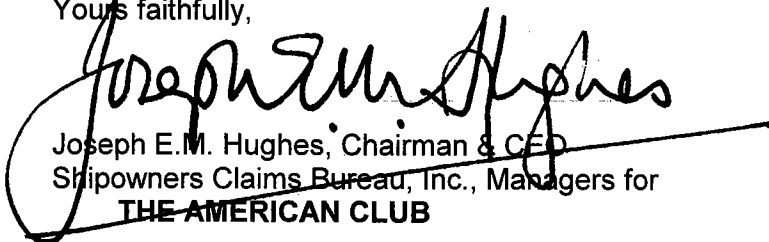
As a result of the devastating effect of hurricane Katrina, many of the Club's correspondents in New Orleans and the surrounding area have been displaced. While they are endeavoring to establish service from temporary locations, their contact details, in the interim, are somewhat unsettled and unreliable.

Consequently, in the event of a Member requiring assistance in the New Orleans area, it is suggested that the Managers be contacted directly at their New York headquarters. In these circumstances it will be possible to use the most recent information to hand so as to arrange for appropriate representation.

The Managers are, of course, closely monitoring the situation in New Orleans. When there is more concrete information available the necessary changes will be made to the Club's website. Specifically, the Managers will notify all Members when the position has returned to normal and routine procedures can be reestablished.

Your Managers do not doubt that Members will join them in wishing all the Club's correspondents and other friends in the New Orleans area best wishes for the future in light of the terrible events of recent days.

Yours faithfully,

  
Joseph E.M. Hughes, Chairman & CEO  
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